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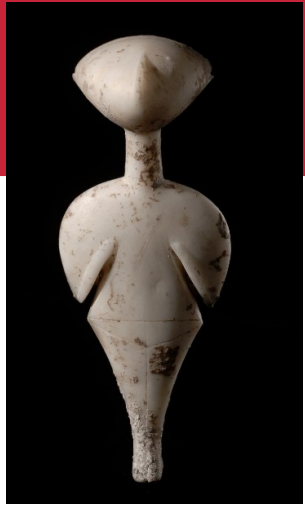
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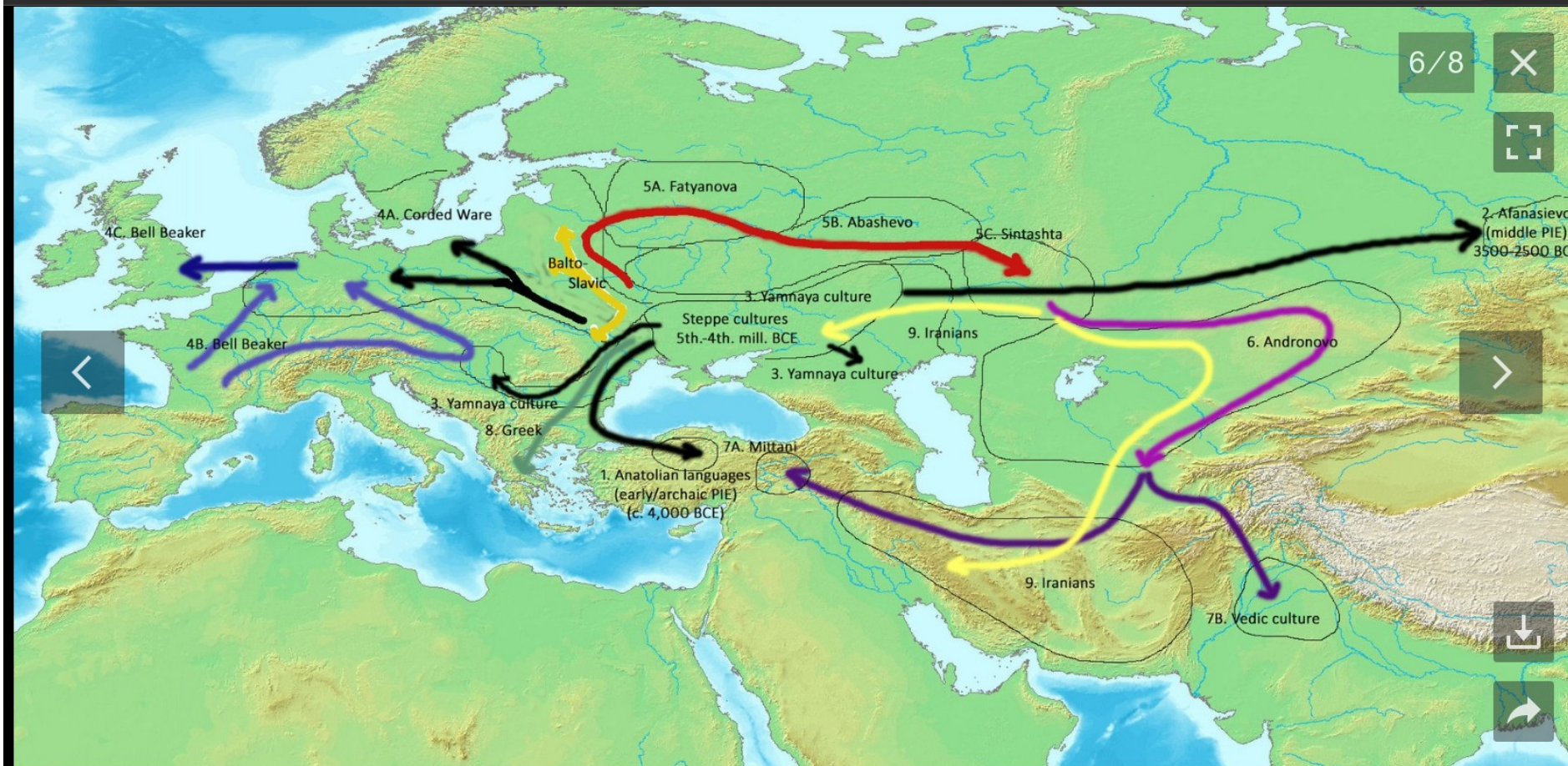
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Stargazer



- Beautiful, best of its kind in the world
- Maybe much earlier than other Near East CMA pieces, 3000BCE is pre-Sargonic, but **2000BCE** puts us in the post-Sargonic time of biblical Enoch=Shekhna(?) (**2054-1979**)
- In any case, pre-Indo-Iranian, pre-Luwian/pre-Hittite, pre-Kurgan/pre-Yamnaya insofar as Western Anatolia is concerned
- Compare to mother goddess old Europe pre-IE art, e.g. pre-Nuragic Sardinian mother goddess c. 20thC BCE
- Concerned with the sky: compare “Watchers” (Enoch 8), probably proto-Chaldeans in the Hurrian/Harran/Balikh River area, whose “godlessness” was enchantments & resolving of enchantments (pharmacy), root-cuttings (horticulture), astrology/constellations (astronomy), knowledge of the clouds (meteorology), signs of the earth (geology/seismology), signs of the sun (heliophysics), course of the moon (selenology); cf. Jubilees “first [Amorite] who learnt writing and knowledge and wisdom and wrote down the signs of [stars] according to their order of the months, that men might know the seasons” (so what were they watching?); see also Apkallu scholars




Scheme of Indo-European language dispersals from c. 4000 to 1000 BCE according to the widely held [Kurgan hypothesis](#). – Center: Steppe cultures 1 (black): Anatolian

