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## Early human ancestors

Akkadians



Copper model of Sargon

## Details

- From northern Meso.
- Conquered Sumer 2300 BCE
- King Sargon
- Great war strategies - powerful army
- Had his best, most trusted men stay behind in maintain control in conquered cities
- First empire
- First postal system
- Built system of roads to connect empire and simplify trade
- 56 year rule for Sargon then sons and their sons = first monarchy - a monarchy is a line of rulers from same family; usually called king or queen
- Used Sumerian cuneiform at first then used Akkadian
- Maintained Sumerian irrigation system
- same gods as Sumerians
- Empire collapsed due to famine, a resulting decline in trade and eventual revolts



## Six word summary

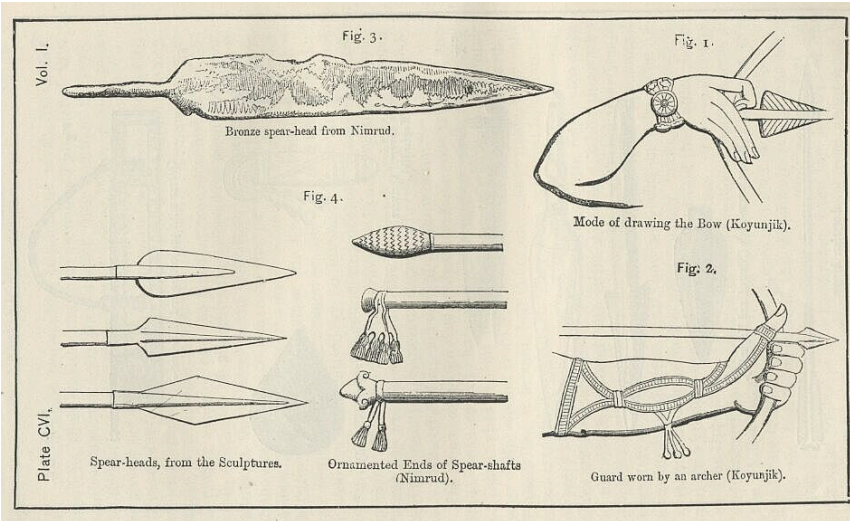
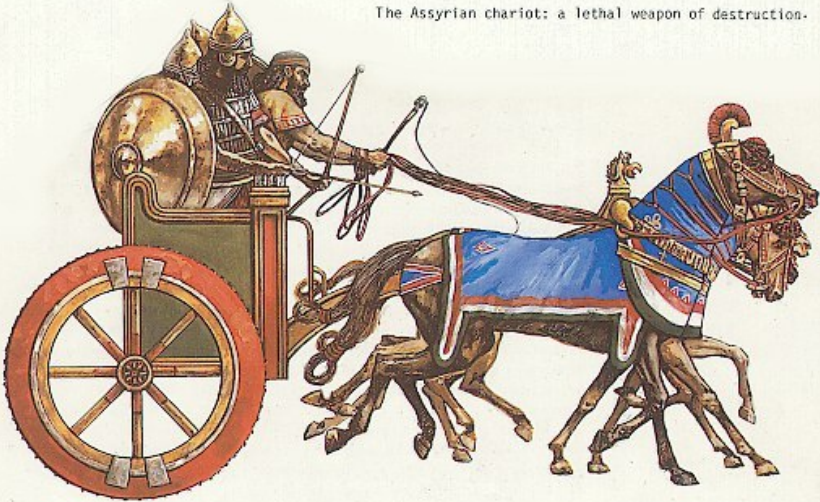
### Assyrians

