THE GOLD PLATES AND ANCIENT METAL EPIGRAPHY

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APPENDIX

Mesopotamia

3 copper plates and 3 copper tablets of ʾiginimpaʾe, ruler of Adab¹
7 lines
Sumerian; late third millennium BCE
foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with sanctuary

7 copper plates of Ur-Nanše of Lagash²
6 lines
Sumerian; late third millennium BCE
foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with sanctuary

2. Cooper, Presargonic Inscriptions, 25; Frayne, Presargonic Period, 93–94.
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21 lines
Akkadian; twenty-first century BCE (?)
foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with sanctuary

copper tablet of Warad-Sin
27 lines, 2 sides
Sumerian; eighteenth century BCE
foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with city wall

copper tablet of Simat-Eštar, wife of Rim-Sin I of Larsa
28 lines
Sumerian; eighteenth century BCE
foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with sanctuary

copper tablet of Kurigalzu II
14 lines, 2 sides
Sumerian; fourteenth century BCE
foundation deposit

gold tablet of Shalmaneser I
20 lines, 2 sides
Akkadian; thirteenth century BCE
foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with sanctuary


11. Frayne, Old Babylonian Period, 293–94.

12. C. J. Gadd and Léon Legrain, Ur Excavations: Texts I, Royal Inscriptions (London: Trustees of the Two Museums, 1928), 50; Ellis, Foundation Deposits, 189.

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16. Ibid., 259–60.
18. Ibid., 264–65.
gold tablet of Shalmaneser III\textsuperscript{20}
24 lines, 2 sides
Akkadian; ninth century BCE
foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with city wall

bronze tablet of Sargon II\textsuperscript{21}
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foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with city wall

silver tablet of Sargon II\textsuperscript{22}
51 lines, 2 sides
Akkadian; eighth century BCE
foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with city wall

gold tablet of Sargon II\textsuperscript{23}
40 lines, 2 sides
Akkadian; eighth century BCE
foundation deposit; commemorative; associated with city wall

lead tablet of unknown late Assyrian king\textsuperscript{24}
fragmentary and short
Akkadian
royal dedication (?)

\textsuperscript{20} Ellis, \textit{Foundation Deposits}, 101, 194; A. K. Grayson, \textit{Assyrian Rulers of the Early First Millennium BC II (858–754 BC)}, Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia, Assyrian Periods 3 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1996), 99–100.


\textsuperscript{22} Ibid., 48–50.

\textsuperscript{23} Ibid., 51–52.

\textsuperscript{24} W. G. Lambert, “An Inscribed Strip of Lead,” \textit{Archiv für Orientforschung} 22 (1968–69): 64.
6 lead tablets from Assur
10–53 lines
Luwian; eighth century BCE
letters from merchants in Assur to their business partners in Anatolia

Literary references:

Nabonidus claims to have found a gold foundation tablet of Naram-Sin

**Iran/Persia**

bronze tablet from Hamadan
22 lines, 2 sides
Babylonian; eighth century BCE (?)
votive weapon documenting a royal decree; associated with sanctuary; display and memorial function


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105 (?) lines, 2 sides
Elamite; sixth century BCE
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and memorial function

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foundation deposits; commemorative and votive function

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Old Persian, Elamite, Babylonian; fifth century BCE
foundation deposits; commemorative and votive function (?)
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23 lines
Old Persian; fifth century BCE
display inscription, emphasis on Darius’s lineage and divine legitimacy

30. Ellis, Foundation Deposits, 104, 195; Schmitt, Die altpersischen Inschriften, 10, 98–99.
copper tablet from Shiraz\textsuperscript{32}
136(?) lines, 2 sides, 4 columns
dialect unknown; untranslated; first millennium BCE (?)
apparently display inscription; pierced handle

\textbf{Anatolia}

bronze tablet from Ḫattuša\textsuperscript{33}
352 lines, 2 sides, 4 columns
Neo-Hittite; thirteenth century BCE
treaty; display function, perhaps at city gate

lead strips from Kululu\textsuperscript{34}
20–63 lines/entries
Luwian; eighth century BCE
administrative and economic records (see also Luwian lead inscriptions from Assur)

bronze plates from Upper Anzaf fortress near lake Van\textsuperscript{35}
corroded
ninth century BCE
royal inscription; associated with temple

bronze plate from Upper Anzaf fortress near lake Van\textsuperscript{36}
5 lines
eighth century BCE
votive tag; royal inscription