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Kilia Idols
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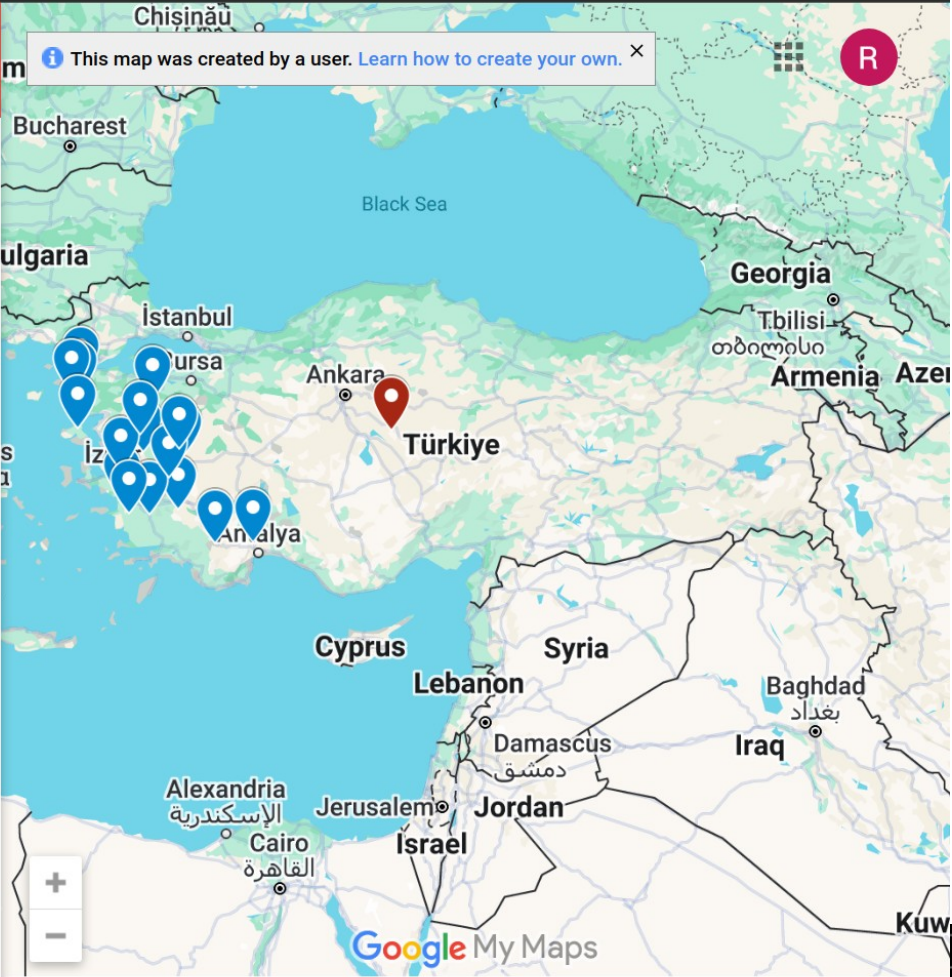
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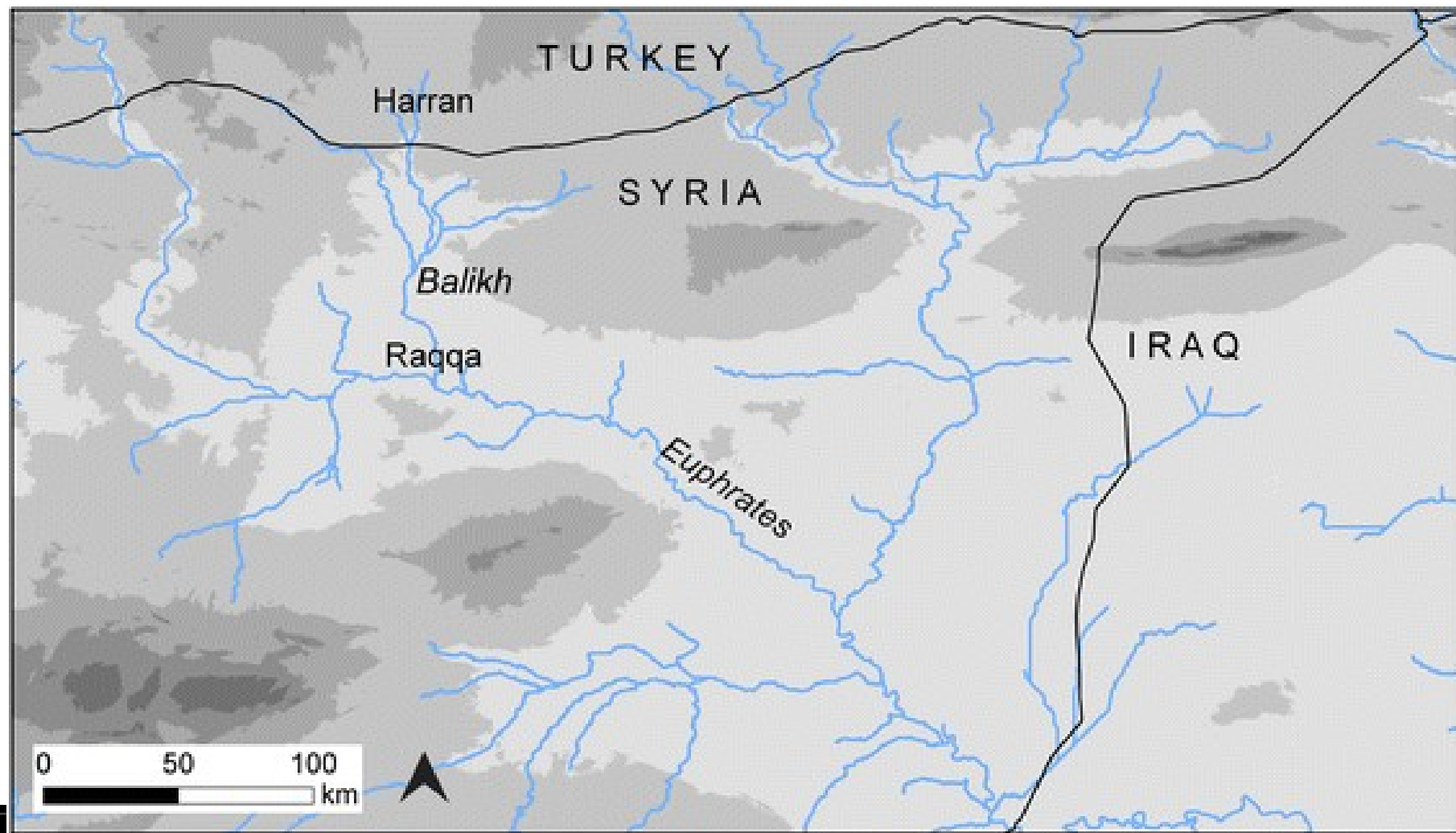
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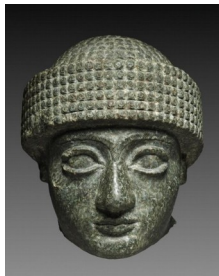
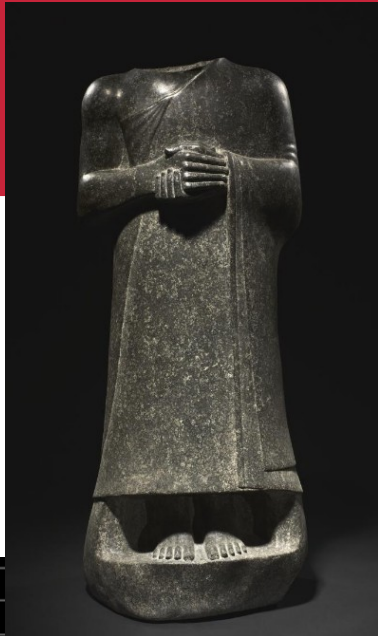


