

Ancient Near East (aka Mesopotamia)

Neolithic Jericho c. 7000 bce

Uruk (Sumerian) c. 3500 - 2300 bce

Ziggurat

Cuneiform, Cylinder seals

Inanna, Anu

Votive

Queen Puabi

Gilgamesh

registers

Akkad c.2300-2100 bce

Sargon, Enhuedonna, Naram Sin

Stele

Neo-Sumerian c.2100-1800 bce

Gudea

Lilith

Babylon c.1900-539 bce

Hammurabi

Law code

Shamash

Hittites c.1450-1200 bce

Lion Gate

Assyria c.1300-612 bce

Assurnasirpal II

Lamassu

Neo Babylonia 612-539 bce

Ishtar gate, Nebuchadnezzar, Ba'al, Marduk

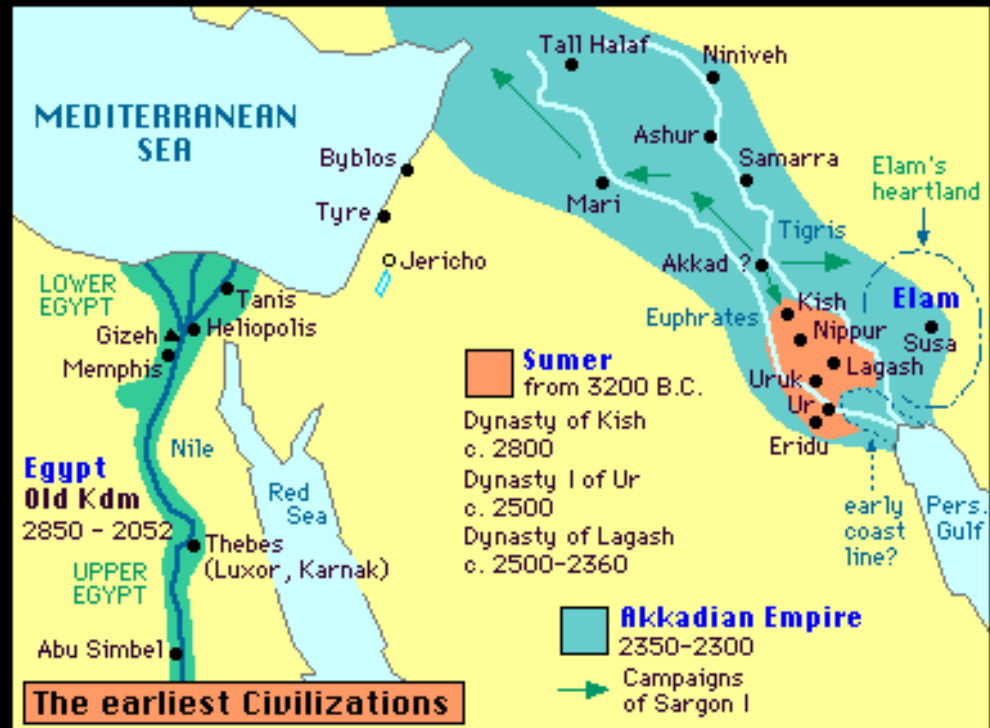
Persia 539-331 bce

Persepolis, Apadana

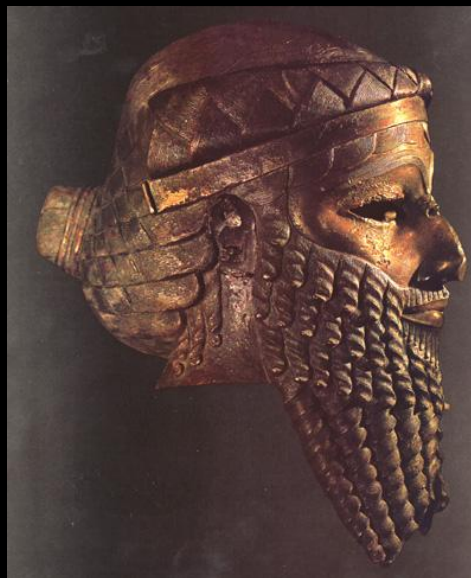
Ancient Iran beaker 5000 bce

Scythian gold

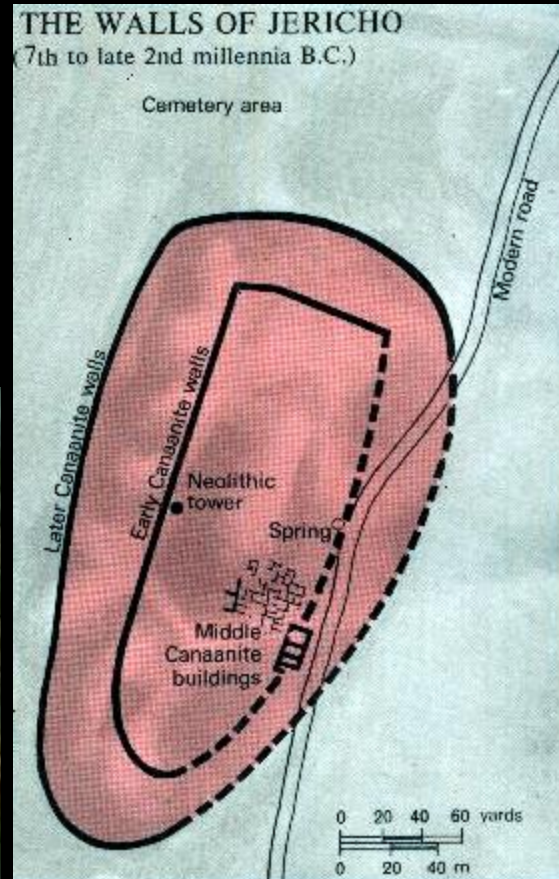
Ancient Near East (Mesopotamia & Persia) 4,000 BCE



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Neolithic city of Jericho, 8000-7000 bce Walls, tower

