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The Epic of Gilgamesh

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Humbaba



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Semitic peoples of
Southwest Asia

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Semitic peoples of the Bronze Age

- Akkadians
- Assyrians
- Babylonians
 - Chaldeans etc.
- Canaanites
 - Hebrews
 - Phoenicians
- Arabs

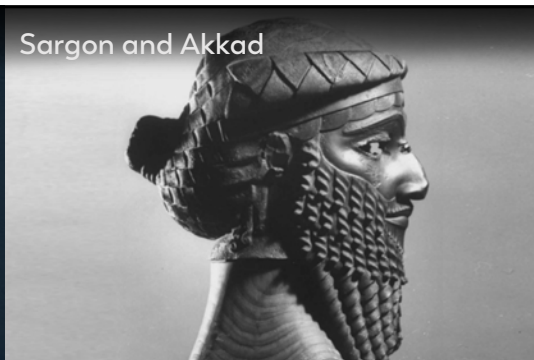
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Fertile Crescent



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Sargon and Akkad



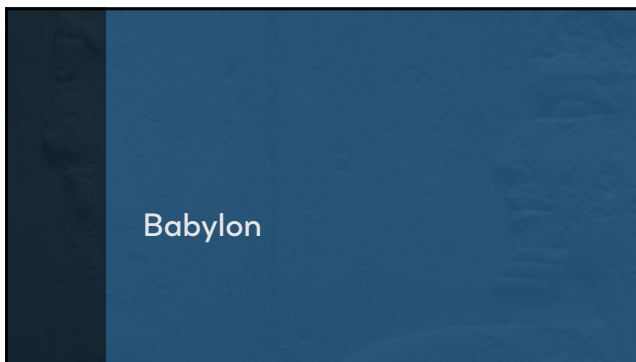
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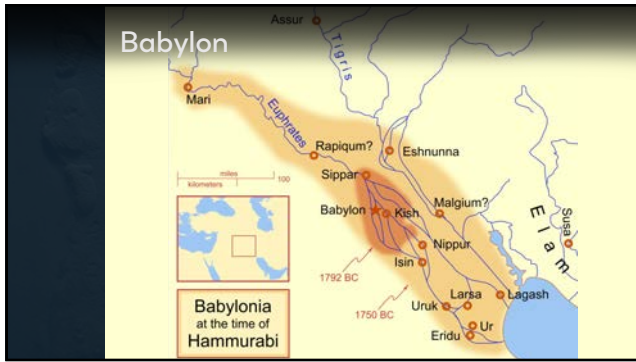
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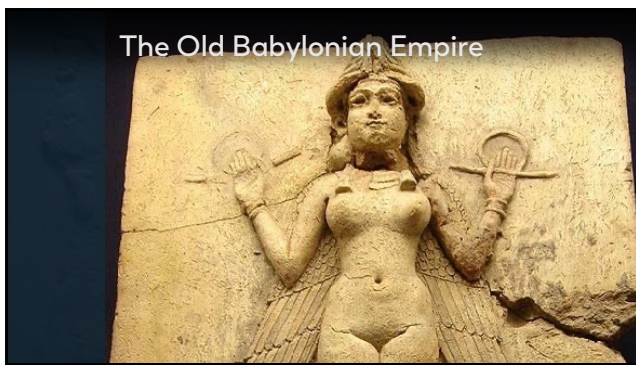
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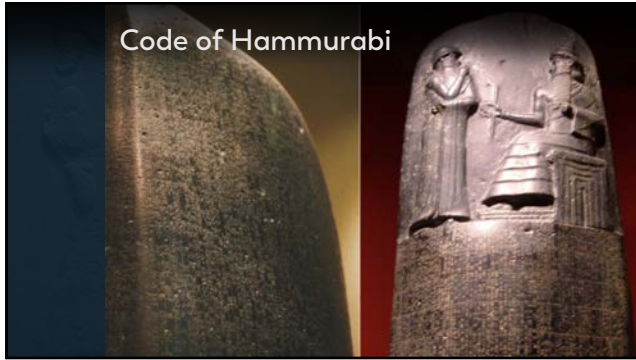
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Importance of the Code

- Unified legal system emphasizes benefits of empire
- Consistent rules for guilt and sentencing
 - From city to city
 - From judge to judge
- Public law
- State supersedes family

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