

SOCIETY AND ECONOMY OF SIPPAR IN THE TIME OF HAMMURABI

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The first and major goal of the Sippar project will be achieved this summer. The comprehensive files on the Sippar material, including the information from some four hundred additional texts, have been completed. An analysis of the data from the some fifteen hundred documents from Sippar will be ready for publication at this time.

The richness and complexity of the material were such that the scope of our analysis has had to be curtailed and limited to a slightly less comprehensive study than originally envisioned.

This publication will concentrate on certain essential aspects of the society and economy of Sippar, such as the great organizations, the temples and the administrative and military institutions, their personnel and functions. The social texture of Sippar as revealed in the family, slavery, and special classes of women (this last a special feature of the Old Babylonian period) will be discussed at length. Other chapters will deal with merchants and trade, agriculture, and the occupations of Sipparians.

Some lists will be included: the names of the *naditu* women, the geographical and topographical names, and a typological list of the Sippar texts.