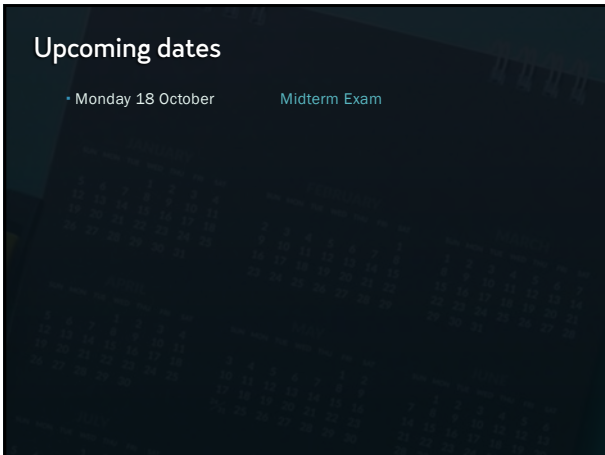
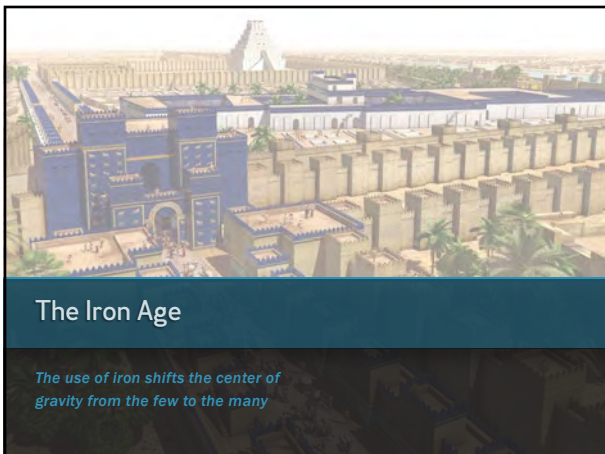




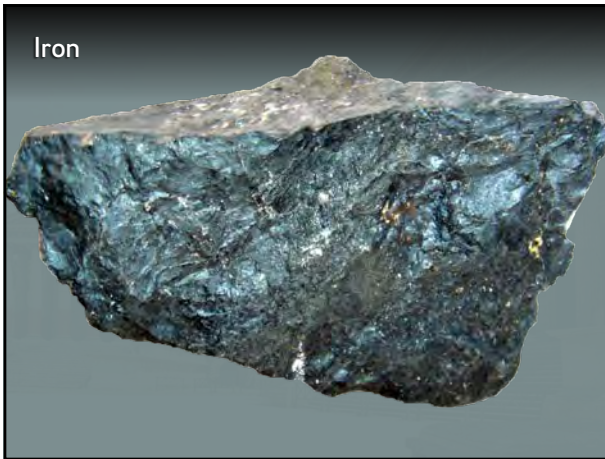
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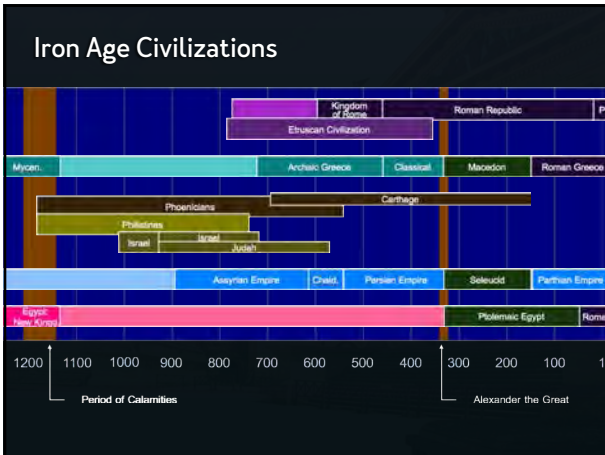


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Languages and writing systems

Today

Language	Writing system
English	Latin alphabet
Spanish, French, German, etc.	Latin alphabet
Russian	Cyrillic alphabet
Ukrainian	Cyrillic alphabet
Arabic	Arabic alphabet
Farsi	Persian alphabet
Hebrew	Hebrew alphabet
Yiddish	Hebrew alphabet

All descended from Phoenician alphabet

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Languages and writing systems

Ancient world

Language	Writing system	Type
Sumerian	Cuneiform	Pictographic
Babylonian, Chaldean, etc.	Cuneiform	
Hittite	Cuneiform	
Egyptian	Hieroglyphics	
Minoan	Linear A	Syllabic
Mycenaean Greek	Linear A → Linear B	
Phoenicians	Phoenician alphabet	Phonetic
Greeks	Phoenician → Greek alphabet	
Etruscans	Phoenician → Etruscan alphabet	
Romans	Phoenician → Latin alphabet	

