

WOMEN IN ANTIQUITY

Meeting 6 **Women and the Kingdom of Israel**

- The Exodus and Israel/Judah
- The Babylonian Captivity
- Esther and Ruth

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Upcoming dates

Monday 17 October Proposal due via BlackBoard

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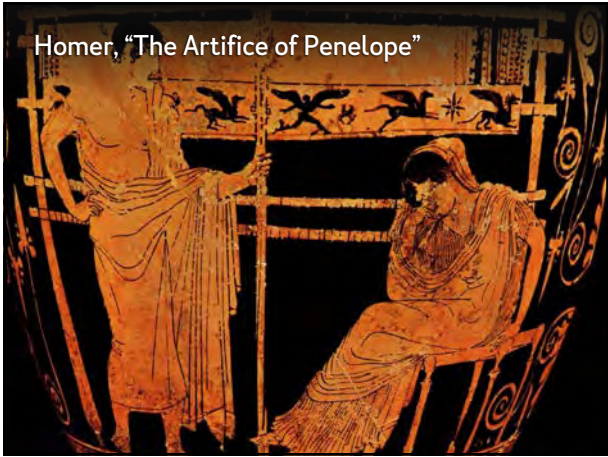
Homer, "Agamemnon's Insult"

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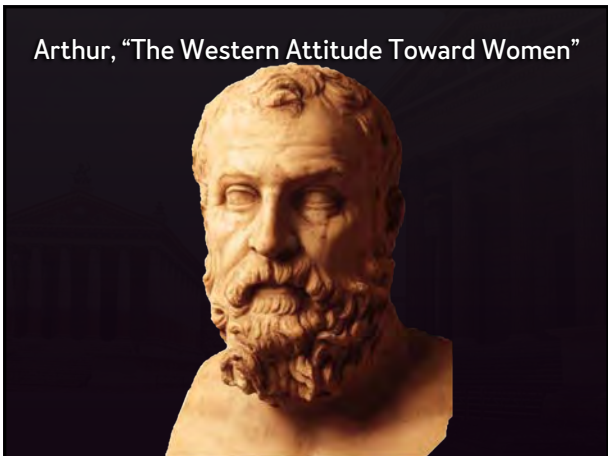
Homer, "Nausicaa and the Stranger"

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Homer, "The Artifice of Penelope"

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Arthur, "The Western Attitude Toward Women"

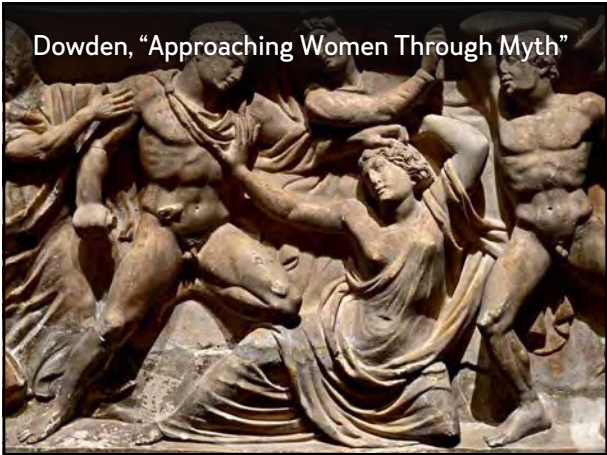
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Ortner, "Is Female to Male as Nature Is to Culture?"



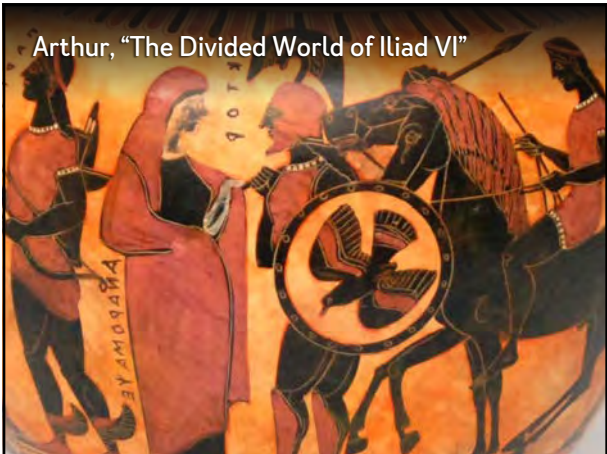
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Dowden, "Approaching Women Through Myth"



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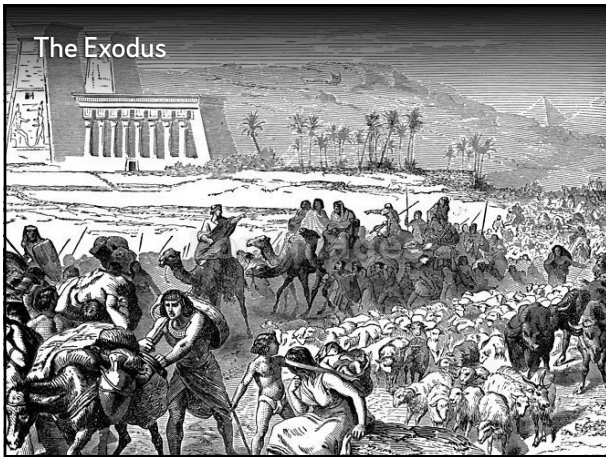
Arthur, "The Divided World of Iliad VI"



