

<b>Timechart of Early Mesopotamian History</b>		
<b>Date (BC)</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>City Event</b>
<b>3200</b>	Near East	Farming, Clay bricks, irrigation canals, pottery and metallurgy
<b>3100-2300</b>	Southern Mesopotamia	The Ubaid culture flourishes
<b>3000</b>	Southern Mesopotamia	The Uruk period. Named after Uruk: an early city. First cities are created.
<b>3000</b>	Mesopotamia	Writing invented
<b>2750</b>	Mesopotamia	A Semitic people: the Akkadians begin to settle
<b>2600</b>	Mesopotamia	Wheeled transport introduced
<b>2600</b>	Ur	Ur is a leading center of civilization.
<b>2400</b>	Agade	Sargon I usurps the kingdom of Kish and builds a new city called Agade. Early ziggurat. Sargon I becomes King-founds Akkadian dynasty
<b>2371</b>	Sumer & Akkad	Sargon I forms an empire in Sumer and Akkad
<b>2255-2218</b>	Agade	Naram-sin, grandson of Sargon I, becomes King and continues the empire
<b>2230</b>	Agade	Akkadian dynasty ends
<b>2200</b>	Northern Babylonia	The savage Gutians occupy northern Babylonia
<b>2100</b>	Lagash	The city of Lagash flourished during this time particularly under the King Gudea.
<b>2100</b>	Ur	Third dynasty of Ur forms extensive empire in Babylonia. Revival of the Sumerians as a political power
<b>2100</b>	Ur	Early ziggurat built
<b>2000</b>	Southern Mesopotamia	Ur and her empire collapses under the pressure of another group of people moving into Mesopotamia: the Amorites
<b>2000</b>	Mesopotamia	Amorites move into Mesopotamia
<b>2006-1894</b>	Babylonia	Isin-Larsa period: when Isin and Larsa were the dominant cities
<b>1792-60</b>	Babylon	Hammurapi rules
<b>1763</b>	Larsa	Larsa is overthrown by the Kassites
<b>1757</b>	Mari	Royal palace destroyed by the Babylonians
<b>1415-1155</b>	Southern Mesopotamia	Kassite invaders rule Babylon and most of southern Mesopotamia
<b>1000</b>	Assyria	Assyria becomes more important and begins to form an empire
<b>612</b>	Assyria	Assyria is defeated by the Medes and Babylonians
<b>605-562</b>	Babylon	Nebuchadnezzar II rules
<b>539</b>	Babylon	The Achaemenid (Persian) empire captures Babylon