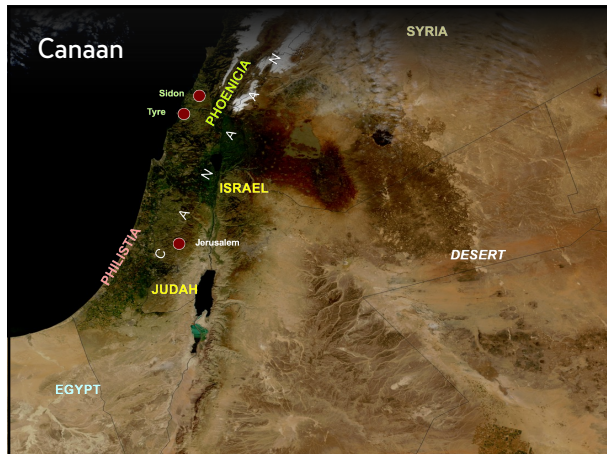
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Iron Age Canaan

The fall of the Bronze Age powers that fought over Canaan allowed local powers to flourish

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Iron Age peoples in Canaan

Indo-Europeans (migrants from the Aegean)

- Philistines

Semitic Peoples

- Aramaeans
- Phoenicians
- Israelites
 - Exodus from Egypt 1250
 - Struggle for Canaan 1200-1000
 - Kingdom of Israel 1020-722

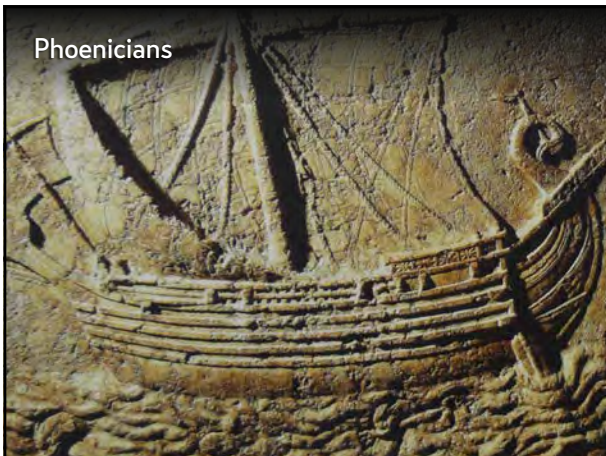
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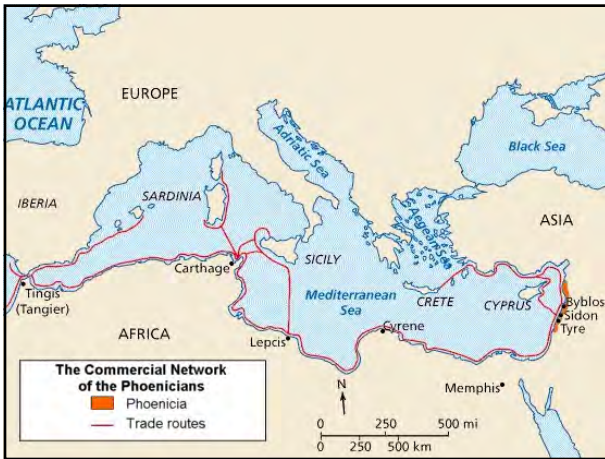


