



The Ancient Near East

Timeline Cards

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CHAPTER 1: Ancient Mesopotamia

Fertile Crescent



By around 3000 BCE, cities had started to grow in southern Mesopotamia.

Framing Question: Why is Mesopotamia called a “cradle of civilization”?



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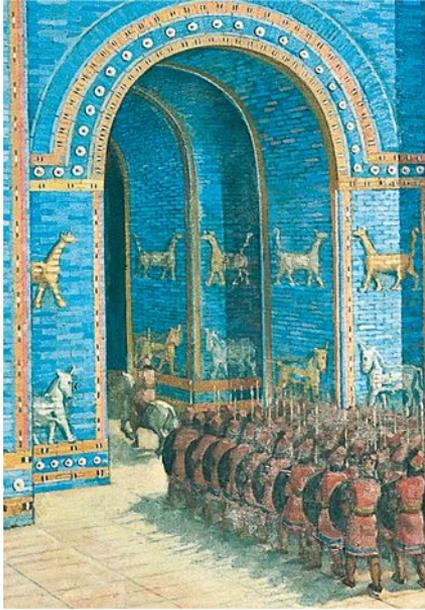


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Around 626 BCE, the Neo-Babylonian Empire replaced the Assyrian Empire, lasting until about 539 BCE.

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CHAPTER 2: Ancient Israel

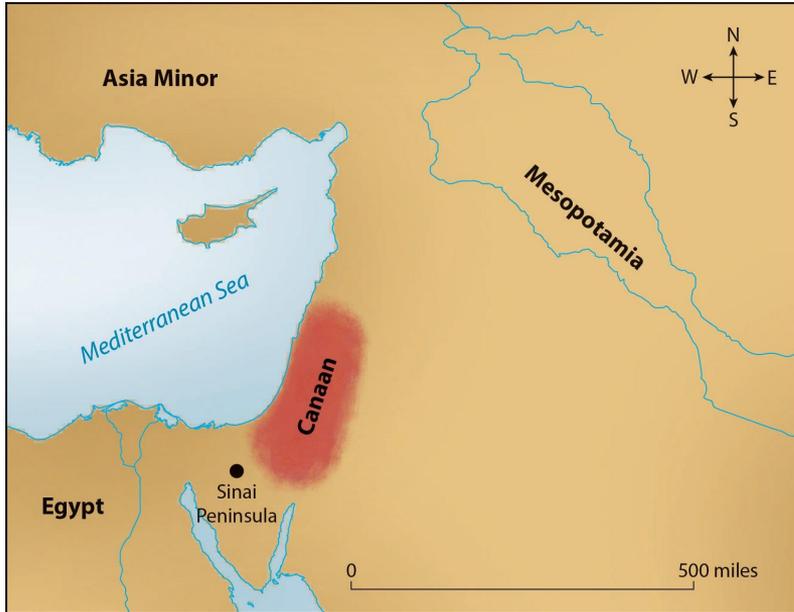


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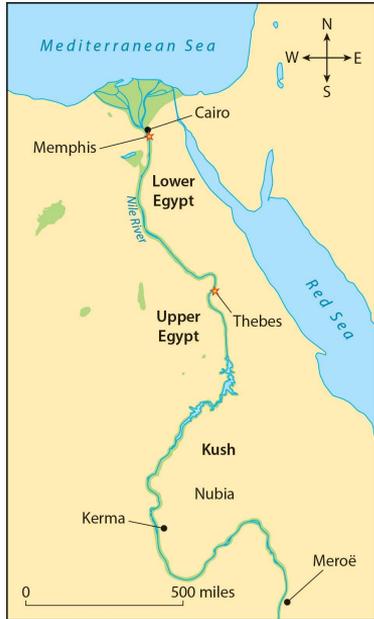
Around 3000 BCE, the Phoenicians settled in and around Canaan.

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CHAPTER 3: Ancient Egypt

Around 3150 BCE, Narmer united Upper and Lower Egypt and became the first pharaoh.



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The Great Pyramid at Giza was built around 2570 BCE.

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Ahmose became pharaoh in 1560 BCE, the beginning of Egypt's New Kingdom.

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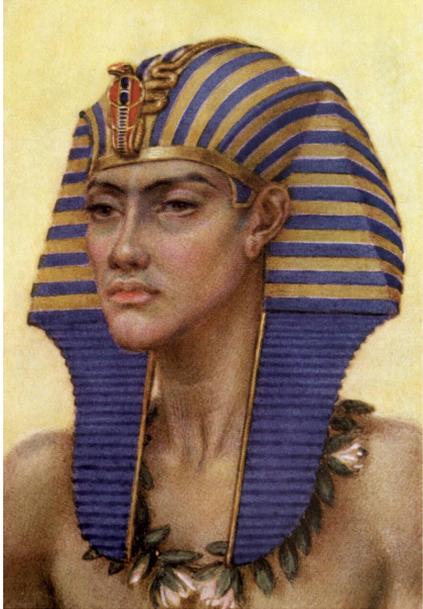
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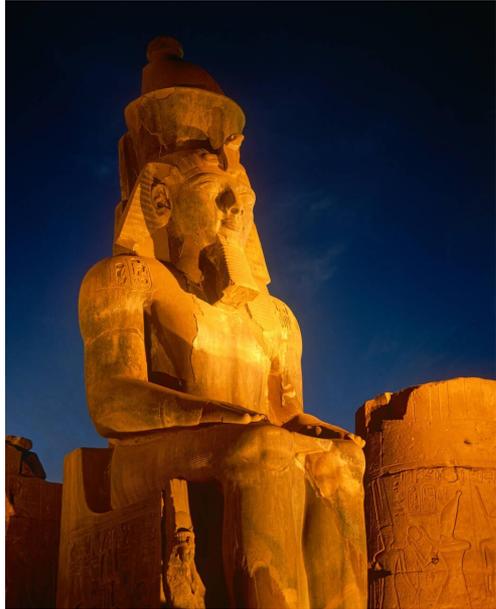


In the 1350s BCE, Akhenaten tried to change religion in Egypt.

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Ramses II was one of Egypt's longest-reigning pharaohs, ruling from 1279 to 1213 BCE.

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The nearby kingdom of Kush conquered Egypt around 745 BCE.

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In 350 CE, Kush was conquered by a kingdom called Aksum.

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