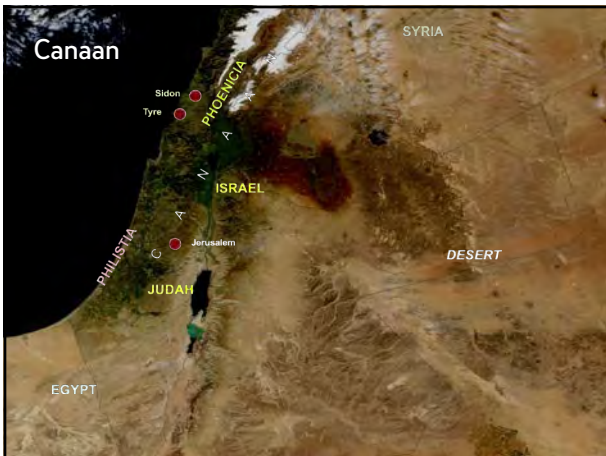
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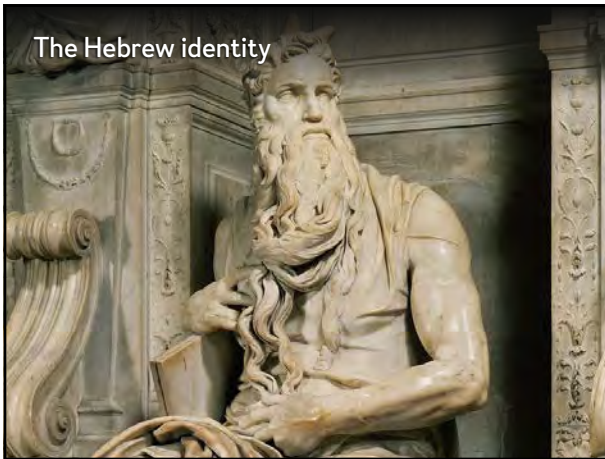
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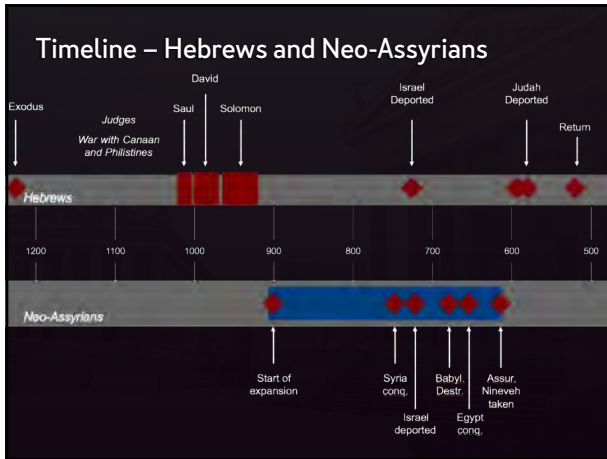
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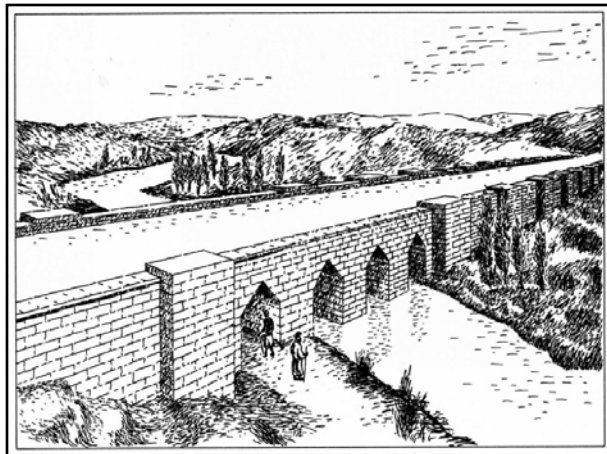
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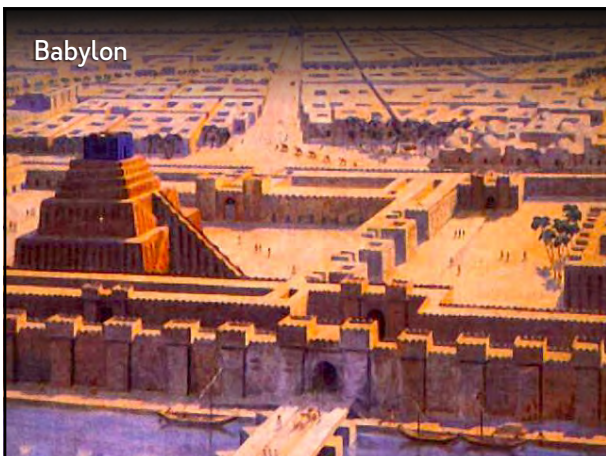
Ruling the Neo-Assyrian Empire

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Deportation of Northern Kingdom (722 BCE)