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Phoenicians



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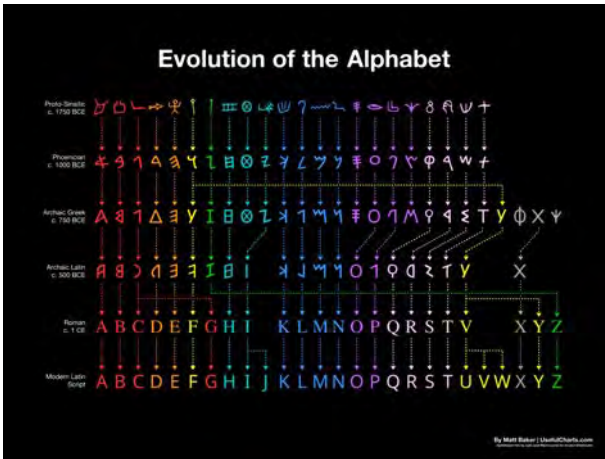
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∪ Nun Fish	∩ Mem Water	∟ Lamedh Ox-Goad	∟ Kaph Palm of Hand	∩ Yodh Hand	⊕ Teth Unknown	∩ Heth Fence
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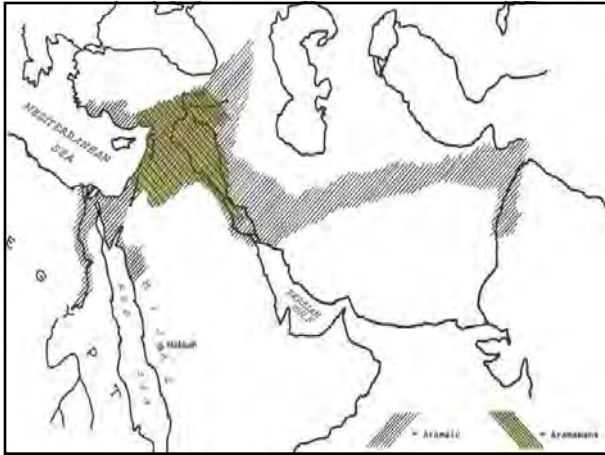
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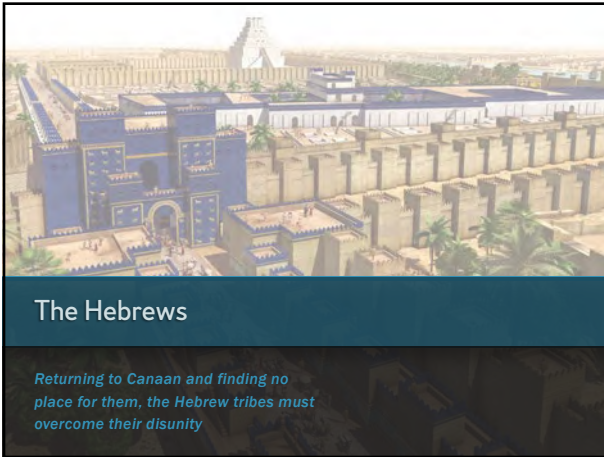
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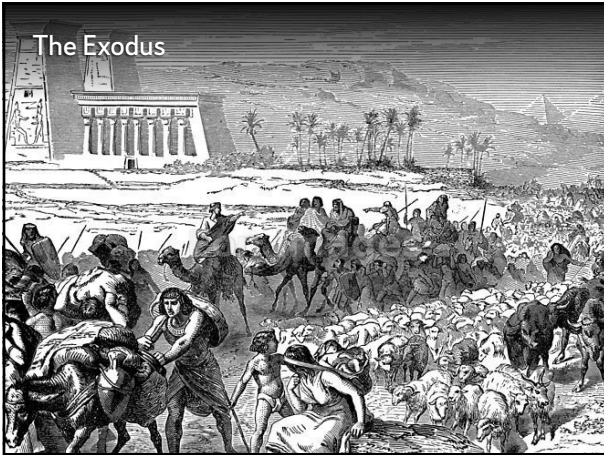
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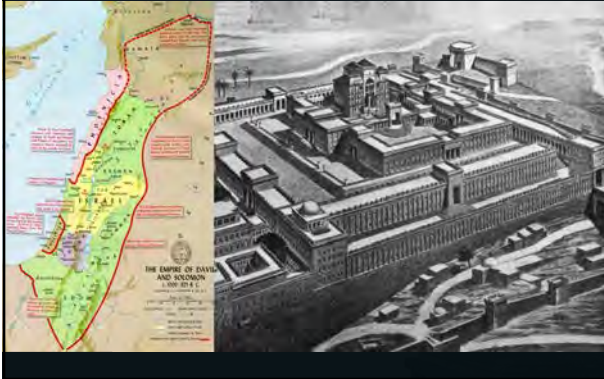


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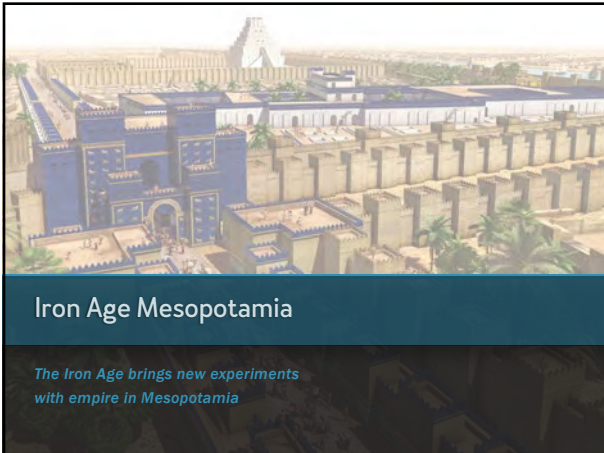
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Expansion of the Kingdom of Israel