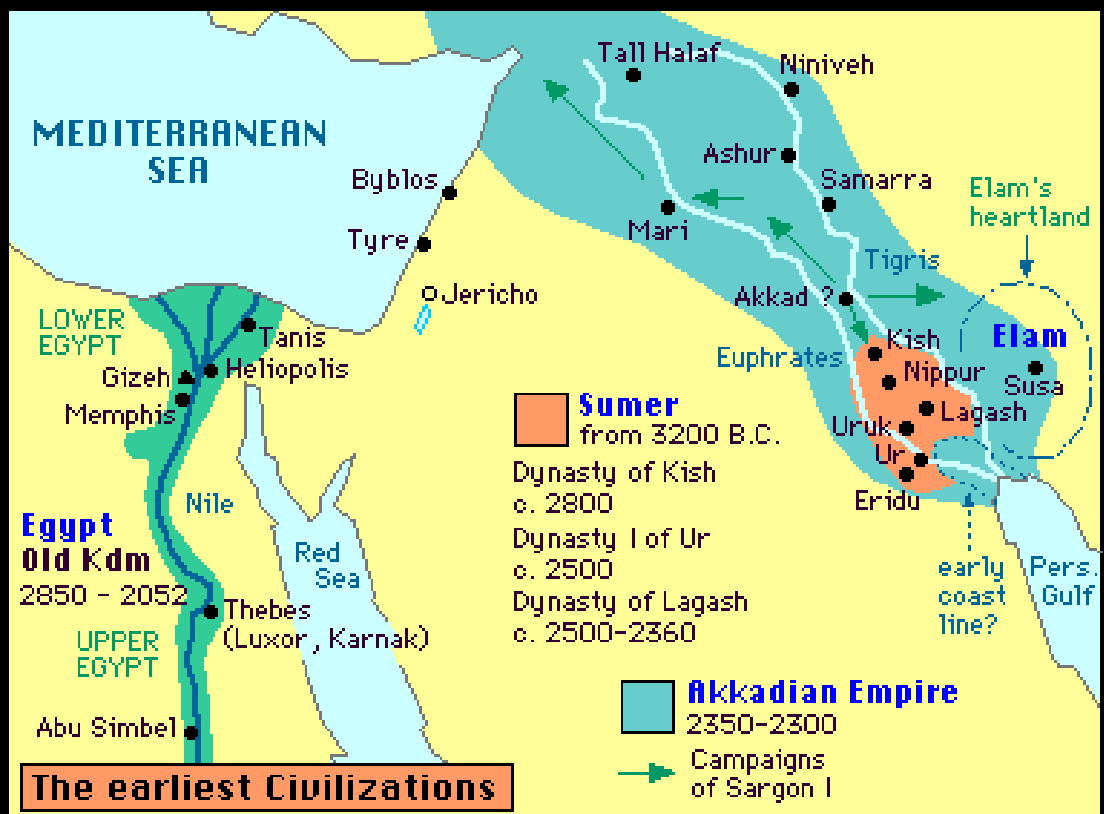


Jericho, altered skulls, 7000 bce
Plaster, paint, cowrie shells



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Mesopotamia, Euphrates river



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Sumeria 3500-2300 bce

Ziggurat



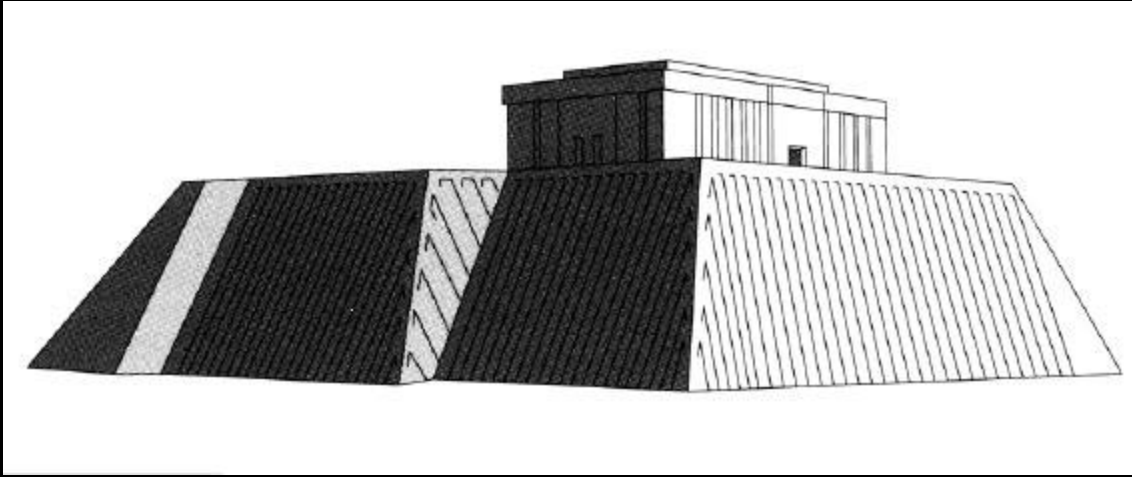
cuneiform

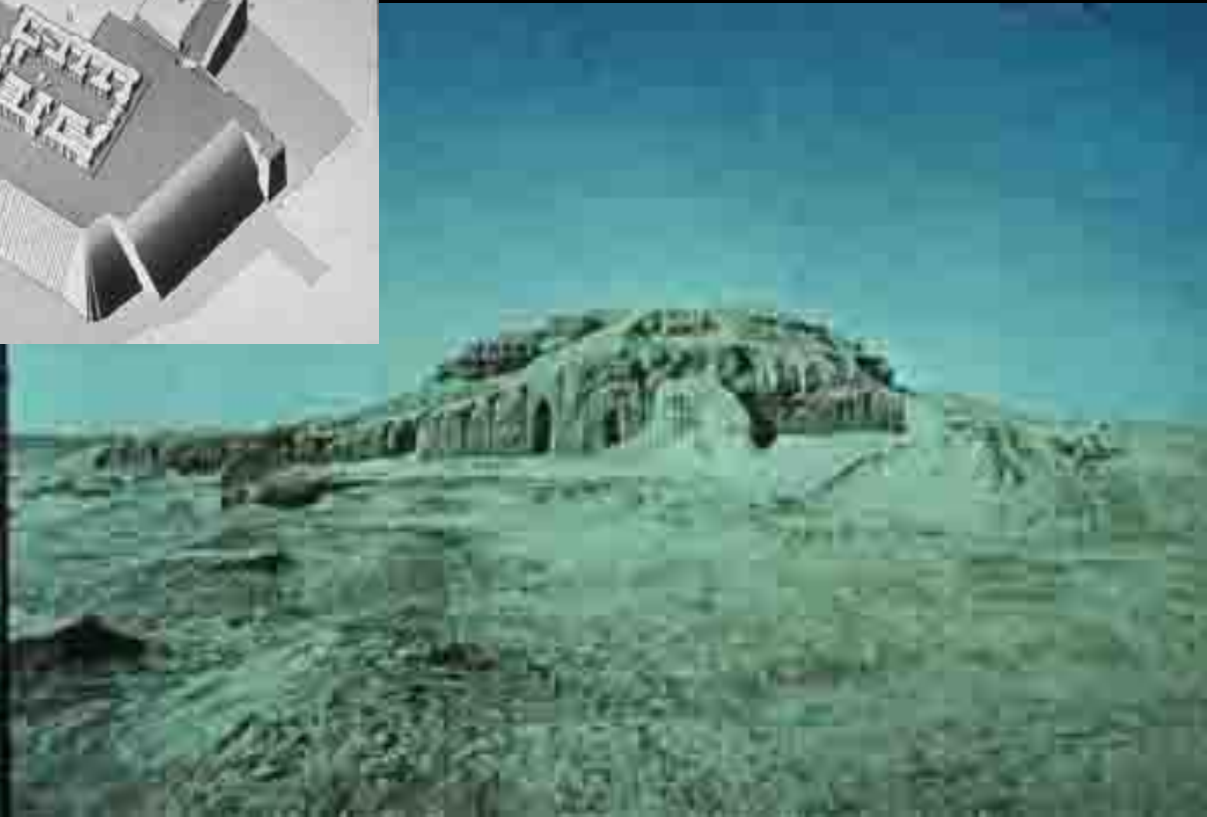
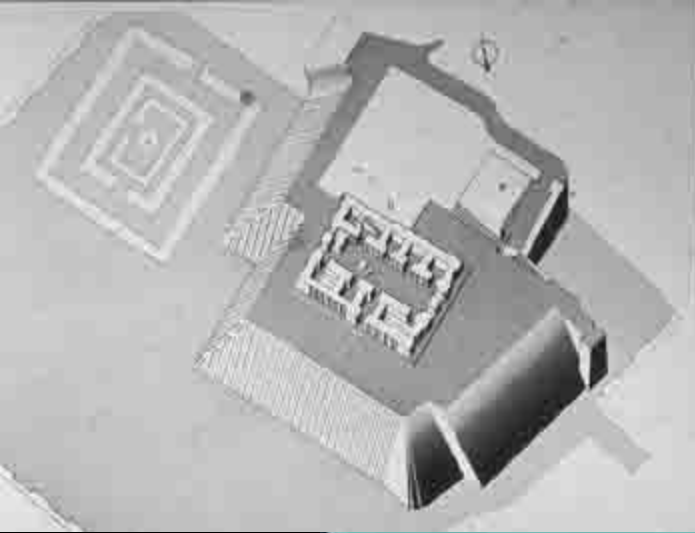


