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mythology as the god of heaven. the god, to his messenger ( is simply the messenger to the god ) said: "Why has the south wind not blown upon the land for seven days?" His messenger, , answered him: "My lord, Adapa, the son of "( of course, he knew who was--one of the gods, an important god but not one of the leading ones) "Adapa, the son of , the wings of the south wind has broken." when he heard these words cried, "Help". He ascended his throne saying, "Let some one bring him. Likewise, let , who knows the heavens, summon him." And then there is a little break from which we gather that goes down to this favorite of his, this super-man, Adapa, and he gives Adapa some good advice and it says he made him wear some kind of black clothes. In mourning garb he clothed him and counseled him, saying, "Adapa, into the presence of the king art thou going. Let the order fail not. Keep my word. When thou cometh up to heaven and approacheth the gate of at the gate of , and are standing. Now this name occurs in the Bible. In Ezekiel we read about the women weeping for . was a Babylonian who died, and says that he when he comes to heaven and comes to the gate of the god of heaven will find and standing there. When they see thee they will ask, "For whose sake art thou thus, Adapa. For whom art thou dressed in the garbs of mourning?" And Adapa is to answer, "In our country two gods have disappeared, both of them . " "Who are the two gods who in the land have disappeared?" " and . " They will look at one another and be astounded. You see was a very sly, cunning sort of a god and he worked things out in very clever fashion, and so this way he shows Adapa how to make friends for himself in the court of honor. Gracious words will they speak to , a favorable countenance of honor will they show him. When thou standest before the fruit of the gods will they set before thee. Do