

Date of tablets

**S u m e r i a n   p o e m s   o f   B i l g a m e s**

Date of tablets

2000–c. 1720	<i>Bilgames and Akka</i>	<i>Bilgames and Huwawa A, B</i>	<i>Bilgames and the Bull of Heaven</i>	<i>Bilgames and the Netherworld</i>	<i>The Death of Bilgames</i>	2000–c. 1720
--------------	--------------------------	---------------------------------	--	-------------------------------------	------------------------------	--------------

**A k k a d i a n   G i l g a m e s h   e p i c**

<b>Old Babylonian recensions</b>					
18–17th centuries	Old Babylonian epic in southern Babylonia: <i>Tablets II (P)–III (Y)</i> , three tablets in Norway	Old Babylonian school tablets from <i>Nippur, Tell Harmal Ishchali</i> , etc.	Old Babylonian epic in northern Babylonia: <i>Sippar tablet</i>	(Deluge) (poem in) ( <i>Atra-ḥasīs III</i> )	18–17th centuries

<b>Middle Babylonian (intermediate) recensions</b>					
16–9th centuries	Middle Babylonian epic in Babylonia: tablets from the <i>Sealand Dynasty, Nippur</i> and <i>Ur</i>	Middle Babylonian epic in Assyria: fragments from <i>Aššur</i> and <i>Kalḫu</i>	Old–Middle Babylonian epic in the west: tablets from <i>Hattusa, Ugarit, Emar</i> and <i>Megiddo</i>	(Western versions of) (the epic in local style:) ( <i>Hittite and Hurrian</i> ) ( <i>paraphrases</i> )	16–9th centuries

<b>Standard Babylonian Gilgamesh Epic</b>							
8th–2nd centuries	<i>Tablet I</i> Introduction Coming of Enkidu	<i>Tablets II–V</i> Expedition to the Cedar Forest	<i>Tablet VI</i> Ishtar and the Bull of Heaven	<i>Tablets VII–VIII</i> Death and Funeral of Enkidu	<i>Tablets IX–XI</i> Quest for Life Eternal	<i>(Tablet XII)</i> (Appendix) (= transl. of) (BN 172–end)	8th–2nd centuries