Ancient Sumerian **Ziggurat**, c. 3,500-3000 bce
White Temple, **Uruk** (Erech Bible, Warka today)
SE view, right



Ancient Sumer, White Temple, Uruk c. 3,500





Ancient Sumer, White
Temple, Uruk c. 3,500

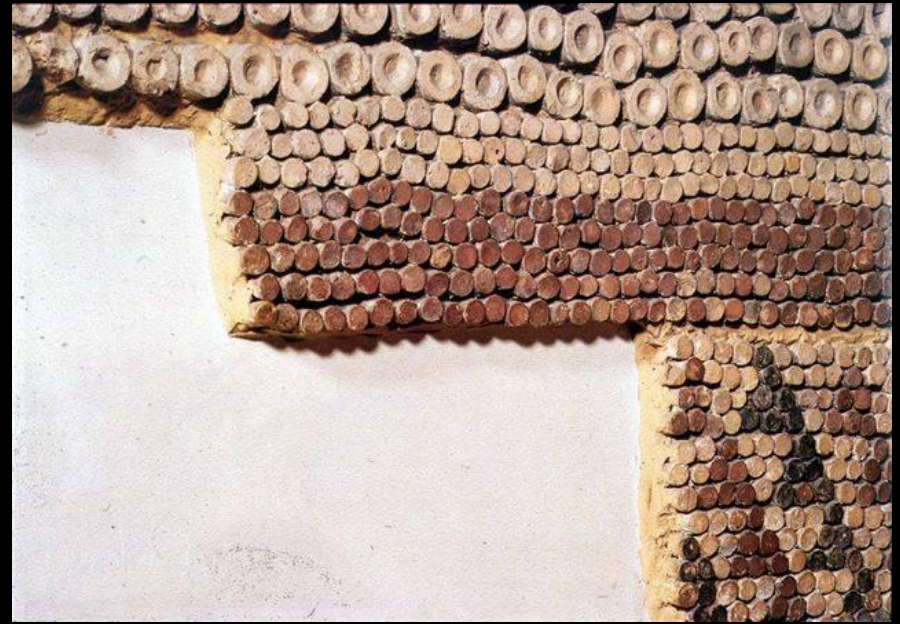


Ancient Sumer, White
Temple, Uruk c. 3,500

Nanna Ziggurat, Ur, **Neo-Sumeria** 2,100 BCE



Decorative cone mosaics



cuneiform



	pictograph c. 3100 BC	early cuneiform sign c. 2400 BC	late cuneiform sign c. 700 BC	
bull's head				bull
bowl				bread, food
head bowl				to exit

