

Probably he made the territory of Agade as large as that of Babylon.

of Agade he made like those of Babylon. But because of the evil which he had committed the great lord Marduk was angry, and he destroyed his people by famine. From the rising of the Sun unto the setting of the sun they opposed him and gave him no rest.

## II. ACHIEVEMENTS OF HAMMURABI

An inscription in the Babylonian language, a dialect of the Semitic, in the Museum of Paris. All the inscriptions of Oriental kings lay stress on their great piety and on the favor of the gods through which they rule and win victories in war. This document attests further: the paternal care of Hammurabi for his people. *Records of the Past*, i.<sup>2</sup> 7 f.

**Hammurabi, king of Babylon, 1958-1916.**

*Ancient World*, 25.

Marduk, chief god of Babylon. Bel (Baal) means "lord."

Sumer and Accad, countries of the Sumerians and the Accadians;

*Ancient World*, 23.

Such assemblies of the people are unusual in the Orient.

The divine right of kings is extremely ancient.

Hammurabi, the exalted King, the King of Babylon, the King renowned throughout the world, conqueror of the enemies of Marduk, the King beloved by his heart am I.

The favor of god and Bel gave the people of Sumer and Accad unto my government. Their celestial weapons unto my hand they gave. The canal Hammurabi, the joy of men, a stream of abundant waters, for the people of Sumer and Accad I excavated. Its banks, all of them, I restored to newness; new supporting walls I heaped up; perennial waters for the people of Sumer and Accad I provided.

The people of Sumer and Accad, all of them, in general assemblies I summoned. A review and inspection of them I ordained every year. In joy and abundance I watched over them, and in peaceful habitations I caused them to dwell.

By the divine favor I am Hammurabi, the exalted King, the worshipper of the supreme deity.

With the prosperous power which Marduk gave me, I built a lofty citadel on a high mound of earth, whose

summits rose up like mountains, on the bank of Hammurabi river, the joy of men.

### III. LAWS OF HAMMURABI

If a man bring an accusation against a man and charge him with a (capital) crime, but cannot prove it, he, the accuser, shall be put to death. **Capital offences.**

If a man in a case (pending judgment) bear false witness, or do not establish the testimony he has given, if that case be a case involving life, that man shall be put to death. As an introduction to this extract, read *Ancient World*, §§ 34, 41.

If a man steal the property of a god or palace, that man shall be put to death; and he who receives from his hand the stolen (property) shall also be put to death. This code makes a remarkably free use of the death penalty.

If a man aid a male or female slave of a freeman to escape from the city gate, he shall be put to death.

If a man practice brigandage and be captured, that man shall be put to death.

If the brigand be not captured, the man who has been robbed, shall in the presence of god make an itemized statement of his loss, and the city and the governor, in whose province and jurisdiction the robbery was committed, shall compensate him for whatever was lost. **State insurance against robbery.**

If a son be too young and be not able to conduct the business of his father, they shall give one third of the field and of the garden to his mother, and his mother shall rear him. **Women in business.**

A woman, merchant or other property holder may sell field, garden or house. The purchaser shall conduct the business of the field, garden or house which he has purchased.

If outlaws collect in the house of a wine-seller, and she

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