The first kingdom at its greatest extent, including vassals

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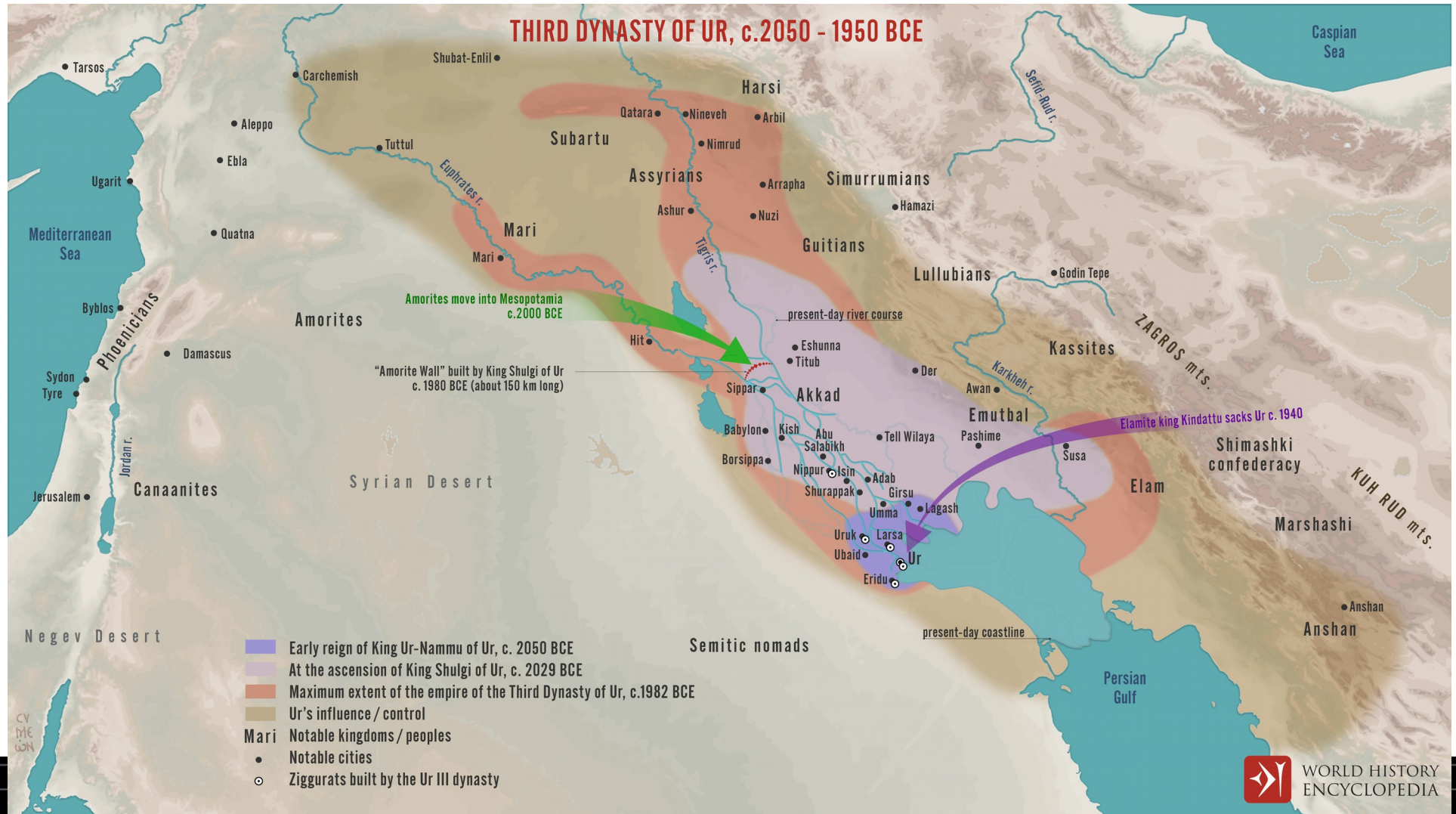
Gudea