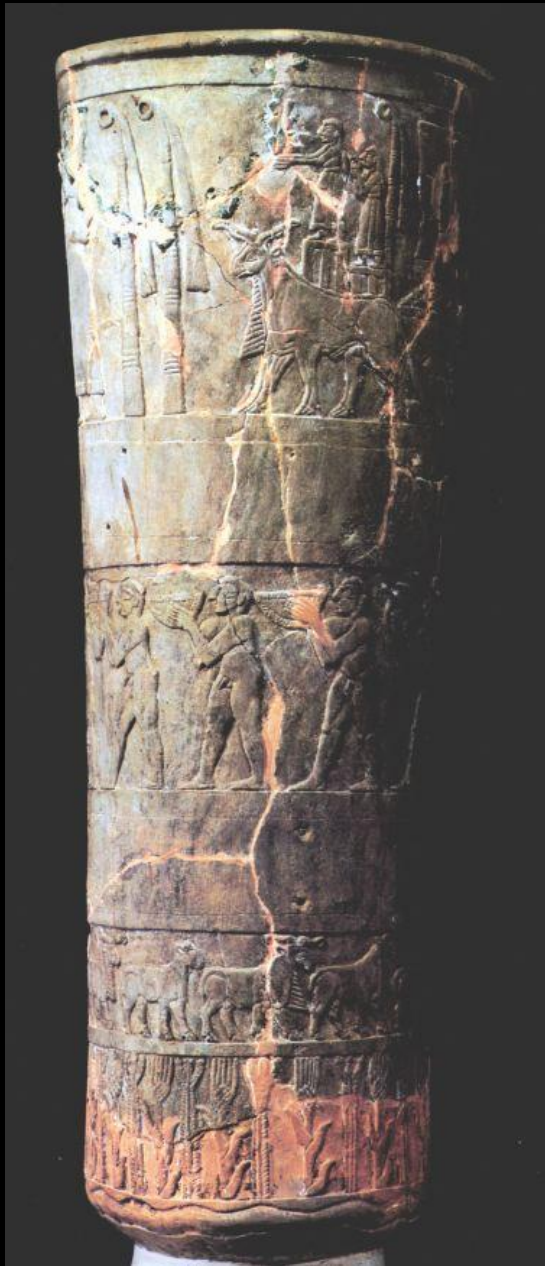
Cylinder seals & stamps

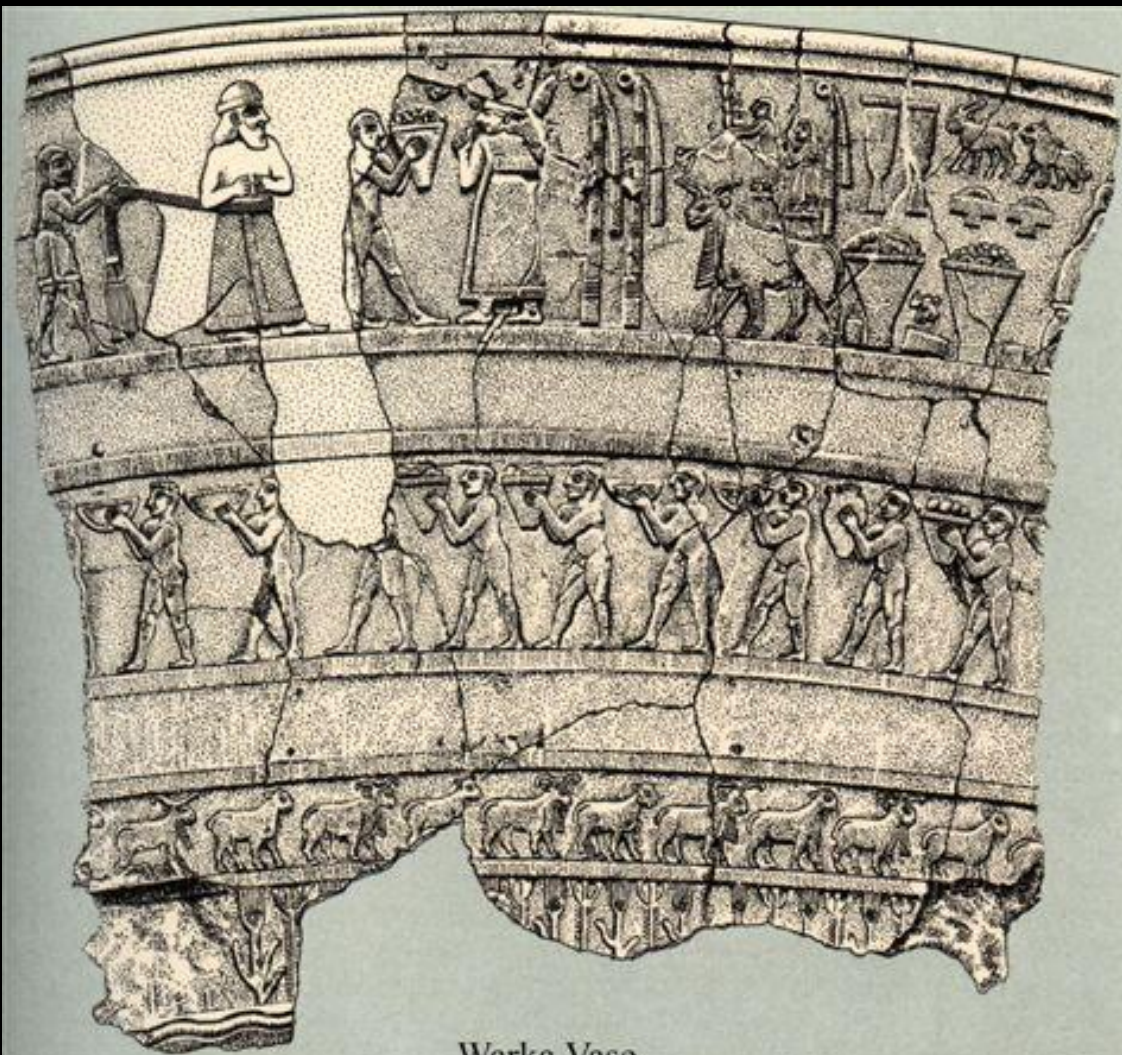


Cylinder Seals



Uruk vase, 3,300. alabaster 36"





Warka Vase



Registers?
Ground line?

Pose of body?



Woman from Uruk, 3,300 Marble, 8"



Lost, then recovered during war in Iraq 2003

Royal Tombs of Ur 2,550





Royal Tombs of Ur 2,550
Queen Puabi



Bull Harp, 2550, Royal tombs of Ur





Plaque 13"

Medium?

Registers?

Ground line? Pose of figures?



Gilgamesh, King of Ancient Sumer



votive figures, Tell Asmar, Iraq, marble 2,700 BCE





Largest figure 30"

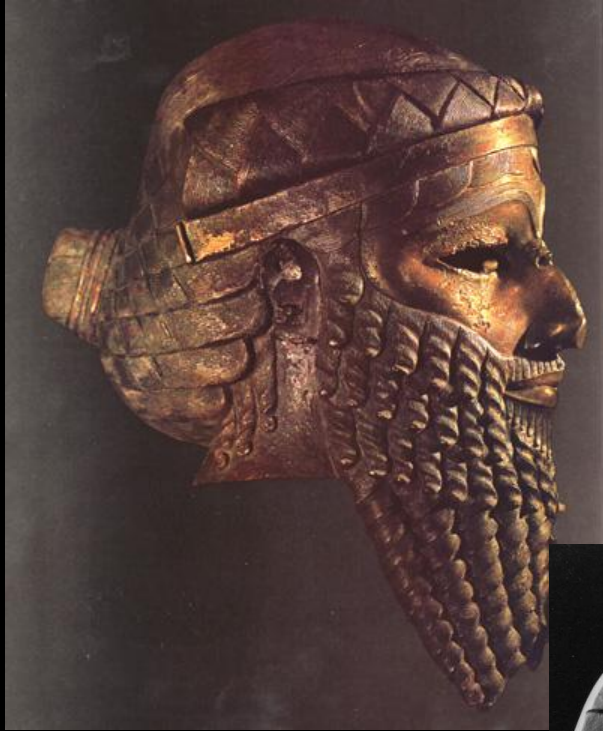


Scale? Shape?
Naturalism? Stylized?

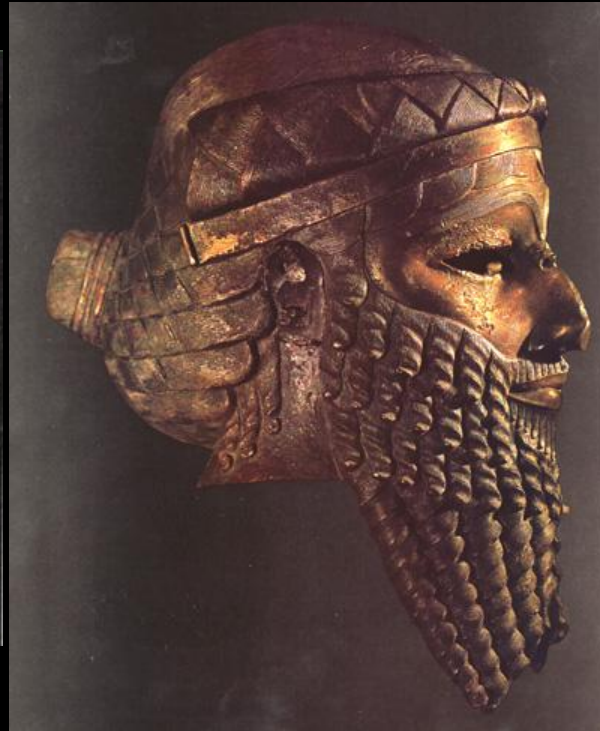


Later examples of Sumerian *votive* figures

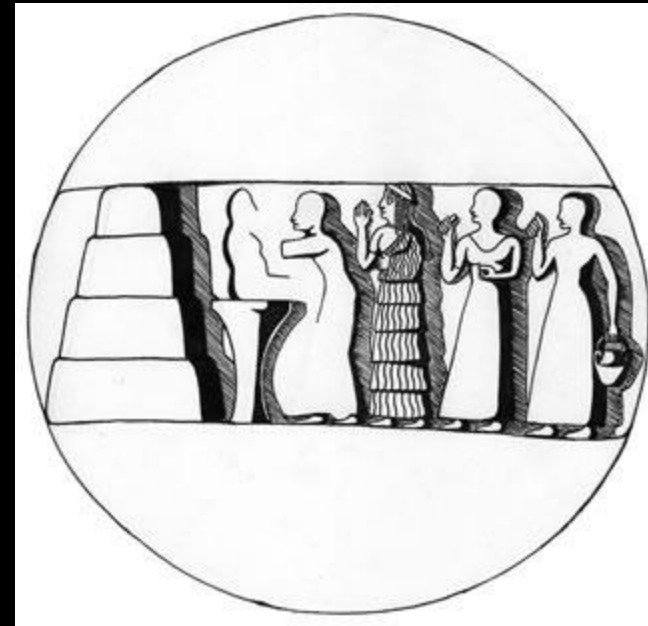
Arkad (2,300-2100 BCE) and the 5 Great Kings