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Babylon

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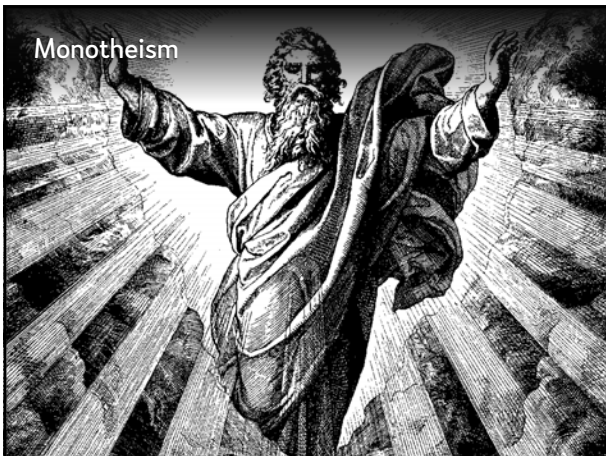
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Ancient Religions

Polytheism

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

Dualism

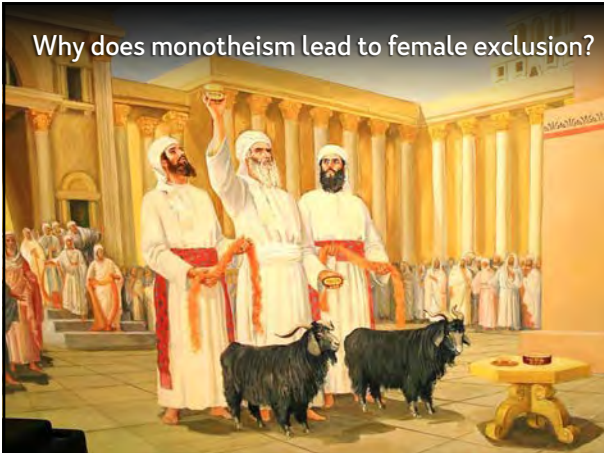
- Persia (Zoroastrianism, Mithraism)

Monothelism

- Israel and Judah (Judaism)
- Christianity

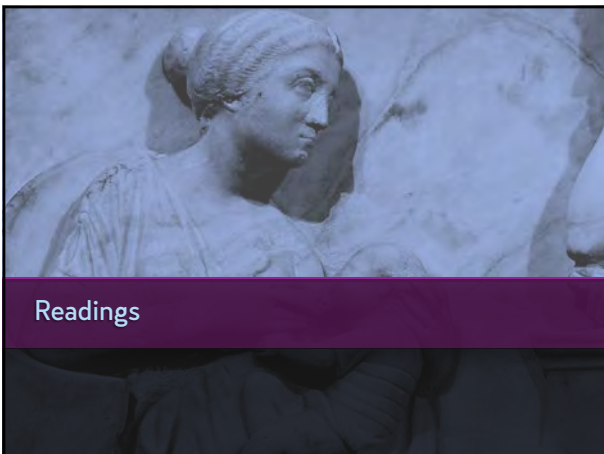
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Why does monotheism lead to female exclusion?

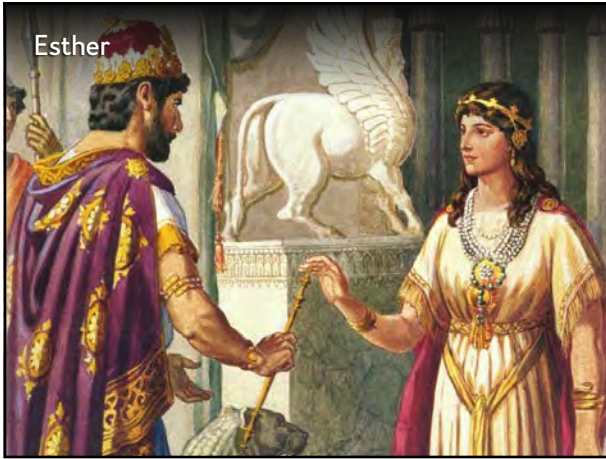


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Readings



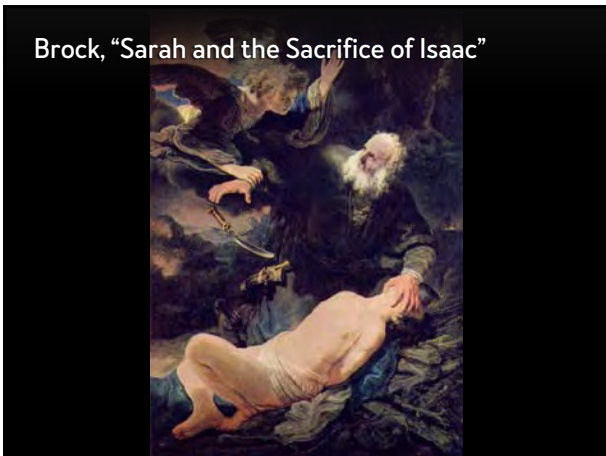
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Archer, "Exclusion of the Female in Jewish History"

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Archer, "Jewish Women in Graeco-Roman Palestine"

Remains of Masada synagogue

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Rome, 2nd century CE

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