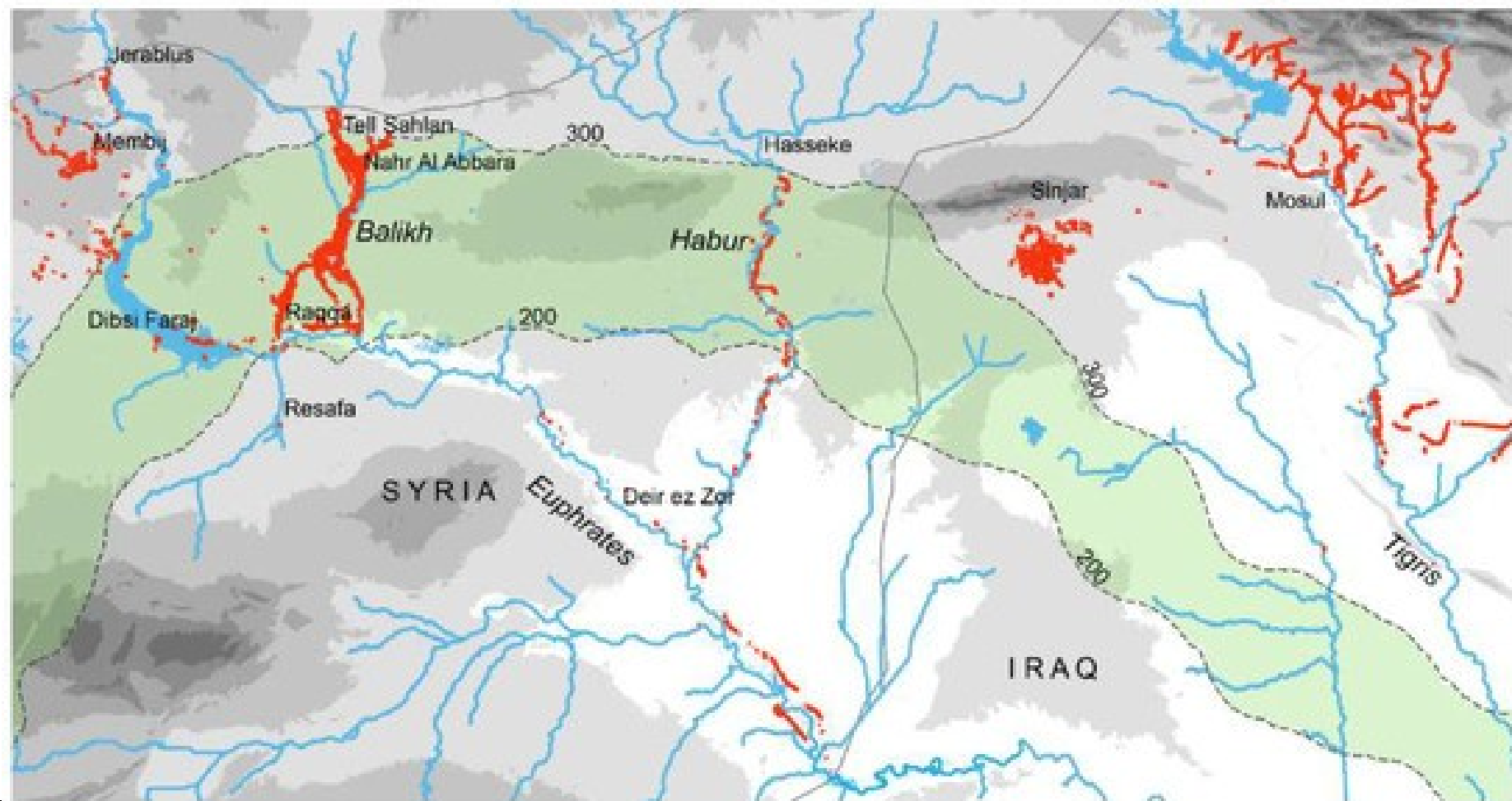


- “Ensi” (modestly, governor, not “Lugal”=god king) of Lagash (on Tigris upstream of Larsa near old coast/marshland)
- r. **2144-2124** (MC) independent of Akkad/Ur-III/Elam, during Gutian usurpers of Sumer and Akkadian remnants around Mar-i, after the fall of Sargon’s Akkadian Empire ending with Dudu and Shu-Turul
- Known for building irrigation canals and temples, not just conquest (e.g., of distant Anshan in Elam)
- Soon thereafter Ur-III (Ur-Nammu 2112), found beheaded statues of Gudea’s 3rd successor Nam-Mahani and his wife; Ur-III’s Shulgi and Ibbi-Sin would try to prevent Amorite incursions with wall, unsuccessfully
- Weiss/Yale Tell Leilan project documents famine, collapse, tephra layer, 4.2ka bp drought (2150-1950), Karaca Dag phreatic venting, massive lahar when rains return in the (K)Habor Basin (retreat to Mar-din=Arg/Ark=mountain fortress; see also Mt. Cudi/Bari? location also on the Urartu mountains front range)
- Contemporary of biblical Adam (ha’adam=human=Amorite person, later edom=red), first Mar-Tu with a lineage, he as far north as you can go in Mesopotamia, in Padan/Edn/Adn=modern Kurdish Rojava (cf. 210 in LA), Gudea as far south=ancient Sumer (cf. 405 meeting 5 near the coast)
- Two calculations: 1. **Adam**-Se-En-Ca-Ma-Ja-En-Me-La-**Noah**’-Sh-Ar-Sa-He-Ph-Ra-Se-Na-Te’-**Abram**’-Is’-Ja-Le-Ge-Am’-**Moses** b. 1625, 25 * 17 (est. mean firstborn @17)=425 + (‘)5 born later than usual first family → 525 → Adam **b. 2150**; or 2. lunar shanim until Noah, repaired ages to reflect biostats/Josephus, biannual planting shanim after deluge, anchor date Battle of Siddim c. 1767 Abram @42 → Adam **b. 2148**



THIRD DYNASTY OF UR, c.2050 - 1950 BCE



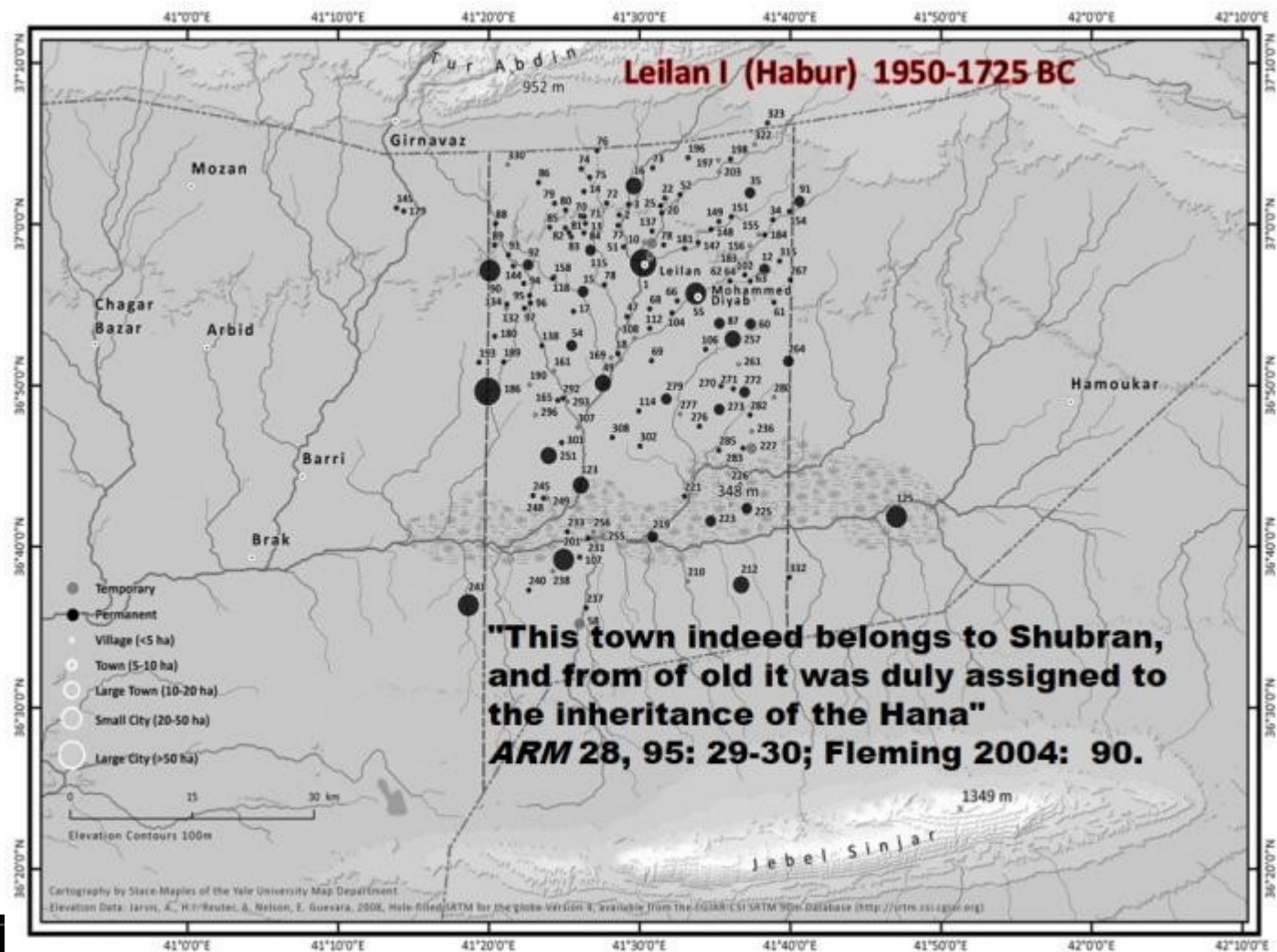


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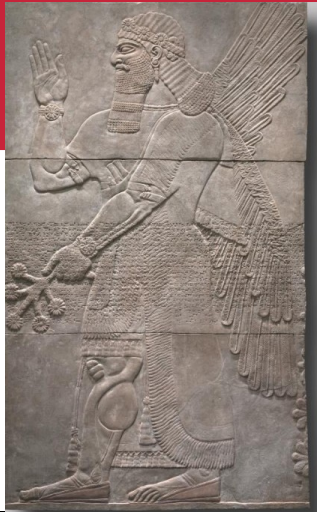