Sargon?, bronze, 2,300 BCE

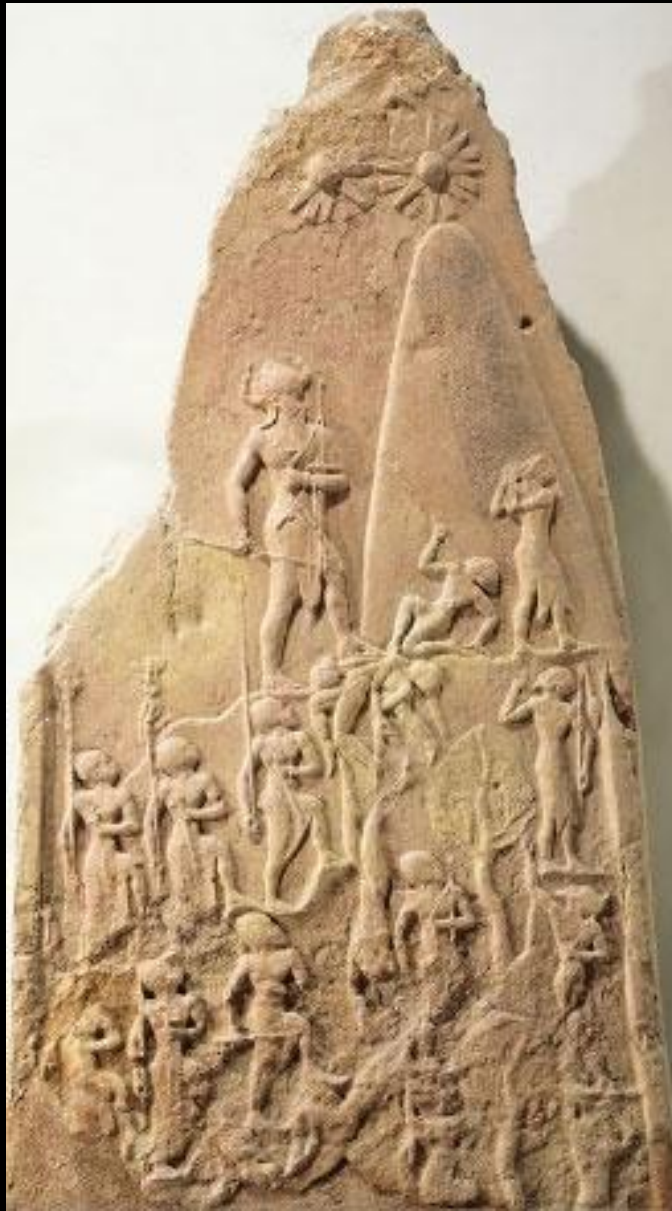


Disk of Enhuedonna, Ur, alabaster 10" 2300 BCE



Shape?
Composition?

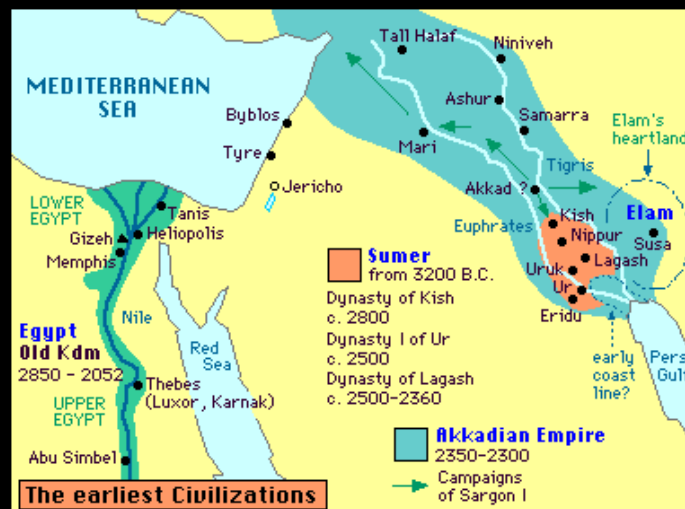
Stele of Naram sin, limestone, 7' 2,254 BCE



Shape?
Composition? Registers?
Scale? Pose of figures?

Gudea, King of Lagash, diorite, 29" 2100-1900 BCE

Neo-Sumerian



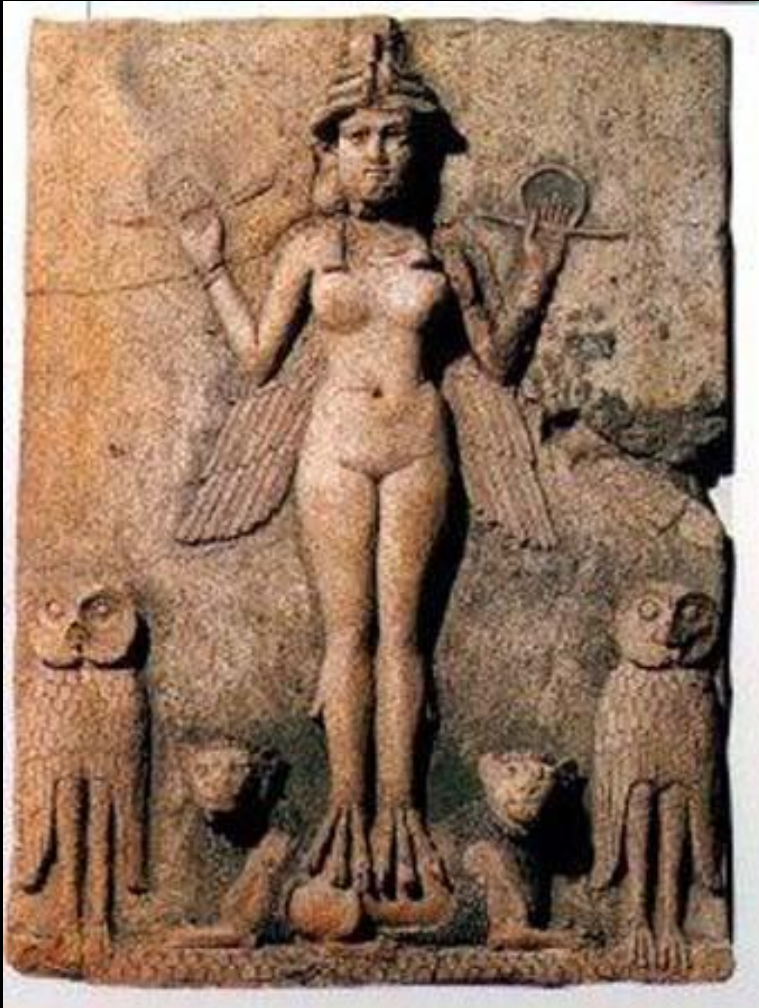
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Gudea seated



Compositon? Shape? Line?