\textsuperscript{32} Muscarella, \textit{Bronze and Iron}, 240–41.
\textsuperscript{34} Hawkins, \textit{Corpus of Hieroglyphic Luwian Inscriptions}, 503–13.
\textsuperscript{35} A. Beril Tuğrul and Oktay Belli, “Cuneiform Inscriptions made visible on Bronze Plates from the Upper Anzaf Fortress, Turkey,” \textit{Antiquity} 68 (1994): 638.
Literary references and other examples:

Anitta proclamation, hypothesized by Wilhelmi to originally have been written in metal
79 lines
Old Hittite; eighteenth century BCE
royal decree (?); display function

Treaty/edict between Šuppiluliuma I and Šarri-kuşuh, said to have been engraved in gold
fourteenth century BCE

Loyalty oath of town commanders to Arnuwanda I, Ašmunikkal, and Tūdhalia, said to have been written on bronze tablet
several hundred lines (?)
Middle Hittite/Neo-Hittite; fourteenth century BCE
display function; associated with sanctuary

Deeds of Šuppiluliuma, implied to have been written on bronze tablets
fragmentary so uncertain length, but must have been very long, perhaps as many as one thousand lines
Neo-Hittite; fourteenth century BCE
likely display inscription, possibly within sanctuary; votive; propaganda; political historiography


Ulmi-Teshub treaty, said to originally have been written upon iron41
88 lines
Neo-Hittite; thirteenth century BCE
display function

Kadesh peace treaty, said to originally have been written on silver tablets42
70 lines in Hittite version
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display function; associated with temple

mention of bronze tablet placed before sun goddess of Arinna43
associated with sanctuary

Phoenicia and Phoenician Colonies

2 bronze tablets and 5 bronze spatula from Byblos, containing pseudo-hiero-
glyphic inscriptions44
ranging from 3 to 41 lines
first half of the second millennium BCE (eighteenth to seventeenth centuries
BCE?)
some progress toward decipherment has been made by Best and Woudhui-
zen, according to whom the inscriptions are royal dedications relating to a
temple context

Volume 1, Canonical Compositions from the Biblical World, edited by W. W. Hallo
(Leiden: Brill, 2003), 185–92; Theo van den Hout, “‘Two Old Tablets’: Think-
ing, Recording, and Writing History in Hittite Society,” in Thinking, Recording,
and Writing History in the Ancient World, edited by Kurt A. Raaflaub (Malden,
41. Theo van den Hout, Der Ulmitešub-Vertrag, Studien zu den Bogazköy-Texten
42. Elmar Edel, Der Vertrag zwischen Ramses II. von Agypten und Hattusili III. von
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95 (Berlin: Mann, 1997).
43. Horst Klengel, Keilschrifturkunden aus Boghazköi, XL, Hethitische Texte ver-
schiedenen Inhalts (Berlin: Akademie, 1968), 92; K. Watanabe, “Mit Gottessiegeln
44. M. Dunand, Byblia Grammata: Documents et recherches sur le développe-
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gold lamella from Carthage\textsuperscript{48}
2 inscriptions of 2 lines each
seventh to sixth centuries BCE
amulet; iconography

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gold lamella from Tyre\textsuperscript{49}
3 lines
sixth century BCE
amulet; iconography

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silver lamella from near Byblos\textsuperscript{50}
22 lines
sixth century BCE (?)
amulet

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bronze pendant from Tyre\textsuperscript{51}
2 lines
sixth to third century BCE (?)
amulet, imitating Egyptian “writing tablet” amulet; iconography


Israel-Judah

2 silver lamella from Ketef Hinnom\textsuperscript{52}
12–18 lines
sixth century BCE
amulets

