

Sumer
3001 BC – 2301 BC



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

Akkad
2301 BC – 1801 BC



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

Old Babylon
1801 BC – 1601 BC



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

Hittite Empire
1601 BC – 1201 BC



Bronze age culture in Asia Minor

Small kingdoms
1201 BC – 901 BC



Period of chaos, including the rise of Israel

Assyrian Empire
901 BC – 651 BC



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

New Babylon
631 BC – 601 BC



The Chaldaen Empire of Nebuchadnezzar

Persian Empire
551 BC – 331 BC



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

Alexander - Hellenistic Domination
331 BC – 101 BC



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

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