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Iron Age Mesopotamia



The Iron Age brings new experiments with empire in Mesopotamia

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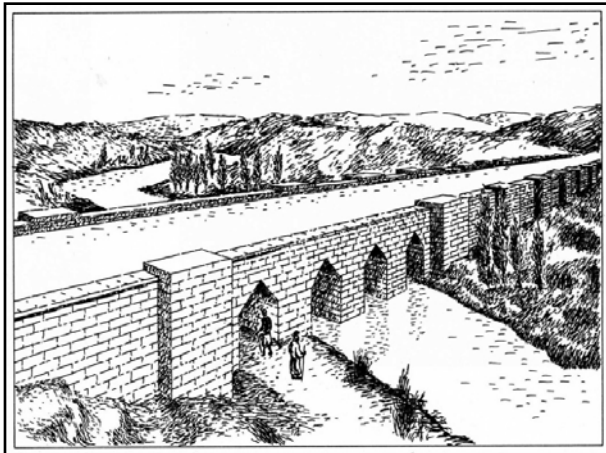
Neo-Assyrian Empire



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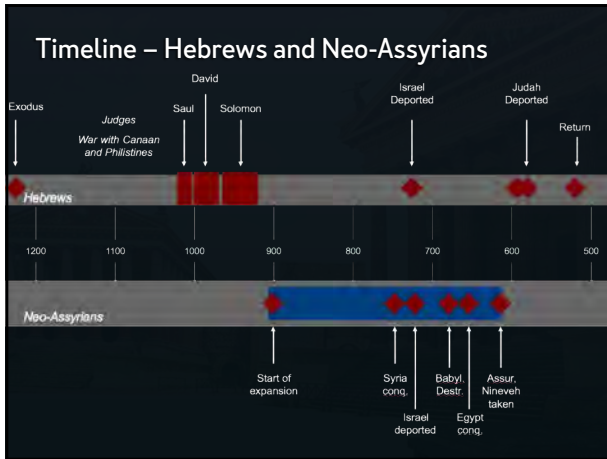
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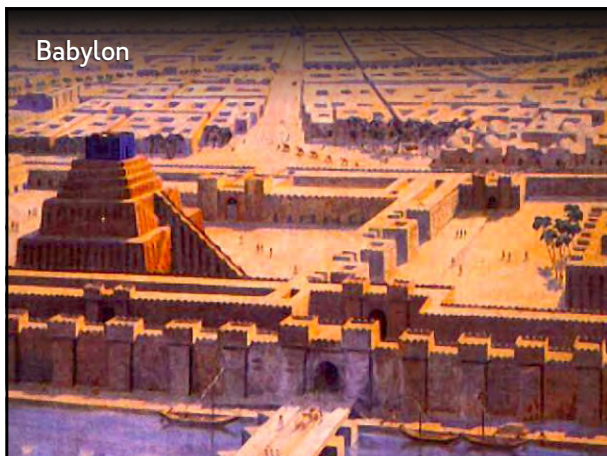
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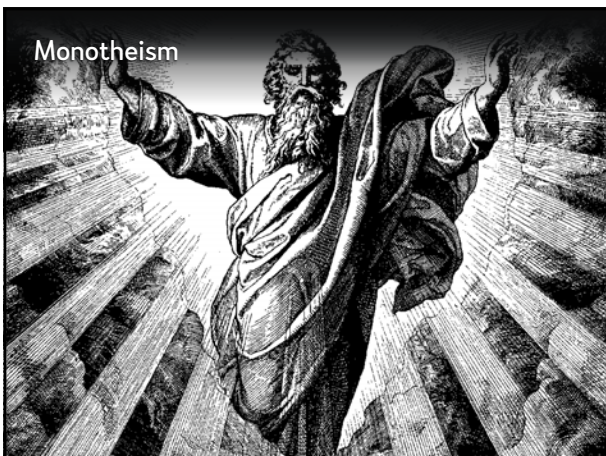
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Ancient Religions

Polytheism

- Mesopotamia — Sumer, Akkad, Babylon, Assyria
- Egypt
- Anatolia — Hittites
- Aegean — Minoans, Mycenaeans, Greeks

Dualism

- Persia (Zoroastrianism, Mithraism)

Monotheism

- Israel and Judah (Judaism)
- Christianity

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