



Hamath and Damascus, more especially the latter, had to bear the brunt of the Assyrian attack. Ambassadors came to his court from Ararat, as well as from Gyges of Lydia. The marshes are called 'the country of Marratu' or 'the salt-sea' in the inscriptions, a name which reappears as Merathaim in Jer.

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The Euphrates was called Pura-nun, or 'great water,' in Sumerian, and was frequently known as simply the Pura or 'Water,' just as the Nile is known to-day to the modern Egyptians as simply 'the Sea.

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