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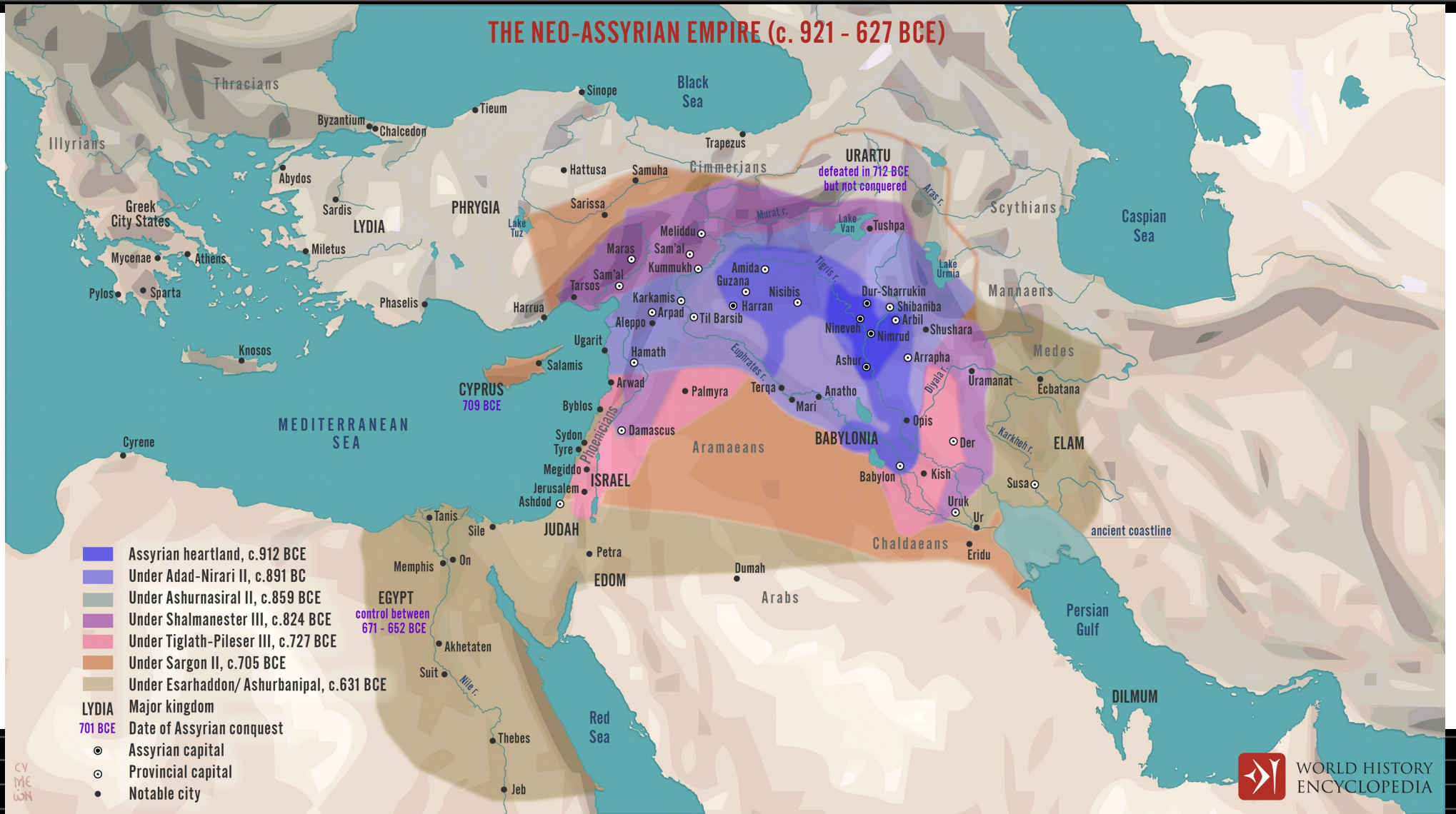


Neo-Assyrian Cuneiform



- **883-859** Ashur-nas-ir-pal II (Assur-xxx-i-bal), Nimrud/Kalhu/Calah (upper Tigris)
- 3rd king after Neo-Assyrian reinvention of Middle Assyrian Empire, Ashur-U-bal-it I (1363-1328), after Old Assyrian Empire (Puz-ur-Ashur I c. 2025), and Shamas-i-Adad I (Amorite West Semite r. 1908) wrestled Assur from Sargon I (not Sargon the Great, but an East Semite name), after tangling with Naram-Sin of Babylon/Eshnunna
- 610 Fall/Siege of Harran, Ashur-u-Bal-it II falls to Nabo-pol-assar of Neo-Babylon (of later importance to Judea: 1000-**950** start of temple, 480 interval is short, Josephus has 592/612, **722** fall of northern Israel, Samaritan settlement, 701 failed siege of Jerusalem, 597-587 fall of southern Judea, loss of temple, exile)
- Nimrud is misnamed, confusing Gen 10:10 as same person as Gen 10:11-12
- Gen 10:10 Nimrod fits the story of Amorite Sumu-Abum (r. **1897**-1883), founder of Amorite Babylon, not Naram-Sin of Akkad, nor Ur-Nammu of Ur-III, both too early, both wrong language: Noah (b. 2009)-Ham (2nd son b. 1975 late)-Cush (1st son b. 1958)-Nimrod (6th son, b. **1930?**), controlled Kish (nr. Accad), also Uruk (Erech) by marriage
- Gen 10:11-12 is about Amorite Shamshi-Adad I, r. Assur 1808-1776, Gen 10:13 is about Amorite migration into Goshen, c. 1830, Gen 10:14-19 about Retjenu
- Any Amorite history of 19thC founding of empires would include stories of Sumu-Abum (predecessor of Hammurabi/Amraphel), Shamshi-Adad I, and the Canaanite 14th Dynasty in Goshen/Avaris/Heliopolis (perhaps also Yamhad)

THE NEO-ASSYRIAN EMPIRE (c. 921 - 627 BCE)

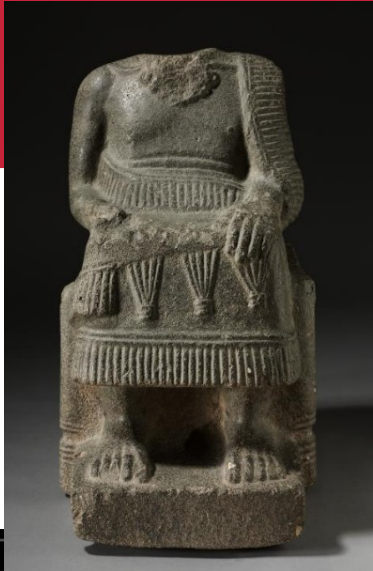


- Assyrian heartland, c.912 BCE
- Under Adad-Nirari II, c.891 BC
- Under Ashurnasirpal II, c.859 BCE
- Under Shalmaneser III, c.824 BCE
- Under Tiglath-Pileser III, c.727 BCE
- Under Sargon II, c.705 BCE
- Under Esarhaddon/ Ashurbanipal, c.631 BCE
- LYDIA Major kingdom
- 701 BCE Date of Assyrian conquest
- Assyrian capital
- Provincial capital
- Notable city