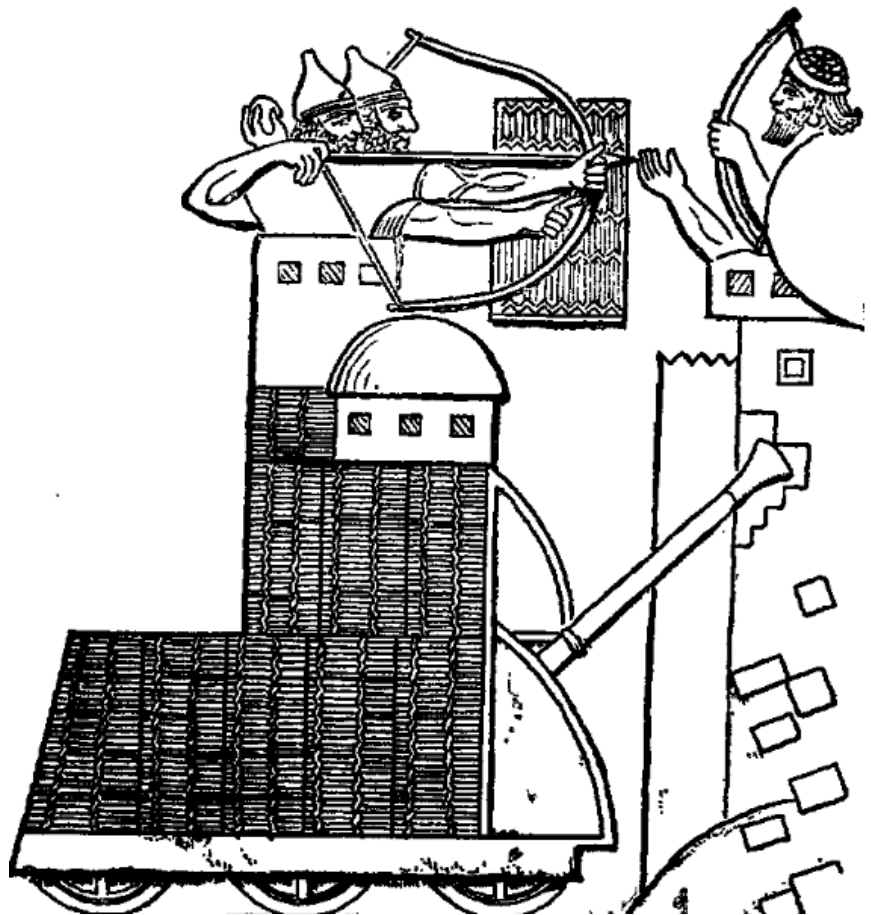


- Ruled at three different times
- Strong army
- Great weapons made of iron
- Siege towers to knock down walls, enter the city, and take over



The Assyrian chariot: a lethal weapon of destruction.





- Largest of the four empires
- Very religious
- Eventually collapsed; empire was too large to control

Looking for a truly in-depth analysis and illustrations of weapons and strategy? Go to

<http://www.heritageinstitute.com/zoroastrianism/rawlinson/2assyria/r2d.htm>

Six word summary

Babylonians

- Ruled by King Hammurabi
- Conquered Assyrians for short time
- Famous for Hammurabi's Code of Laws -
  - Eye for an eye





King Hammurabi



○ Tooth for a tooth

- **Applied to everyone**; even women and kids were protected
- 282 laws mostly about farming
- Established roads and postal system
- powerful traders
- **Empire fell apart shortly after Hammurabi's death**

Six word summary

## Neo-Babylonians



<http://www.unmuseum.org/hangg.htm>



**Hanging Gardens** built by King

Nebuchadnezzar II

Drove Egyptians from Egypt

Destroyed the Temple of Jerusalem then  
exiled the Jews to Babylon

Hanging Gardens might be a myth!

Invented first sundial

Great at math

Amazing astronomers

75 year reign - defeated by Persians

Rebuilt 11 miles of double walls around Babylon

Rebuilt the main ziggurat that honored Marduk - it's  
thought that this building was the Tower of Babel.

## Gate of Ishtar

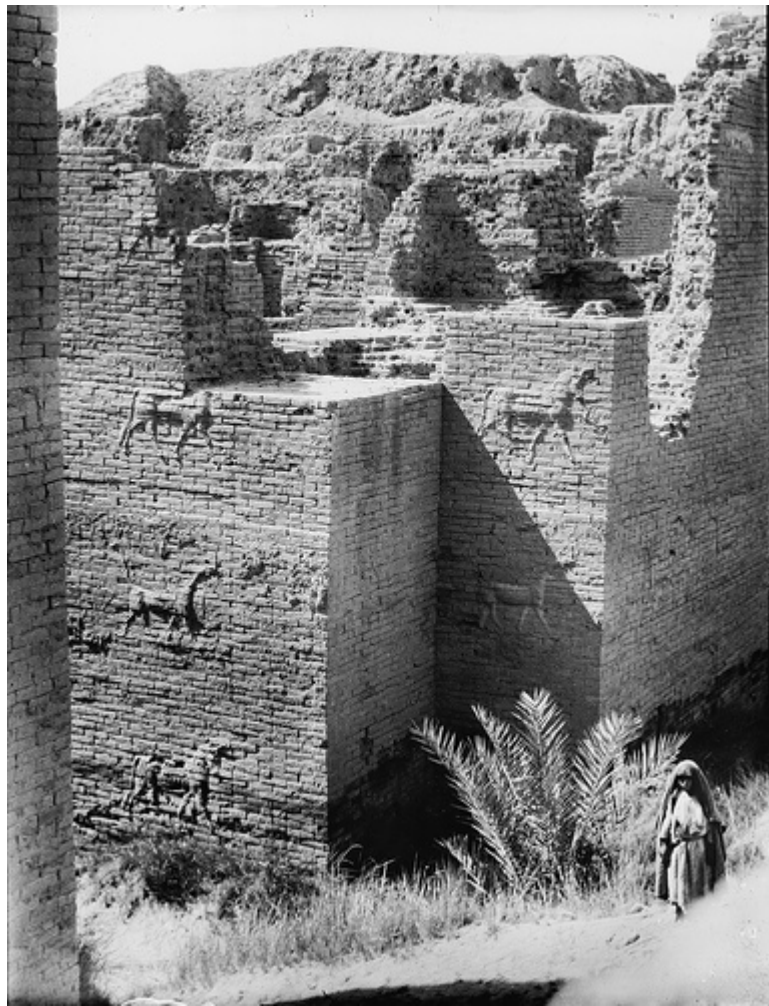
Built as an entrance to the walled city of Babylon

Built by King Nebuchadnezzar II

<http://viewpure.com/U2iZ83oIZH0?ref=bkmmk>



Rebuilt in museum in Berlin, Germany



Uncovered in early 1900's





Reconstructed in 1930's

Six word summary

empire

- An **empire** is a number of individual city-states or countries that are all controlled by the government or ruler of one particular country.

siege warfare

the use of [offensive](#) operations carried out to [capture](#) a [fortified](#) place by surrounding it, [severing](#) its [communications](#) and supply lines, and [deploying weapons](#) against it such as a siege tower



Siege warfare, reign of Ashurnasirpal II, 9th c. BC (see text commentary for detailed caption)



Akkadian six word summary	
Assyrians six word summary	
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