South Arabia

bronze plaque from Našqim\textsuperscript{53}
26 lines
sixth century BCE
dedictory; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Našqim\textsuperscript{54}
6 lines
fifth century BCE
dedictory; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Našqim\textsuperscript{55}
2 lines; fragmentary
dedictory (?); associated with sanctuary


bronze plaque from 'Awām56
6 lines
fifth century BCE
dedicatory; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from 'Awām57
6 lines
dedicatory; associated with sanctuary

Egypt

Literary references:
temple endowment decrees and hymns said to be inscribed on gold, silver, and bronze in the Great Harris Papyrus58
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royal votive of Ramses III; associated with temple; display

Kadesh peace treaty of Ramses II, said to have been written on a silver tablet59
Egyptian; thirteenth century BCE
treaty; display function; associated with temple


57. Ja 831; Albert Jamme, Sabaean inscriptions from Mahram Bilqis (Mârib) (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins, 1962), 245, pl. 51; Jändl, Altsüdarabische Inschriften, 75–76.

58. Harris I: 6, 5–10; 47, 3–4; Christopher Eyre, The Use of Documents in Pharaonic Egypt (Corby: Oxford University Press, 2013), 32.

Ancient Greece and Greek settlements

bronze plaque from Athens\textsuperscript{61}
4 lines
sixth century BCE
dedication

bronze plaque from Olympia\textsuperscript{62}
3 lines; fragmentary
sixth century BCE
dedication (?)

bronze plaque from Olympia\textsuperscript{63}
9 lines
sixth century BCE
contract


61. \textit{LSAG2} Attica no. 21; \textit{IG I2} 393.

62. \textit{LSAG2} Lakonia no. 12; \textit{IG V,1} 1561.

63. \textit{LSAG2} Elis no. 15; \textit{Nomima} I.23; \textit{IvO} 2.
bronze plaque from Olympia\textsuperscript{64} 
several dozen lines (?)  
sixth century BCE 
legal document; display; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Olympia, found at Zankle\textsuperscript{65} 
11 lines 
sixth century BCE 
treaty

bronze plaque from Olympia\textsuperscript{66} 
8 lines 
fifth century BCE (?)

bronze tablet from Olympia\textsuperscript{67} 
10 lines 
fifth century BCE 
treaty; display; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Olympia\textsuperscript{68} 
13 lines 
fifth century BCE 
legal document (?); display; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Olympia\textsuperscript{69} 
8 lines 
fifth century BCE 
treaty; associated with sanctuary

\textsuperscript{64. LSAG2 Doric colonies, Sicily no. 36; Nomima I.17; IvO 22.} 
\textsuperscript{65. LSAG2 Euboic colonies no. 5; IvO 24.} 
\textsuperscript{66. LSAG2 Arkadia no. 38; IvO 27.} 
\textsuperscript{67. LSAG2 Elis no. 6; Nomima I.52; Minon 10; IvO 9.} 
\textsuperscript{68. Nomima I.36; IvO 13.} 
\textsuperscript{69. Nomima I.42; SEG 22:336.}
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71. *LSAG2* Elis no. 18; *Minon* 21; *IvO* 15.
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73. *LSAG2* Elis no. 13; *Nomima* II.27; *IvO* 12.
74. *LSAG2* Euboic colonies no. 19.
75. *Minon* 1.
bronze tablet from Olympia\textsuperscript{76}
6 lines
sixth century BCE
legal document; associated with sanctuary

bronze tablet from Olympia\textsuperscript{77}
6 lines
sixth century BCE
sacred law; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Olympia\textsuperscript{78}
5 lines
sixth century BCE
sacred law; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Olympia\textsuperscript{79}
9 lines
sixth century BCE
legal decree on Olympic wrestling; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Elis\textsuperscript{80}
8 lines; fragmentary
sixth century BCE
sacred law; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Olympia\textsuperscript{81}
7 lines
fifth century BCE
legal document; associated with sanctuary

