FIRST AGE OF EMPIRES : THE FERTILE CRESCENT

First Empire in Mesopotamia

This Poem is the Greatest Legend of Mesopotamia

EPIC of GILGAMESH

About 2350 BCE

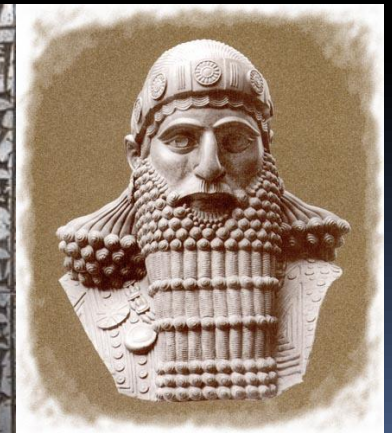This conqueror created the world's first empire

SARGON of AKKAD

1792 - 1750 BCE

Babylonians reached their peak under this ruler

KING HAMMURABI

Engraved stone contained the Rulers greatest legacy

HAMMURABI's CODE

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The Egyptian Empire

| 1640 - 1570 BCE | Asiatic (Indo-European) Invaders who ruled Egypt | HYKSOS |

| 1550 - 1540 BCE | Female ruler helped to expel Egypt's invaders | AHHOTEP |

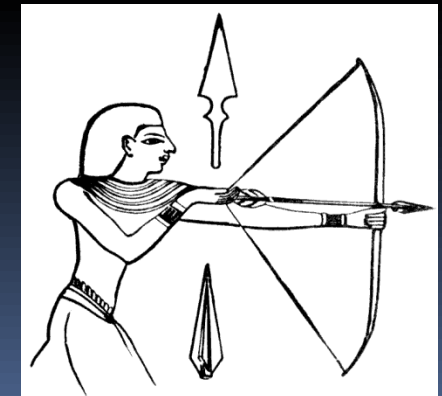| 1500 - 1200 BCE | Biblical group who were enslaved by Egyptians | HEBREWS |

| 1570 - 1365 BCE | New armies contained these kind of troops |

1. ARCHERS
2. CHARIOTEERS
3. INFANTRY
4. FOOT SOLDIERS

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1479 - 1458 BCE | Female ruler encouraged trade instead of war | HATSHEPSUT

THUTMOSE III | Warlike ruler conquered Syria, Palestine & Nubia | 1458 - 1425 BCE

1400 - 1285 BCE | Conquests brought Egypt into conflict with this group | HITTITES

RAMSES II | Pharaoh became one of the Empire's Great Builders | 1279 - 1258 BCE
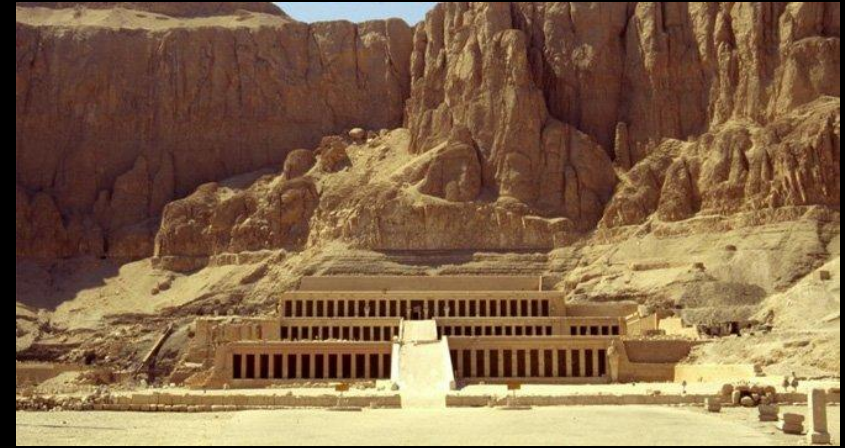
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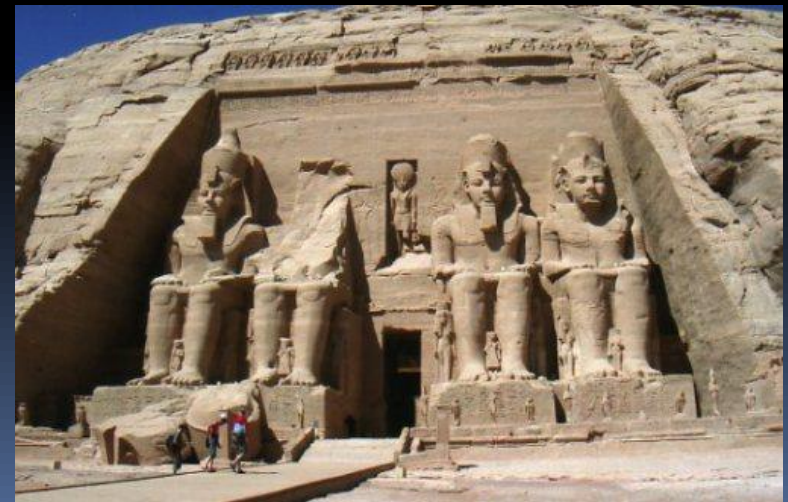The Egyptian Empire

