Akkadians	Babylonians	Hittites	Assyrians
2300's BCE	1800-1700 BCE	1600-1100 BCE	900-600 BCE
United city-states into 1st Empire Capital city Agade a cultural center Used phalanx and guerilla warfare Appointed loyal governors Broke down city walls Commemorated events on steles Blended cultures	Hammurabi First set of written laws Social Distinction in laws Eye for an Eye Punishments Capital city Babylon Trade Flourished Created Postal Service Built Roads Marduk Supreme god	First to use Iron Weaponry and Chariots Early Indo-European Language Kassites took over	Ashurbanipal Warlike Fear Scare Tactics Siege Warfare Expanded Empire to Egypt Capital city of Ninevah Great Palace Library Bas-Reliefs Winged Sculptures Built Aqueducts Perfecting Iron Weaponry and Horses

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Phoenicians	Neo-Babylonians	Persians	
	600-500 BCE	500-300 BCE	
Traded Purple Dye	Nebuchadnezzar II	Cyrus the Great	
Carthage and Tyre Port Cities	Gate of Ishtar	Merciful Ruler	
Sea Expansion	Hanging Gardens of Babylon	Freed Jews	
Semite People	Fortified City with	Tolerant of traditions and religions	
Bireme Ships	Towers and Moats	Cyrus Cylinder	
First Alphabet	Astronomy (Sundial & Base 60)	(1st Bill of Rights)	
	Mathematics	Darius I	
	Drove Egyptians out of	Rock of Behistun Carved	
	Syria		
	Conquered Canaan (Judah)		
	Enslaved Hebrews		