\textsuperscript{76.} Nomima I.4; Minon 2; IvO 6.
\textsuperscript{77.} LSAG2 Elis no. 4; Nomima I.4; Minon 3; IvO 5.
\textsuperscript{78.} LSAG2 Elis no. 5; Nomima I.109; Minon 4; IvO 7.
\textsuperscript{79.} Minon 5.
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83. *LSAG2* Elis no. 10; *Nomima* I.24; Minon 9; *IvO* 4.
84. Minon 11; *IvO* 19.
85. *LSAG2* Elis no. 8; *Nomima* I.21; Minon 12; *IvO* 11.
86. *LSAG2* Elis no. 9; *Nomima* I.108; Minon 13; *IvO* 3.
87. *LSAG2* Elis no. 12; *Nomima* I.51; Minon 14; *IvO* 10.
bronze tablet from Olympia\(^{88}\)
7 lines
fifth century BCE
treaty; display; associated with sanctuary

bronze tablet from Olympia\(^{89}\)
9 lines
fifth century BCE
legal document; associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Olympia\(^{90}\)
14 lines
fifth century BCE
legal document

bronze plaque from Olympia\(^{91}\)
9 lines
fifth century BCE
legal document

bronze plaque from the Heraion in Argos\(^{92}\)
11 lines
sixth century BCE
legal document; display; associated with sanctuary

bronze sheet from Argos\(^{93}\)
7 lines
fifth century BCE
legal document

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88. *Nomima I*.60; Minon 15.
89. Minon 23; *IvO* 20.
90. *LSAG2* Euboic colonies no. 22; *IvO* 25.
91. *LSAG2* Elis no. 20; Minon 25; *IvO* 18.
92. *LSAG2* Argos no. 9; *Nomima I*.100; *IG IV*, 506.
93. *Nomima I*.107; *IG IV*, 554.
bronze plaque from Argos\(^94\)
7 lines
fifth century BCE
proxeny decree

bronze plaque from Argos\(^95\)
7 lines
fifth century BCE
sacred law

bronze plaque from Argos\(^96\)
20 lines
fifth century BCE
legal document; display

bronze plaque from Achaea\(^97\)
3 lines
sixth century BCE
legal document

bronze plaque from Aitolia\(^98\)
3 lines; fragmentary
fifth century
(?); associated with sanctuary

bronze plaque from Galaxidi\(^99\)
46 lines
fifth century BCE
legal document; display; associated with sanctuary

94. LSAG2 Argos no. 22; Nomima I.35.
95. LSAG2 Argos no. 20; IG IV, 554.
97. Nomima I.75.
98. LSAG2 Aitolia no. 7; IG IX,12 1:91,1.
99. LSAG2 Lokris no. 3; Nomima I.43.
bronze plaque from Galaxidi¹⁰⁰
16 lines
fifth century BCE
legal document; display

bronze plaque from near Naupaktos¹⁰¹
25 lines
sixth century BCE
legal document; land regulations; associated with sanctuary

bronze tablet from Lousoi, Arkadia¹⁰²
3 lines; fragmentary
fifth century BCE
treaty

bronze plaque from Arkadia¹⁰³
7 lines
sixth century BCE
sacred law

bronze plaque from Arkadia¹⁰⁴
20 lines
fifth century BCE
deposit at sanctuary

bronze tablet from Arkadia¹⁰⁵
23 lines
fifth century BCE
festival calendar; associated with sanctuary

100. LSAG2 Lokris no. 4; Nomima I.53; IG IX 12,717.
101. LSAG2 Lokris no. 2; Nomima I.44.
102. LSAG2 Achaia no. 8; Nomima I.57; IG V, 2 410.
103. LSAG2 Arkadia no. 2.
104. LSAG2 Arkadia no. 27; IG V, 2 159.
bronze plaque from Kierion, Thessaly\textsuperscript{106}  
11 lines  
fifth century BCE  
legal document; display

bronze plaque from Megara\textsuperscript{107}  
4 lines  
fifth century BCE  
dedication

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{108}  
7 lines  
fifth century BCE  
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{109}  
2 lines  
sixth century BCE  
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{110}  
6 lines  
fifth century BCE  
oracle question