Seated Ruler

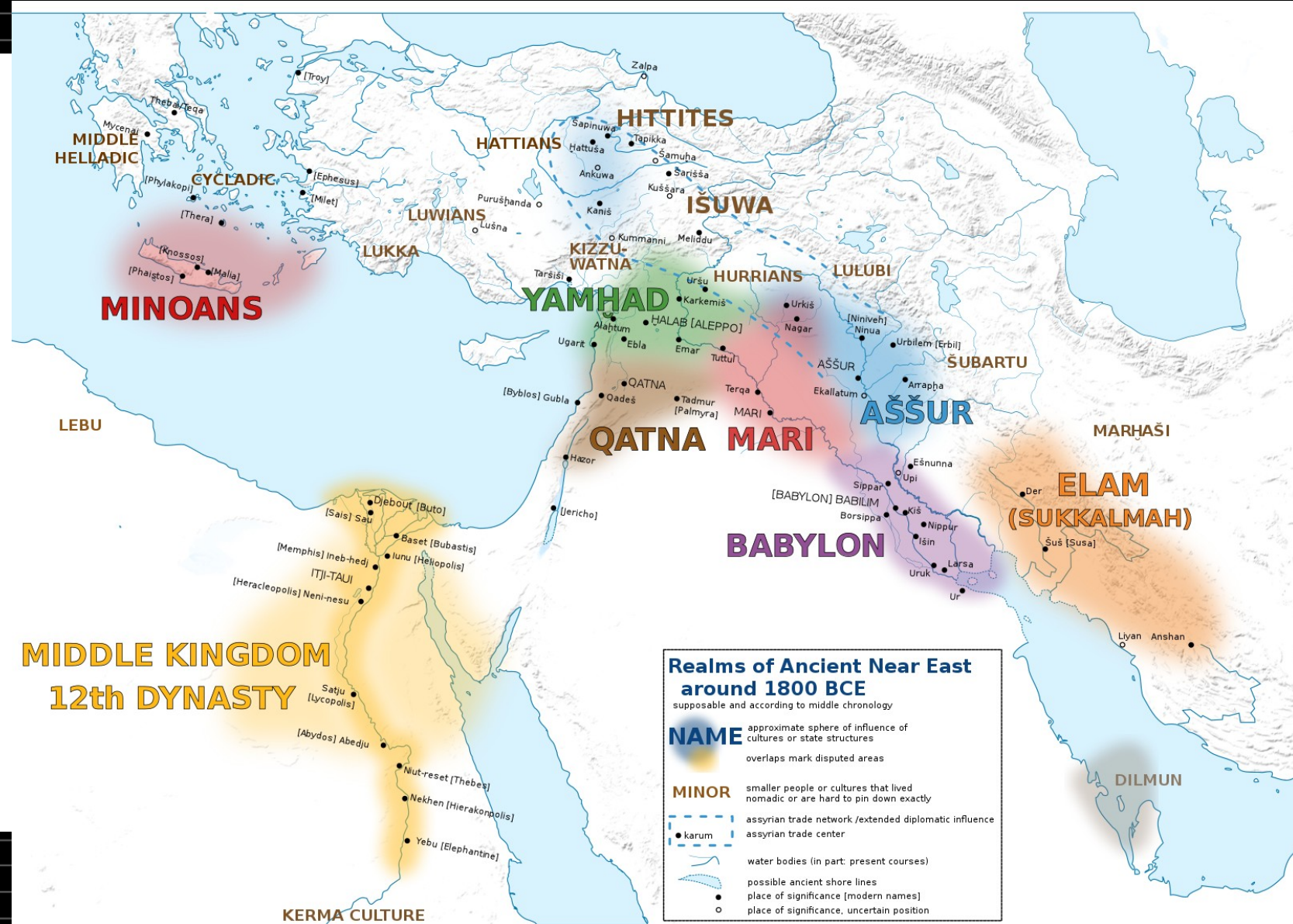


- **2000-1700** possibly Ebla, kingdom north of Canaan, near Aleppo/Alep/Halab/Halpa/Halpu/Halba, cultic center of West Semite Ba'al Hadad (storm god, prevalent until Yahweh schism holds)
- After 2250, Ebla is in Amorite control (formerly "East" Semitic, now "West" Semitic; maybe better to say SE and NW Semitic)
- Ebla → Habla → Havla → Havilah indicating Pison Gen 2:11 includes Upper Euphrat with Balikh/Baal-ikh/Peleg
- Abram @37 and Sarai @32 immigrate from Urfa/Harran to Hebron via Damascus (where he has knowledge of celestial science, maybe performs mlk, "with an army" according to Josephus, Chaldeans still in the north, not yet south, "above Babylon") **1773**
- Melchizedek of (Jeru-)Salem and Abimelech of Gerar would have looked like this, petty kings of Canaanite cities, Hadad mlk (mlk-(ha)d'm) sacrifices (human/pre-13yo); though Ebla/Aleppo/Mardikh-III (cf. Mar-du/Marduk) was much bigger, falling to Yamhad (Sumu-Apuh and Yarim-Lim-I), replaced by Kingdom of Qatna (Amut-pi-El II=Tidal?), with vassal Zimri-Lim of Mari who had ruled in Alalakh/Antioch=Arioch?); one would need to traverse Mari and Qatna to attack the Levant from Shinar (see also Kudur(-Lagamer) possibly of Elam or Elam-related Rim-Sin I of Amorite Isin-Larsa)



Qatna at its height in the eighteenth century BC

More details



**Realms of Ancient Near East
around 1800 BCE**
supposable and according to middle chronology

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approximate sphere of influence of cultures or state structures
overlaps mark disputed areas

MINOR
smaller people or cultures that lived nomadic or are hard to pin down exactly

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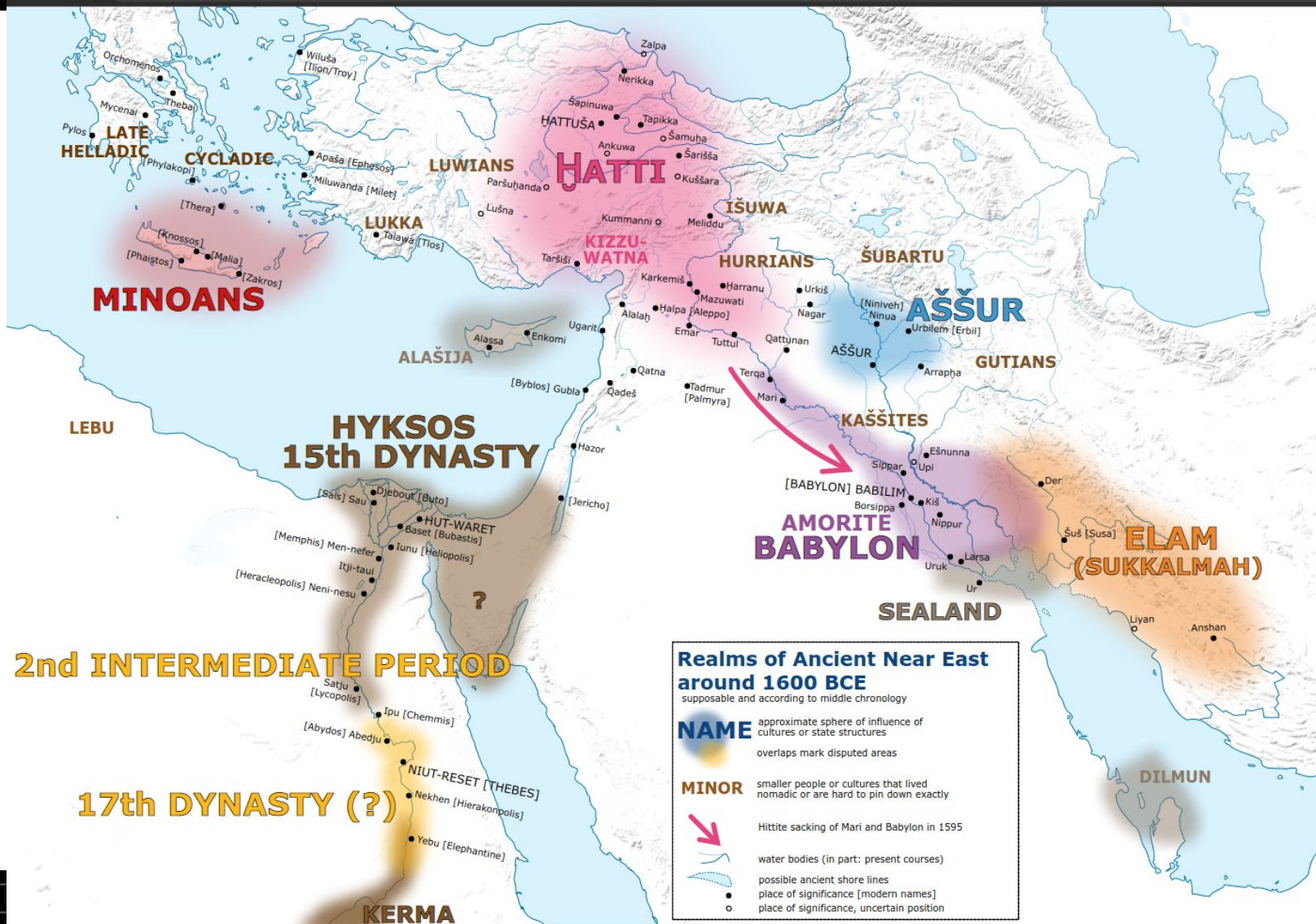
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water bodies (in part: present courses)
possible ancient shore lines
place of significance [modern names]
place of significance, uncertain position

