

# Mesopotamian Gods & Kings

Sumerian Pictures & Texts

## Ea / Enki Quotes From Texts

**Ea / Enki = Anu's eldest son, born by Urash / Nammu**

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*(gods in blue ...mixed-breed demigods in teal...)*

As **Enki**:

"I am the first born of **An**. ..."

"I was born as the firstborn son of holy **An**. ..."

"These are the ones who seized power.

The gods cast lots and divided (the Cosmos):

**[Anu]** went up to **[heaven]**

**[Enlil]** had the earth as his subject;

**[the lock,] the snare of the sea**

**[was given] to Enki the wise.**

[After Anu] went up to heaven

[and Enki went down [to the ap[su,

...

**(they caused] the Igigi (lesser gods) [to bear the work]. ..."**

"It was Enki, lord of Wisdom, Magic and of the Sweet Waters,

**son of An the Sky and Nammu the Sea, (½) brother to Enlil,**

who answered thoughtfully after some time:

'Sorrow and pain are the measures of the happiness and laughter that could be.

Healing can always occur, if one is ready to see truth

and wholeness beyond the hardest trials.' ..."

**"Enki, lord, firstborn son of An .....,**

**Nudimmud (Enki), great bull of the Abzu .....,**

may you ..... with your consort, holy **Damgalnuna (Ninhursag) ..."**

**"Enki replied:**

'Ninhursag, dearest Nintur, beloved, how can anyone quite compare to you?

I cannot resist your wild, sweet ways, so lie with me one more time

and fill my body, heart, soul and mind with endless delights!

For me you will forever be my fierce Damgalnunna,

my Great Spouse, passionate and very much loved!' ..."

"I would never bind you to me against your True Will, beloved,'

said simply Ninhursag. 'And because you understood this great mystery,

because you and I are indeed two of a kind, let all worlds know what I now declare:

from this very moment on let it be known that I, **Ninhursag, the Earth Mother,**

**Wise beyond all Beings in the Ways of Nature,**

**built a house for my beloved and myself on a Rock, steadfast and solid....'**

'Let me finish this for you... for us, dearest,' interrupted Enki Ninhursag with a kiss,

'I, Enki, the Lord of Sweet Waters,

say that from this strong and solid rock that means Life,

Love and Fruition for me the Waters of Life

will flow forever **in all worlds we dare to fare'. ..."**

"Where **there was a marsh then in Unug (Uruk), it was full of water.**

Where there was any dry land, Euphrates poplars grew there.

Where there were reed-thickets, old reeds and young reeds grew there.

**Divine Enki who is king in Eridu tore up for me the old reeds,**

**drained off the water completely. ..."**

"To befit heaven and earth grandly, they raised Enki, the lord,

the **firstborn son of holy An, to the status of junior Enlil.**

So that he can reveal everything (?), ..."

**"Enki and Ninki (Damkina, his spouse),** the great lords, the great princes,

the lords who determine fates ..."

**"Enki,** seated her upon his knees.

He truly cherished **Nininsina (Bau)**...

as soon as she took a fancy to a white linen garment,

he dressed the **daughter of holy An (Anu)** in it.

Lord **Nudimmud (Enki)** determined a fate for her.

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**She lay down with him on ..... and spent time joyously with him.**

**'..... with your beloved spouse, lord Pabilsaj (*Ninurta*), ..... your chosen .....!'**

This is what the Great Mountain, *Enlil*, determined as her fate ..."

**"Young *Ningal* lived out in the marshlands**

**close to the ancient settlement of Eridu,**

**the beloved daughter of *Ningikuga*, the Goddess of Reeds,**

**and *Enki*, the God of Magic, Crafts and Wisdom.**

**Slim, black-haired *Ningal* of eyes darker than a moonless night**

**was quiet only in appearance, ..."**

**"Father *Enki*, the lord of great wisdom,**

**knows about the life-giving plant and the life-giving water.**

**He is the one who will restore me (*Inanna*) to life ..."**

**"He (*Enki*) made broad understanding perfect in him (*Adapa*),**

**To disclose the design of the land.**

**To him he gave wisdom, but did not give eternal life.**

**At that time, in those years, he was a sage, son of Eridu.**

**Enki created him ..."**

**"Enki**, the lord of abundance and of steadfast decisions,

**the wise and knowing lord of the Land,**

**the expert of the gods, chosen for wisdom,**

the **lord of Eridug (*Eridu*)**, shall change the speech in their mouths,

**as many as he had placed there,**

**and so the speech of mankind is truly one ..."**

**"Present there were An the Great God**

Valiant **Enlil**, his son, Counselor of the Gods,

Their assistant **Ninurta**, the God of War and Hunting,

**Ennugi**, their inspector of canals,

And also **Ninigiku**, which is to say **Enki** –

For he too was present with them.

**And Enki repeats what they say to Ziusudra (*Noah*),**

**Speaking through the wall of Ziusudra's reed hut:**

'Reed hut, reed hut! Wall of the hut, wall of the hut!

Listen o reed hut! Consider, o wall of the hut!

**O man of Shuruppak, o you son of Ubara-Tutu,**

Tear down your hut of reeds,

Build of them a reed boat

Abandon things

**Seek life...**

Enki opened his mouth to speak

Said to me, his servant:

"Thus, O Mortal, shall you speak to them, saying

I have learned that the god Enlil is ill-disposed toward me

No longer can I reside here in the city.