\textsuperscript{106} LSAG2 Thessaly no. 10; \textit{Nomima} I.33; \textit{IG} IX 2, 257.  
\textsuperscript{107} LSAG2 Megara no. 8; \textit{IG} VII, 37.  
\textsuperscript{108} \textit{Nomima} II.29.  
\textsuperscript{109} Eidinow, 75, no. 2; \textit{SEG} 43:323.  
lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{111} 
5 lines 
fifth century BCE 
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{112} 
3 lines 
fifth to fourth century BCE 
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{113} 
5 lines 
fifth to fourth century BCE 
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{114} 
3 lines 
fifth to fourth century BCE 
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{115} 
3 lines 
fifth to fourth century BCE 
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{116} 
3 lines 
fifth to fourth century BCE 
oracle question

\textsuperscript{111} Eidinow, 114, no. 1; SEG 15:391.
\textsuperscript{112} Eidinow, 76, no. 6; SEG 15:393; Parke 23.
\textsuperscript{113} Eidinow, 81, no. 28; SEG 15.394.
\textsuperscript{114} Eidinow, 81, no. 27; Parke 22; Ep. Chron. 1935: 255, 13.
\textsuperscript{115} Eidinow, 89, no. 2; Ep. Chron. 1935: 255, 15.
\textsuperscript{116} Eidinow, 89, no. 3; Ep. Chron. 1935: 259, 34.
lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{117}
3 lines
fifth century BCE
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{118}
7 lines
sixth to fifth century BCE
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{119}
4 lines
fifth century BCE
oracle question

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{120}
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fifth century BCE
oracle question

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fifth century BCE
oracle question

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fifth century BCE
oracle question

\textsuperscript{117} Eidinow, 91, no. 9; Ep. \textit{Chron.} 1935: 258, 27.
\textsuperscript{118} Eidinow, 89, no. 1; Parke 5.
\textsuperscript{119} Eidinow, 92, no. 13.
\textsuperscript{120} Eidinow, 95, no. 2; Ep. \textit{Chron.} 1935: 258, 24.
\textsuperscript{121} Eidinow, 84, no. 4; Ep. \textit{Chron.} 1935: 255, 14.
\textsuperscript{122} Eidinow, 102, no. 2.
lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{123} 
4 lines  
fifth century BCE  
oracle question  

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{124} 
3 lines  
fifth century BCE  
oracle question  

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{125} 
2 lines  
fifth century BCE  
oracle question  

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{126} 
4 lines  
fifth century BCE  
oracle question  

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{127} 
7 lines  
fifth century BCE  
oracle question and answer (?)  

lead plaque from Dodona\textsuperscript{128} 
4 lines  
fifth to fourth century BCE  
oracle question  

125. Eidinow, 121, no. 3; Parke 4; SEG 15:386.  
126. Eidinow, 116, no. 1; Parke 26.  
128. Eidinow, 110, no. 1; SEG 15:395.
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bronze plaque from Lokris\textsuperscript{129}
6 lines
fifth century BCE
will

bronze plaque from Mykenai\textsuperscript{130}
8 lines
fifth century BCE
dedication

bronze plaque from Kaulonia\textsuperscript{131}
9 lines
sixth to fifth century BCE
will

bronze plaque from Krimisa\textsuperscript{132}
9 lines
sixth to fifth century BCE
will

bronze plaque from Tegea\textsuperscript{133}
12 lines
fifth century BCE
legal; will

bronze tablet from Idalion, Cyprus\textsuperscript{134}
31 lines
Cypriote syllabic; fifth century BCE
contract; display; Smith says imitated wooden tablet

\textsuperscript{129} Nomima II.56.
\textsuperscript{130} LSAG2 Mykenai no. 2; IG IV, 492.
\textsuperscript{131} LSAG2 Achaian colonies no. 29; SEG 4:71.
\textsuperscript{132} LSAG2 Achaian colonies no. 30; Nomima II.57; SEG 4:75.
\textsuperscript{133} Nomima II.59.
\textsuperscript{134} Nomima I.31; Olivier Masson, Les inscriptions chypriotes syllabiques: recueil critique et commenté; réimpression augmentée, 2nd ed. (Paris: E. de Boccard,
bronze tablet from Samos\textsuperscript{135}  
11 lines  
fifth century BCE  
dedication; associated with sanctuary

bronze tablet from Arcades, Crete\textsuperscript{136}  
39 lines  
sixth to fifth century BCE  
legal agreement; display; secondary use

silver plate from Ephesus\textsuperscript{137}  
17 lines  
sixth century  
list of sacred income; associated with sanctuary

lead sheet from Berezan, Olbia\textsuperscript{138}  
16 lines  
fifth century BCE  
private letter

bronze plaque from Lokroi, Italy\textsuperscript{139}  
(?) lines  
fifth century BCE  
legal document

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1983), 217.

