



Title: The space of Time: an analysis of the term *ūmum* in the documentation from the Syro-Mesopotamian kingdom of Mari

Abstract

This paper intends to analyze some ideas regarding the conception of time, starting from the analysis of the term *ūmum* (day). For this purpose, we propose to focus on the documentation of the Syro-Mesopotamian kingdom of Mari, during the 19th and 18th centuries BC, in order to assess aspects such as the flow of time, the space of the past and the future, the intensity and distance of time and the durability of different experiences of everyday life.

As we know, time was conceptualized according to space, so analyzing *ūmum* in its various meanings means analyzing the spaces it occupied in the mental structure of the ancient Mesopotamians and specifically of the Mariotes.

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