Lilith, Neo-Sumerian or Babylonian?,
clay (c.2,100 BCE)



Babylon, 1900-539 bce



Babylonia

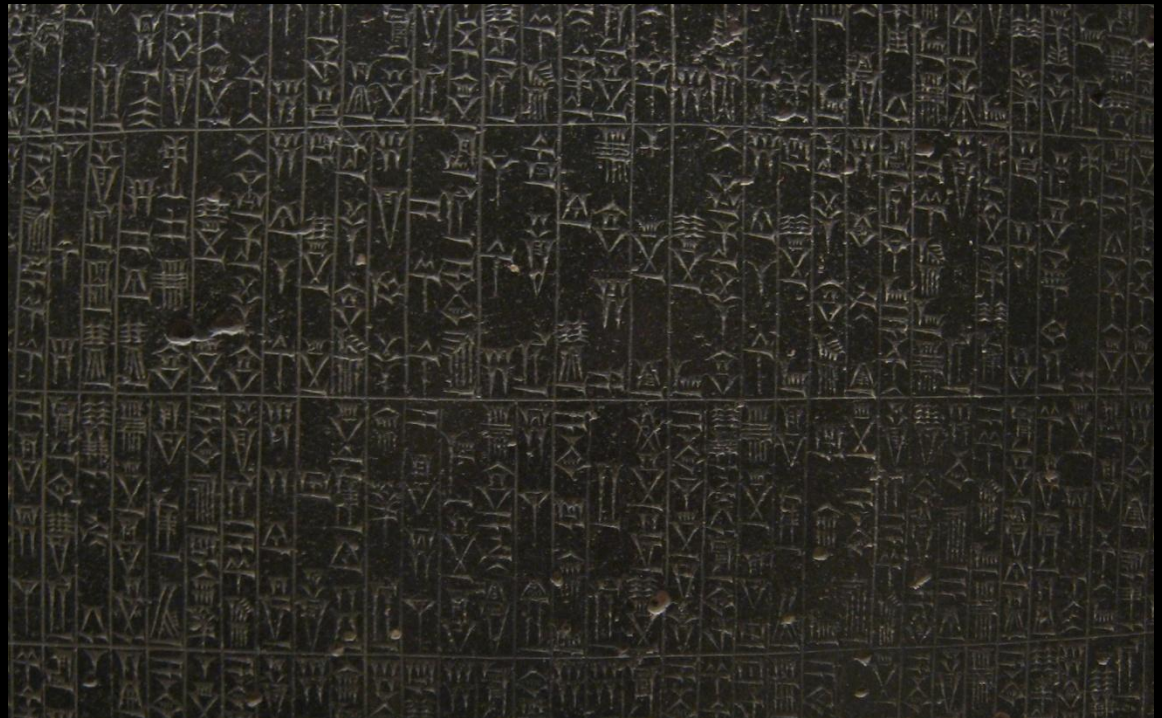
6th century (neo Babylonia)
(Tower of Babel) Ziggurat
Hanging Gardens

18th century BCE
Hammurabi



Babylon, 1900-1400-539 bce

Law code of King Hammurabi,
basalt, 7' 1792 BCE
cuneiform







Kassites, **Hittites** &
Mitanni
c. 1400 bce
(war God Right)



Lion Gate of Bogazkoy, Anatolia (Turkey) c. 1400 BCE



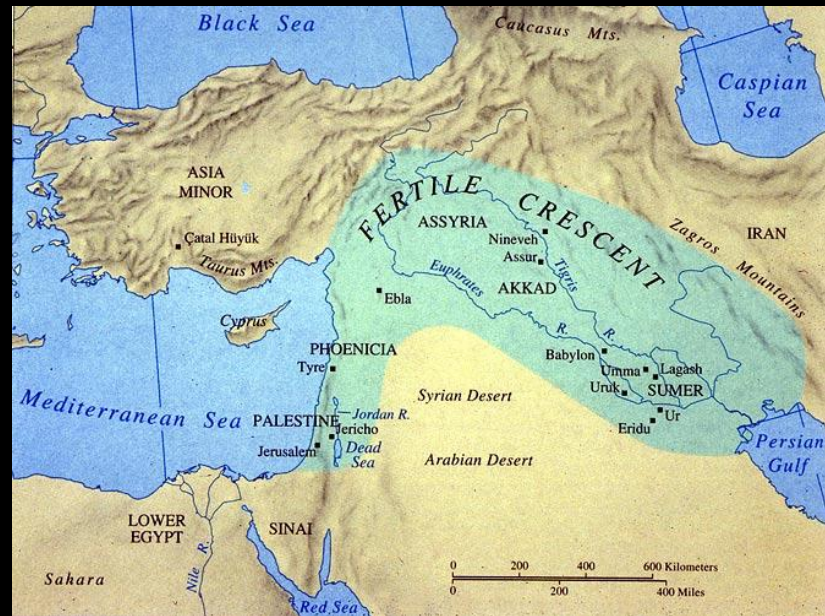
Guardian figures



Tone?