Priest-King or Deity



- Hittite, Northern Syria, c. **1600** (post-conquest Yamhad/Ebla/Qatna); If Hittite, not Hethite (biblical Hittite in Canaan?), then Indo-Iranian/Anatolian IE; This is not Ba'al/Teshub/Teshup but compare general form (nor Dagon/Dagan/El of Tuttul/Terqa/Mari/Emar/Philistines, who is usually seated)
- **1600** is the recent carbon-dating of massive and extended Thera/Santorini eruptions, transforming religion in Minoa, same time as Hittites taking Yamhad/Aleppo **1600**, i.e., IE incursion, also sacking Babylon **1595**, shocking the nexus of Amorite Empires
- **1600** birth of Yahweh (Kenite Zippor-ah), birth of archaic Hebrew (ending dominant Amorite), birth of proto-Sinaitic scripts (proto-Sin → Phoenician → paleo-Heb → Samaritan), see Yariikh/Yareah/Sin, Asher-ah vs Astarte (conflated Grove/Tree worship)
- **1585** Exodus of Jacob's 3+ generations' 6000+ descendants after contumacy against pumice-induced famine-culling, from Heliopolis/Cairo minority enclave, as corvee labor religious rebels from Hyksos Apepi, into the Sinai, references to "pillar of the cloud and pillar of fire", post-wander Jericho destruction dated **1565**; ensuing campaigns to unify Egypt from Thebes beginning c. **1560**, ending under Sequenre-Tao, Kamose, and Ahmose I




Realms of Ancient Near East around 1600 BCE


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 Hittite sacking of Mari and Babylon in 1595

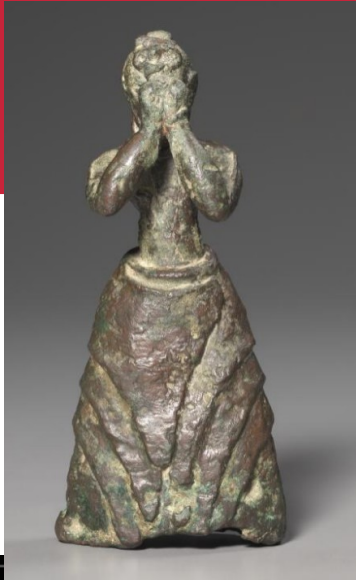
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Minoan Girl



- Crete, 1600-1500
- Post-Thera eruption, on the way to IE Hellenization, Linear A to Linear B, change of art and pantheon
- Placed opposite the IE Syro-Hittite priest/deity
- Minoan art found at Hyksos Avaris before Theban ejection, also Canaan and Levant contact
- So this girl is a witness to the birth of Israel as a state, at least in rural hill areas, and Exodus from the other side of the Sea
- What does Cleveland have in its Near East room?
 - Something related to the Watchers
 - Something from the time of Adam
 - Something from the time and place of Abraham
 - Something from the time of Exodus
 - Something from the time just before conquest and exile

