

Sumer

3000 B.C. – 2300 B.C.



Center of agriculture. Cities in Larsa, Uruk, Ur of the Chaldees. Kingdom of Lagash.

Akkad

2300 B.C. – 1800 B.C.



Centered in Agade, Semitic language. Chief rulers: Sargon I

Old Babylon

1800 B.C. – 1600 B.C.



Centered on Babylon and Kish between the Tigris and Euphrates. Hammurabi code.

Hittite Empire

1600 B.C. – 1200 B.C.



Bronze age culture in Asia Minor

Small kingdoms

1200 B.C. – 900 B.C.



Period of chaos, including the rise of Israel

Assyrian Empire

900 B.C. – 650 B.C.



Centered on Ashur; expanded under Tiglath-Pileser to capture much of what is now Iran and Palestine

New Babylon

630 B.C. – 600 B.C.



The Chaldaen Empire of Nebuchadnezzar

Persian Empire

550 B.C. – 330 B.C.



Forged by Cyrus the Great the empire extended across the Middle East, even attacking Greece (Xerxes) until defeated at Thermopylae

Alexander - Hellenistic Domination

330 B.C. – 100 B.C.



Alexander's Macedonian troops conquered Egypt, Asia Minor, and the Persian Empire, spreading Greek culture across the Middle East

2750 B.C.

2500 B.C.

2250 B.C.

2000 B.C.

1750 B.C.

1500 B.C.

1250 B.C.

1000 B.C.

750 B.C.

500 B.C.

250 B.C.

1 A.D.

250 A.D.

Greek Theories of motion