ASSYRIANS

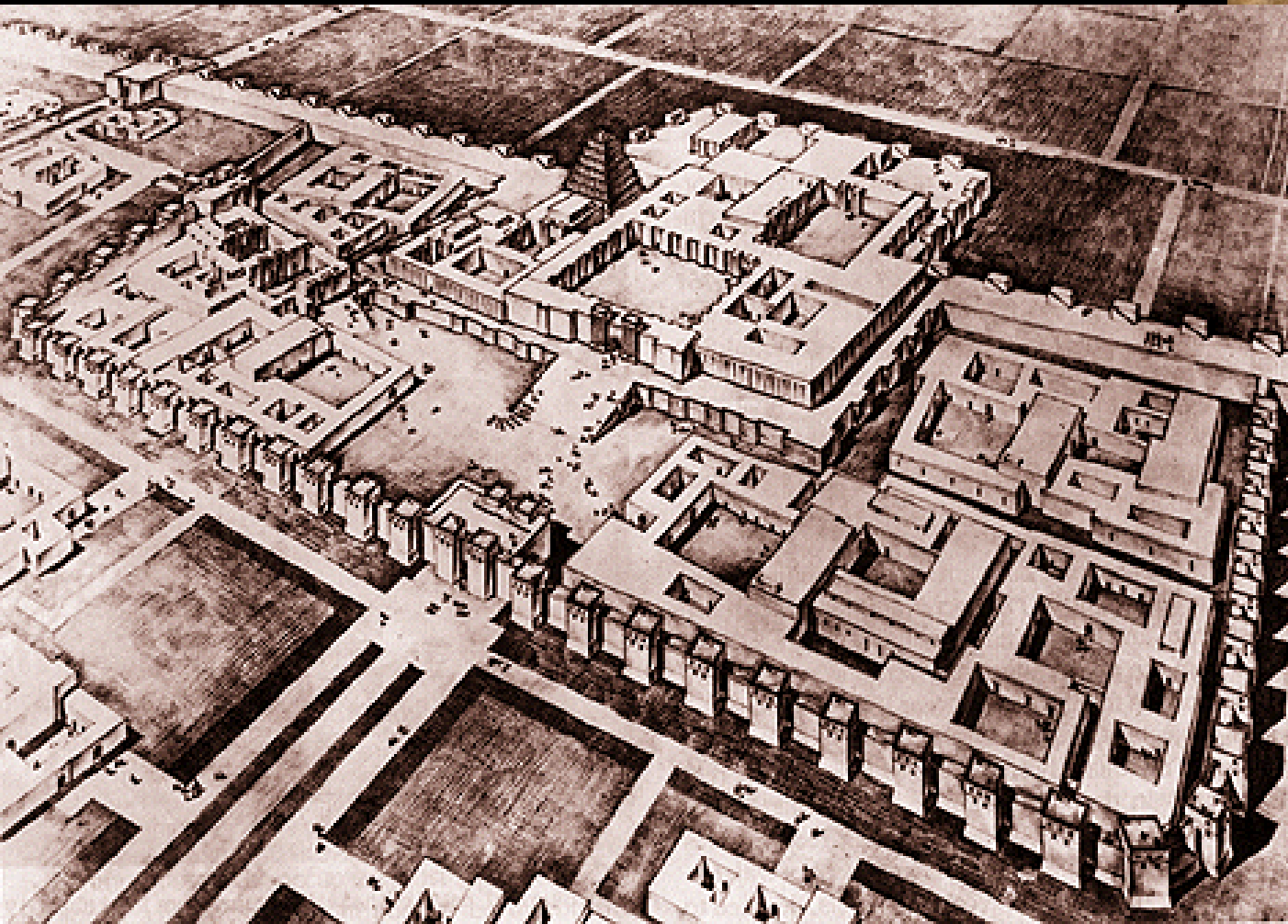
C. 1300-612 BCE



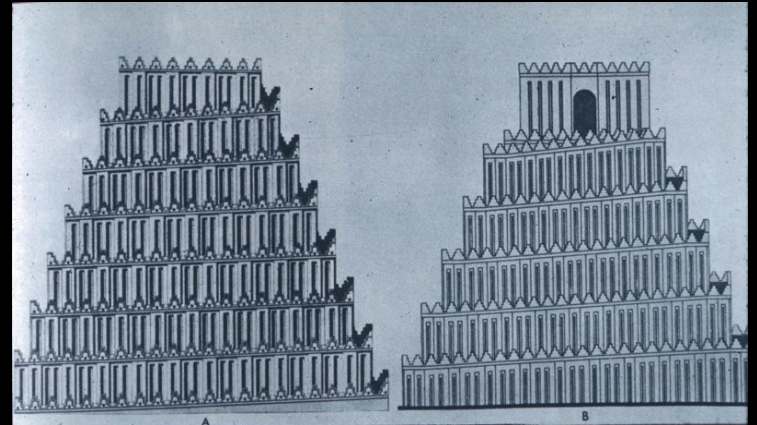
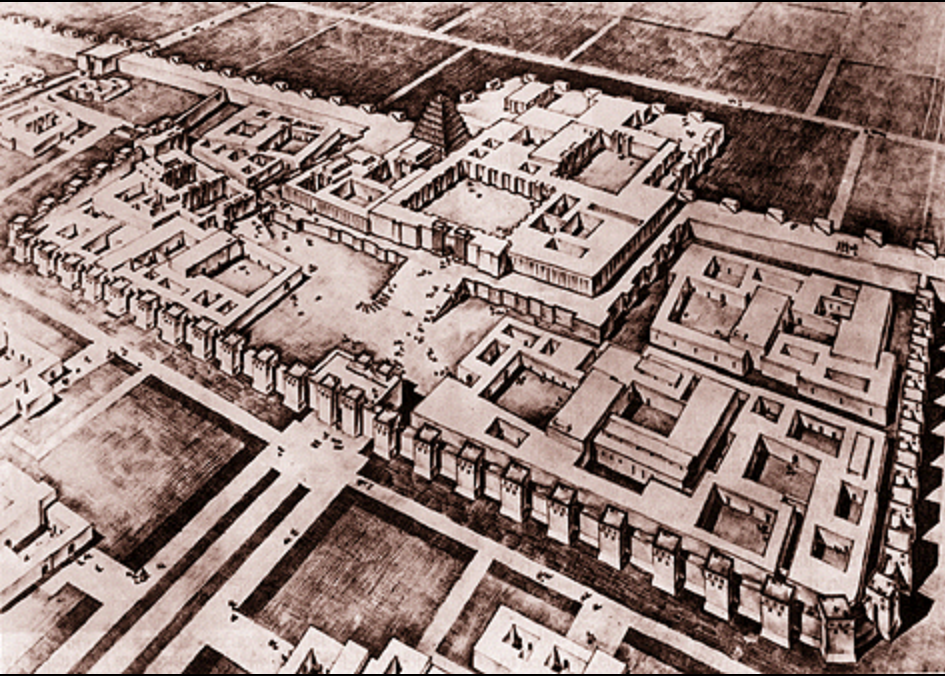
Assyrians Conquer Egypt



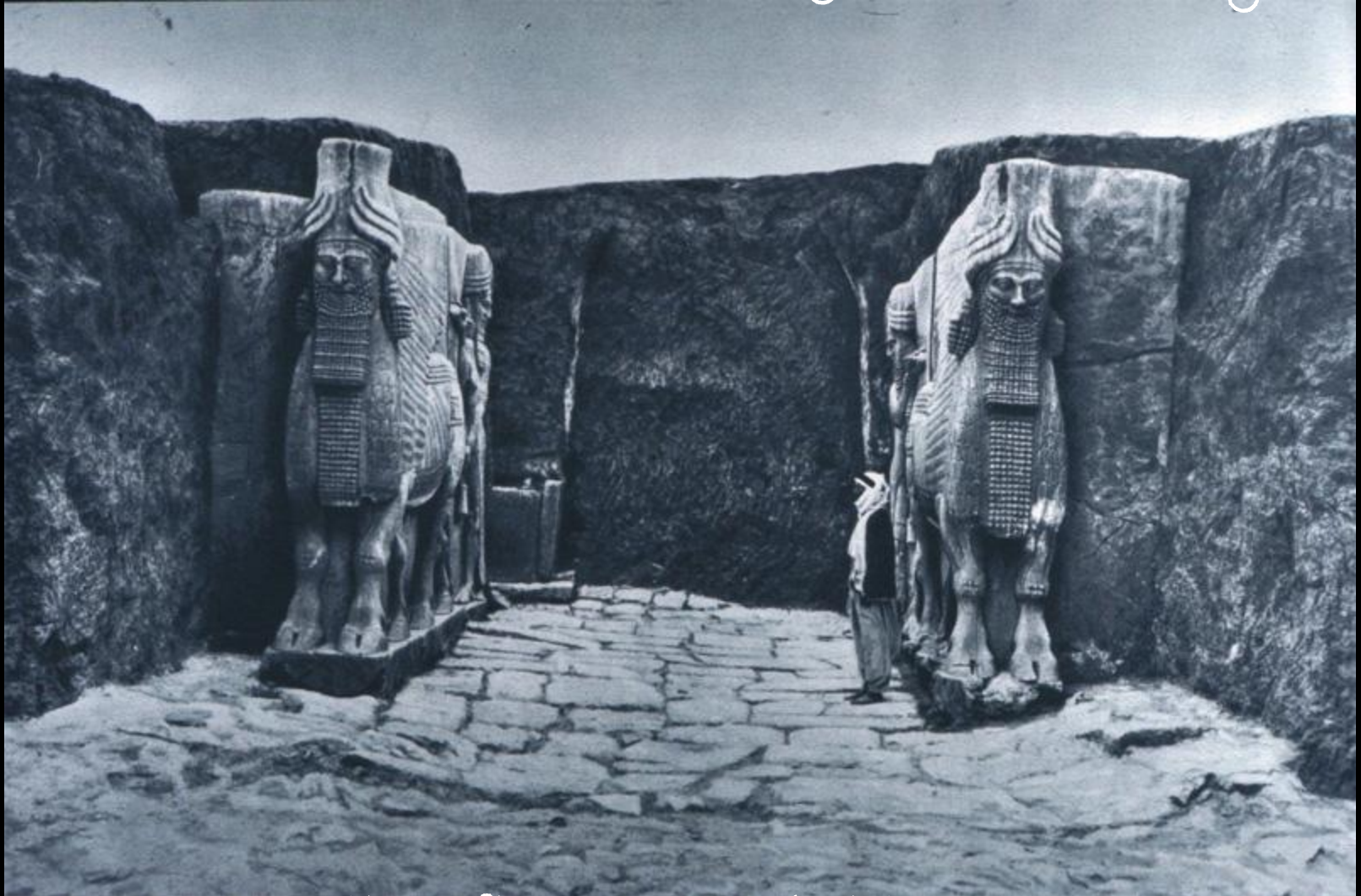
Palace of Sargon II, Khorsabad, c. 721 B