135. \textit{IG} XII, 6 2:542.


137. \textit{IEphesos} 1a, no. 1; SEG 34:1079.


139. \textit{LSAG2} Doric colonies, Italy no. 1.

140. \textit{LSAG2} Doric colonies, Italy no. 3.
bronze sheet from Metaponte, Italy\textsuperscript{141} 
9 lines 
sixth to fifth century BCE 
will

bronze sheet from Petelia, Italy\textsuperscript{142} 
8 lines 
fifth century BCE 
will

bronze plaque from Sicily\textsuperscript{143} 
several dozen lines 
sixth century BCE 
legal document

bronze plaque from Palazzolo, Sicily\textsuperscript{144} 
5 lines (?); fragmentary 
fifth century BCE 
legal document

lead tablet from Gela, Sicily\textsuperscript{145} 
7 lines; fragmentary 
fifth century BCE 
business transaction (?)

lead tablet from Gela, Sicily\textsuperscript{146} 
13 lines 
fifth century BCE 
banking document (?)

\textsuperscript{141} Nomima II.55; IGSI, 149, no. 20.
\textsuperscript{142} LSAG2 Achaian colonies no. 28; Nomima II.58; IG XIV, 636.
\textsuperscript{143} Nomima I.1.
\textsuperscript{144} Nomima I.18; SEG 4:27.
\textsuperscript{145} Nomima II.63.
\textsuperscript{146} Nomima II.77.
bronze plaque from Kasmenai, Sicily\textsuperscript{147}  
5 lines  
fifth century BCE  
legal document

bronze plaque(s) from Leontinoi, Sicily\textsuperscript{148}  
several dozen lines (?); fragmentary  
sixth century BCE  
legal document

bronze plaque from Himera, Sicily\textsuperscript{149}  
4 lines  
fifth century BCE  
dedication

bronze tablet from Himera, Sicily\textsuperscript{150}  
18 lines  
sixth to fifth century BCE  
legal document

lead tablet from Kamarina, Sicily\textsuperscript{151}  
29 lines  
fifth century BCE  
defixio

lead tablet from Kamarina, Sicily\textsuperscript{152}  
9 lines  
fifth century BCE  
defixio

\textsuperscript{147} LSAG2 Doric colonies, Sicily no. 15.  
\textsuperscript{148} LSAG2 Euboic colonies no. 2; SEG 4:64.  
\textsuperscript{149} LSAG2 Euboic colonies no. 19.  
\textsuperscript{150} SEG 47:1427.  
\textsuperscript{151} LSAG2 Doric colonies no. 18; Eidinow, 425; Jordan, 88; SEG 4:30.  
\textsuperscript{152} LSAG2 Doric colonies no. 19; SEG 4:29.
| **lead plaque from Sicily**<sup>153</sup>  
| 14 lines  
| fifth century BCE  
| defixio |
| **lead tablet from Selinous, Sicily**<sup>154</sup>  
| 11 lines  
| sixth to fifth century BCE  
| defixio |
| **circular lead tablet from Selinous, Sicily**<sup>155</sup>  
| 14 lines; 2 sides  
| fifth century BCE  
| defixio; associated with sanctuary |
| **lead tablet from Selinous, Sicily**<sup>156</sup>  
| 9 lines  
| fifth century BCE  
| defixio; associated with sanctuary |
| **lead tablet from Selinous, Sicily**<sup>157</sup>  
| 19 lines  
| fifth century BCE  
| defixio; associated with sanctuary |
| **lead lamina from Selinous, Sicily**<sup>158</sup>  
| 6 lines  
| fifth century BCE  
| defixio; associated with sanctuary |