	AMORITES APPEAR IN SUMERIAN RECORDS, c. 2500BCE; STORM GOD HADAD/HADDA ATTESTED IN EBLA, c. 2500BCE; NW-SEMITIC HARRAN FOUNDED ON BA'AL-IKH RIVER, c. 2500BCE E-SEMITIC SARGONIC/AKKADIAN EMPIRE FOUNDED, 2334BCE; NW-SEMITIC AMORITE/MAR-TU TRIBES DESTROY E-SEMITIC EBLA, 2250BCE; E-SEMITIC NARAM-SIN LOCATES NW-SEMITIC AMORITE TRIBES AT JEBEL-BISHRI, 2240BCE TELL LEILAN/BRAK 4.2 ka BP DROUGHT EVENT IN KHABUR/HABOR AND BALIKH BASINS, c. 2200-1900BCE; VOLCANIC TEPHRA FALL PHASE I LAYER TELL LEILAN, c. 2200BCE; LAKE VAN FALLS 30-60m FROM DROUGHT, c. 2190BCE E-SEMITIC AKKADIAN EMPIRE ENDS WITH DUDU AND SHU-TUDU, 2154BCE
2148	<u>In the Beginning of the W-Semite Mar-Tu/Amorite era, i.e., at the end of E-Semite Mesopotamia</u>
2148	b. Adam, first W-Semite nomad to engage urban agriculturalists during historic climate change, E-Semite empire collapse GUEDEA OF NON-AMORITE, NON-ELAMITE INDEPENDENT LAGASH ON TIGRIS EAST OF ISIN/URUK/LARSA/UR, r. 2144-2124BCE
2134	b. Cain, first recorded W-Semite Khabur River agriculturalist and urbanist of note
2129	b. Seth, first fatherhoods will be 13.5-19 until Noah, natural lifespans 74-81 until Shem
2112	b. Enos, first of three where Torah's lead digit of fatherhoods, see Josephus <i>Antiquities</i> NEO-SUMERIAN THIRD DYNASTY OF UR, UR-III FOUNDED BY UR-NAMMU, CONTROLS URUK/LARSA/UR/ERIDU, 2112
2096	b. Cainan NEO-SUMERIAN SHULGI OF UR-III, r. 2094-2046BCE
2082	b. Mahal-al-el
2068	b. Irad/Jared NEO-SUMERIAN SHULGI STARTS AMURRU/HARDU WALL TO RESIST AMORITES, NORTH OF SIPPAR/BABYLON/KISH, 2054BCE
2054	b. Enoch, who will live to comment on birth of Noah according to <i>Genesis Apocryphon</i> AMORITES FOUND ALALAKH WEST OF ALEPPO, 2050BCE
2040	b. Methus-el-ah NEO-SUMERIAN SHU-SIN CONTINUES AMURRU/HARDU WALL TO RESIST AMORITES, 2034BCE; E-SEMITIC PUZUR-ASHUR-I RULES INDEPENDENT ASSYRIAN STATE, 2025BCE
2024	b. Lamech, will die in 1959, same year as father at 65, Methuselah at 81, indicating non-natural fatal circumstances AMORITE ISHBI-ERRA TAKES NEO-SUMERIAN ISIN, 2017BCE
2009	b. No-ah NEO-SUMERIAN IBBI-SIN DIES, ENDING UR-III, CONTROLLING AS FAR AS MARI AND NINEVEH, 2004BCE; IE HITTITES BEGIN ABSORBING HATTIAN/HETHITES IN CENTRAL ANATOLIA, c. 2000BCE AMORITE KINGDOM OF QATNA BEGINS, c. 2000BCE; AMORITE PALACE AT ALALAKH, c. 2000BCE; AMORITE TUTTUL WORSHIPING DAGAN UPSTREAM FROM MARI, c. 2000BCE
1973	b. Shem, lifespans from Shem to Terah 53-61 HURRIAN FIRST REFERENCE TO TESHUB (HADAD), 1966BCE
1959	<u>Khabur River Lahar (Noah's Flood)</u> , upmountain survival of 20' deep pluvial Karaca Dag tephra mudflow/Lahar in Khabur River Valley
1956	b. Arphaxad/Arpachsad
1938	b. Sal-ah
1923	b. Eber/Heber
1906	b. Peleg RESETTLEMENT OF TELL LEILAN AFTER 300YR ABANDONMENT, HEAVY RAIN SPELLS AMID MULTI-CENTURY DROUGHT, c. 1900BCE; AMORITE FIRST THEOPHORIC HADAD SUFFIX APPEARS, IPIQ-ADAD-I, RULER OF ESHNUNNA c. 1900BCE ELAMITE SUKKALMAH DYNASTY FOUNDED, 1900-1500BCE; AMORITE DYNASTY OF BABYLON FOUNDED BY SUMU-ABUM, 1894BCE
1891	b. Reu/Ragau
1875	b. Serug AMORITE SECOND THEOPHORIC HADAD SUFFIX APPEARS, NUR-ADAD, RULER OF LARSA, c. 1868BCE
1860	b. Nahor-I PROTO-CANAANITE/SINAITIC INSCRIPTIONS, c. 1850BCE
1845	b. Ter-ah IE HITTITES ATTACK KANESH/NESHA/KULTEPE IN CENTRAL ANATOLIA, 1833BCE; AMORITES/CANAANITES BEGIN IMMIGRATING INTO ASIATIC AVARIS ON NILE DELTA, c. 1830BCE
1810	b. Abram in Sanliurfa Province AMORITE HAMMURABI BORN IN BABYLON OLD KINGDOM, 1810BCE; AMORITE/HURRIAN YAMHAD STATE (YAM/ARAM HADAD), HADAD/HALAB/ALEPPO, 1810-1517BCE; AMORITE SHAMSHI-ADAD-I FOUNDS KINGDOM OF UPPER MESOPOTAMIA, 1808BCE
1805	b. Sarai AMORITE YAKBIM FOUNDS LOWER NILE 14TH DYNASTY AT AVARIS, 1805-1650BCE; AMORITE CONQUEST OF URUK/ISIN, 1787-1784BCE ELAMITE DEITY LAGAMAL ATTESTED IN MARI, SUSA, 1780BCE; AMORITE TEMPLE TO SET/CANAANITE BA'AL-HADAD IN AVARIS, c. 1780BCE; AMORITE SHAMSHI-ADAD-I DIES IN SHUBAT-ENLIL, KHABUR/HABOR RIVER BASIN, 1776BCE
1773	<u>Abram and Sarai leave Sanliurfa/Harran</u> SHIFTING ALLIANCES OF ELAM WITH AMORITES: MARI, ASSUR, BABYLON, YAMHAD, ESHNUNNA, LARSA, c. 1770BCE
1769	<u>Sarai at 36 rebuffs Qareh of Avaris</u>
1768	<u>Abram at 42 defeats expeditionary force of Amorite kings</u> AMORITE ISHME-DAGAN-I OF ASSUR REIGN ENDS, 1765BCE; AMORITE YARIM-LIM-I OF YAMHAD, ALLIED WITH MARI AND ELAM, DIES, 1764BCE AMORITE HAMMURABI-OF-BABYLON (AMMUR-ABI) TURNS ON AMORITE RIM-SIN-I OF LARSA, SON OF KUDUR-MABUK-(LAGAMER), 1763BCE
1767	b. Ishma-el ELAMITE GENERAL KUNNAM'S EXPEDITION TO KHABUR/HABOR RIVER BASIN UNDER SIWE-PALAR-KHUPPAK OF ELAM, 1762BCE AMORITE ZIMRI-LIM OF MARI FALLS TO HAMMURABI-OF-BABYLON, 1761BCE; AMORITE HAMMURABI-I OF YAMHAD EXTENDS TO KHABUR/HABOR RIVER, 1761BCE
1760	b. Isaac, circumcision indicates tribal rejection of child sacrifice, Abraham at 50, Sarah at 45, Ishmael at 7.5 AMORITE/HABIRU KHANA/HANAENS EMERGE AT TERQA, 1760BCE; AMORITE HAMMURABI-OF-BABYLON COMPOSES LEGAL CODE, 1755-1750BCE AMORITES HAMMURABI-I OF YAMHAD AND HAMMURABI-OF-BABYLON, IN DETENTE, BOTH DIE 1750BCE; PRE-HITTITE PITHANA CONQUERS KANESH/NESA, c. 1750BCE
1748	<u>Binding of Isaac at 12.5, substitution in mKdm ritual</u> , rejecting Eshnunna-Ugarit-Amorite-Hurrian Bael-Hadad/Teshub sacrificial cult (continued throughout Canaan and Mesopotamia, later Northern Kingdom and Phoenicia) ELAMITE SIWE-PALAR-KHUPPAK DIES, 1745BCE
1730	b. Jacob
1690	b. Levi
1685	b. Joseph, sold into slavery 8.5 years later
1673	b. Kehath/Coath
1670	<u>Joseph helps Salitis found Hyksos 15th Dynasty during three-year famine</u>
1657	b. Amram/Amram CANAANITE HYKSOS 15TH DYNASTY BEGINS, c. 1650BCE: FIRST IE HITTITE KING HATTUSILI-I ATTACKS YAMHAD'S ALLY ALALAKH, c. 1650BCE
1630	<u>d. Joseph, ending favorable treatment of Helopolis (Cairo) shepherd nomads, increased corvee labor</u>
1625	b. Moses, will campaign south of Thebes on behalf of Avaris and take Nubian wife (see Josephus), later Kenite Zipporah (Midian schism) will be instrumental in YHWH promotion IE HITTITE MURSILI-I SACKS YAMHAD'S ALEPPO, TAKING HAMMURABI-III, c. 1600BCE; EJECTS AMORITES FROM BABYLON, TAKES MARDUK, 1595BCE
1585	<u>Average of Latest Carbon Dating of Thera Eruption, Exodus of about 6000 from Hyksos Apepi in Avaris, weakening Hyksos Goshen</u>
1565	<u>Jericho destruction City-IV carbon date</u> THEBAN SEQUENRE-TAO BEGINS CAMPAIGN AGAINST HYKSOS APEPI/APOPHIS, 1560BCE; CITADEL CONSTRUCTED IN AVARIS TO RESIST THEBAN KAMOSE, 1550BCE; CANAANITE HYKSOS EJECTED FROM GOSHEN, 1552-1531BCE