Never again,

No, never.

Can I turn my face to this soil which is Enlil's.

I must go down therefore,

Down to dwell with my lord Enki,

Towards the marshes of the south,

And enter his sweet-watered Deep

**Into his very Abyss ..."**

"Now when **Enlil** arrived and saw the boat,

He waxed wroth,

He was filled with fury against the **heavenly Igigi gods** and said:

'What! – Has any mortal escaped?

No mortal was to survive the **destruction (*Noah's Flood*)!**

**Ninurta**, God of War, opened his mouth to speak, said to valiant **Enlil**:

'Who besides the god **Enki** could devise such a plan?

**The god Enki alone understands every matter.' ..."**

**"I allowed **Ziusudra (*Noah*)**, he who abounds in wisdom**

**To see a dream**

It was thus that he perceived

The secret of the Great Gods ..."

**Enki As Ea:**

**"Bel (*Marduk*)**, cleverest of the clever, sage of the gods, was begotten.

And inside Apsu, **Marduk** was created;

Inside pure Apsu, **Marduk was born.**

**Ea his father created him,**



**Damkina (Ninki) his mother bore him. ..."**

"Anu called to **his messenger Ilabrat**:

'Why has the South wind not blown upon the land for seven days?'

His messenger **Ilabrat** answered him:

'My lord, **Adapa (Adam), the son of Ea (Enki),**

the wing of the South wind has broken.'

When **Anu** heard these words He cried, 'Help!'

He ascended his throne,

'Let some one bring him,'

Likewise **Ea**, who knows the heaven.

He roused him... he caused him to wear.

With a mourning garment

He garbed him, and gave him counsel

Saying: '**Adapa**, before the face of **Anu** the King thou art to go... to heaven

When thou comest up, and when thou approachest the door of **Anu**,

At the door of **Anu**, **Tammuz** and **Gishzida** are standing,

they will see thee, they will ask thee;

'Sir,' For whose sake dost thou so appear, **Adapa**?' ..."

"When thou standest before **Anu**

Food of death they will set before thee,

Eat not. Water of death they will set before thee,

Drink not. Garments they will set before thee,

Put them on. Oil they will set before thee, anoint thyself.

The counsel that I have given thee, forget not.

The words which I have spoken, hold fast."

The messenger of **Anu** came:

'**Adapa** has broken the wing of the South wind.

Bring him before me.' ..."

**"The road to Heaven he (**Ea**) made him take, and to Heaven he ascended.**

**When he came to Heaven, when he approached the door of **Anu**,**

**At the door of **Anu**, **Tammuz** and **Gisbzida** are standing.**

When they saw him, **Adapa**, they cried: 'Help,

Sir, for whom dost thou so appear? **Adapa**,' ..."

**"Anu** looked at him; he wondered at him.

'Come, **Adapa**, why hast thou not eaten, not drunken?

Now thou shalt not live.'

... men ...**Ea (Enki)**, my lord

Said: "Eat not, drink not."

Take him and bring him back to his earth ..."

## **Hea** Quotes From Texts

**Hea = Ea / Enki, Anu's eldest son**

"Where **Hea's** arm outstretched doth form a bay, ..."

"As **Hea's** face, and heaving breast divine!

'O **Sabit**, to your father **Hea** take our prayer!

And may **Dao-ki-na (Damkina)**, your bright mother, hear! ..."

"King of the deep, determiner of destinies ..."

"Of **Hea**, where, in white, a band of priests Drawn in a crescent, ..."

"To **Hea**, thus the intantation chant:

'O chant our incantation to the waters pure, Euphrates' waters flowing to the sea!

Where **Hea's** holy face shines bright on every shore' ..."

"**Heabani's** wisdom chant and sing

To Erech's king our mighty Sar.

When **Hea** did **Heabani** bring,

Who now to Erech comes afar ..,"

## **Nudimmud** Quotes From Texts

**Nudimmud = Enki, Anu's** eldest son

**god over the waters**

"**Nudimmud** (**Enki's pet name**) ..... holy dais .....

Lord imbued with fearsomeness, borne by **An** and **Urac** (**Anu's concubine**),

eldest brother of .....(**Enlil**) ..."

"Supreme ....., **first-born child of holy An**,

whose divine powers are untouchable .....

**Junior Enlil** of trustworthy utterances, ..... divine plans.

**Nudimmud (Enki)**, lord who determines the fates,

who strengthens the Land .....

**Enki**, great bull of **Eridug (Eridu)**, .....

..... greatly exalted among the **Anuna (Anunnaki gods) ...**”

“the lord **Nudimmud**;

The pure house he built...

In Eridu he built the house ...”

“**Bride of Enki** who determines fates favorably, great wild cow,

exceptional in appearance, pre-eminent forever!

**Your husband, the great lord Nudimmud (Enki) ...**”

“Your father is **Enki**, the lord **Nudimmud**,

and your mother is **Ninti**, the queen of the abzu.

**Ninkasi, your father is Enki, the lord Nudimmud,**

**and your mother is Ninti**, the queen of the abzu ...”

“My personal god **Enki**, lord **Nudimmud** .....! ...”

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