154. Bettarini no. 16; Jordan, 95; SEG 26:1113.
155. Eidinow, 427–28; Jordan, 99; Bettarini no. 20; SEG 4:37.
156. Eidinow, 428; Jordan, 100; Bettarini no. 21; SEG 36:857.
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160. Bettarini no. 2; SEG 55.1021.
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lead lamina from Selinous, Sicily\textsuperscript{171}
10 lines
fifth century BCE
defixio; associated with sanctuary

lead lamina from Selinous, Sicily\textsuperscript{172}
6 lines
fifth century BCE
defixio; associated with sanctuary

lead lamina from Selinous, Sicily\textsuperscript{173}
5 lines
fifth century BCE
defixio; associated with sanctuary

lead tablet from Selinous, Sicily\textsuperscript{174}
38 lines (?); 2 columns
fifth century BCE
legal decree; associated with sanctuary

Literary references:

gold tablet mentioned in inscription from Selinous, Sicily\textsuperscript{175}
fifth century BCE
votive; associated with sanctuary

tin scroll from Mount Ithome\textsuperscript{176}
alleged seventh century; fabrication
religious text

\textsuperscript{171}. Bettarini no. 28; \textit{SEG} 4.39.
\textsuperscript{172}. Bettarini no. 29.
\textsuperscript{173}. Bettarini no. 31; \textit{SEG} 43.629.
\textsuperscript{175}. \textit{LSAG2} Doric colonies no. 39; \textit{IG} XIV 268.
\textsuperscript{176}. Pausanias 4.20.4; Katherine M. Stott, \textit{Why Did They Write This Way?: Reflections on References to Written Documents in the Hebrew Bible and Ancient}
bronze tablet from the tomb of Alcmene\textsuperscript{177} allegedly from the time of Herakles; fabrication Egyptian characters wisdom text

lead tablet from Mount Helicon, Boeotia\textsuperscript{178} Hesiod, \textit{Works and Days} votive (?); associated with sanctuary

\textbf{Italy}

3 gold tablets from Pyrgi\textsuperscript{179} ranging from 9–16 lines Etruscan and Phoenician; sixth century BCE royal dedication to goddess Uni; associated with sanctuary; display function, originally tacked to another object


\textsuperscript{177} \textit{de gen. socr.}: 577e–579b; Stott, \textit{Why Did They Write This Way?}, 99–102; Garrett G. Fagan, \textit{Archaeological Fantasies: How Pseudoarchaeology Misrepresents the Past and Misleads the Public} (New York: Routledge, 2006), 184–85.


lead strip of Santa Marinella\textsuperscript{180}
11 lines; 2 sides
Etruscan; fifth century BCE
oracular (?)\textsuperscript{1}; associated with sanctuary

lead tablet of Magliano\textsuperscript{181}
circular; 2 sides
Etruscan; fifth century BCE
funerary; display function

Literary references:

bronze inscription from Vatican hill\textsuperscript{182}
“from before the city”
Etruscan

tables of bronze of Ancus Marcius\textsuperscript{183}
seventh century BCE
sacrificial law

bronze tablet of Servius Tullius\textsuperscript{184}
sixth century BCE
treaty; associated with sanctuary

tables of bronze from temple of Jupiter Capitoline\textsuperscript{185}
sixth century BCE
treaties with Carthage; associated with sanctuary

\textsuperscript{180} M. Pallottino, \textit{Testimonia Linguae Etruscae}, 2nd ed. (Florence: La Nuova Italia, 1968), 878; Rix, \textit{Etruskische Texte}, Cr 4.10.


\textsuperscript{182} Pliny, \textit{Nat.} 16.237.

\textsuperscript{183} Dionysius of Halicarnassus, \textit{Rom. Ant.} 3.36.

\textsuperscript{184} Ibid. 4.26.

bronze tablet in temple of Diana\textsuperscript{186}
fifth century BCE
legal decree; associated with sanctuary

bronze Twelve Tablets of the Law\textsuperscript{187}
fifth century BCE
early law code

\textsuperscript{186} Dionysius of Halicarnassus, \textit{Rom. Ant.} 10.32.
\textsuperscript{187} Livy, \textit{Ab Urbe Condita} 3.57.10.