Locations of New Tombs and Temples

Tombs near Thebes:
VALLEY OF THE KINGS

Temple of Amon-Ra:
LOCATED AT KARNAK

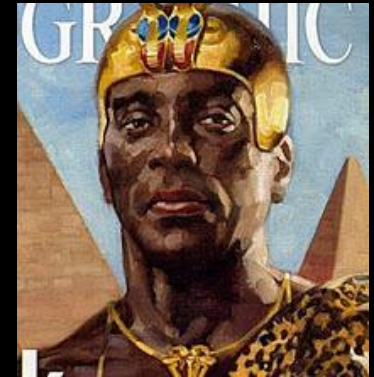Temple on the Nile River:
TEMPLE OF ABU-SIMBEL

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940 - 720 BCE

Kushite King who defeated Libyans & captured Egypt → PIANKHI

The Assyrian Empire

704 - 681 BCE

This Ruler destroyed Babylon & ordered its inhabitants killed → SENNACHERIB

Assyrian treatment of their victims

1. KILLED THEM
2. ENSLAVED THEM
3. EXPELLED THEM

Assyrian methods of governing

1. CENTRAL AUTHORITY
2. LOCAL GOVERNORS
3. MILITARY POWER

New Assyrian Capital containing the ancient world's largest library → NINEVEH

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The Assyrian Empire

671 - 627 BCE | This last great Assyrian King conquered Egypt | **ASHURBANIPAL**

612 BCE | Combined army of these people defeated Assyrians | **MENDES and CHALDEAN S**
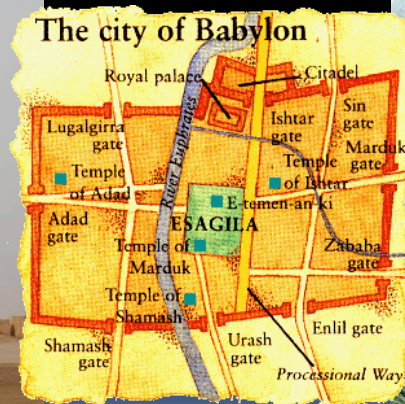
604 - 562 BCE | Chaldean King Restored Babylon | **NEBUCHADREZZAR**

Babylonians build two great structures within the city's walls

1. HANGING GARDENS
2. GREAT ZIGGURAT

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The Persian Empire

576 - 530 BCE

This Ruler founded the Persian Empire

CYRUS the GREAT

His most enduring legacy was the treatment of the people his Empire conquered

1. Kindness & Tolerance
2. Prevented Looting
3. Honored Customs

522 - 485 BCE

This ruler seized power using his "Ten Thousand Immortals"

DARIUS the GREAT

His real genius lay in his Administration of the Persian Empire

Divided into: 20 PROVINCES
Local Governors: SATRAPS
Important Route: ROYAL ROAD

Around 600 BCE

Persian Prophet offered answers to many questions

ZORASTER