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Himmelskunde
Bodies in Mesopotamian Cosmology and Celestial Science

In this paper the diverse roles of the body in Mesopotamian cosmological narratives and in the celestial sciences will be examined. In both traditions celestial phenomena are sometimes described or explained in terms of bodies. The extent to which these traditions may also underly Babylonian empirical and mathematical astronomy of the first Millennium BCE will be explored.