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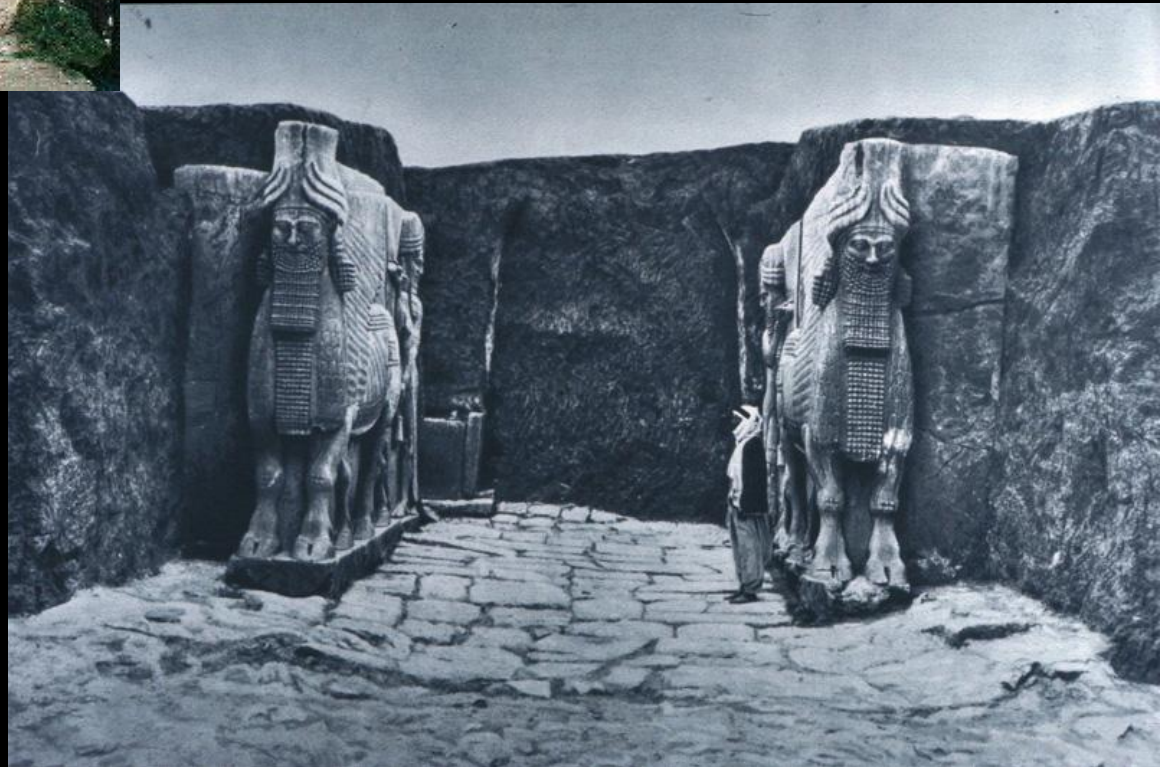


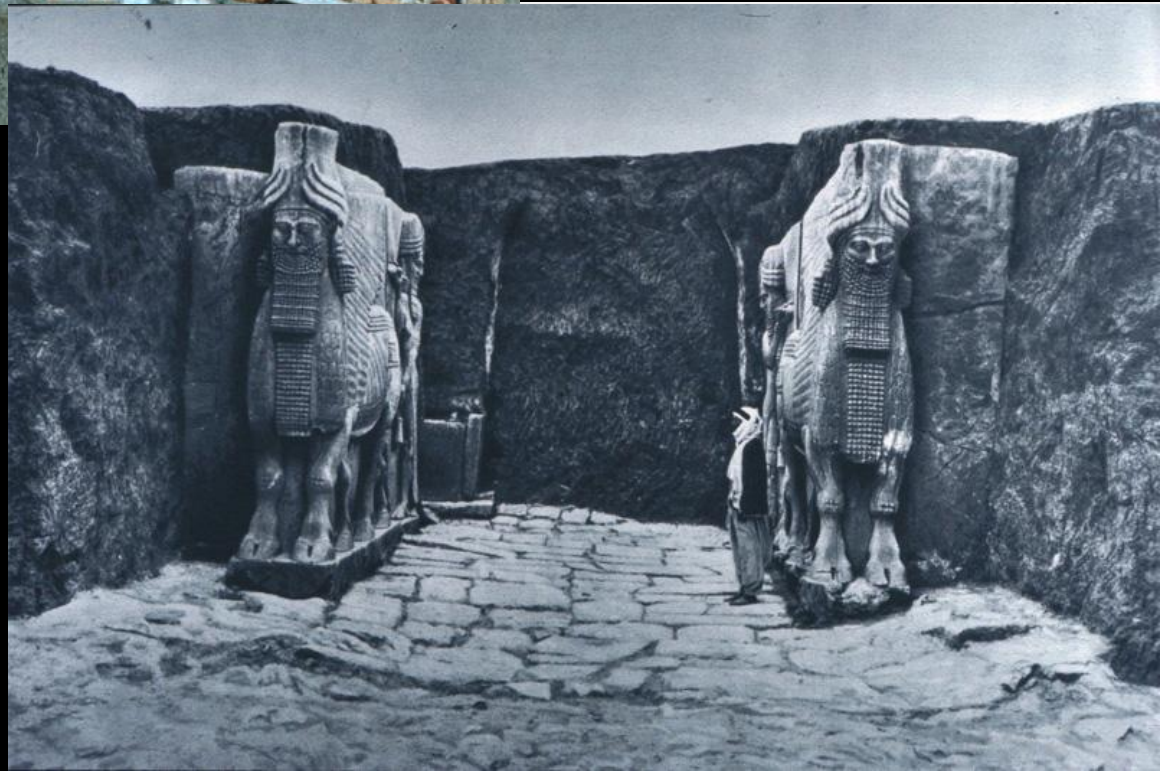
Palace of Sargon
Khorsabad Guardian Figures 8th century



Guardian figures - hybrid creatures

Bogazkoy vs. Khorsabad





GUARDIAN FIGURES



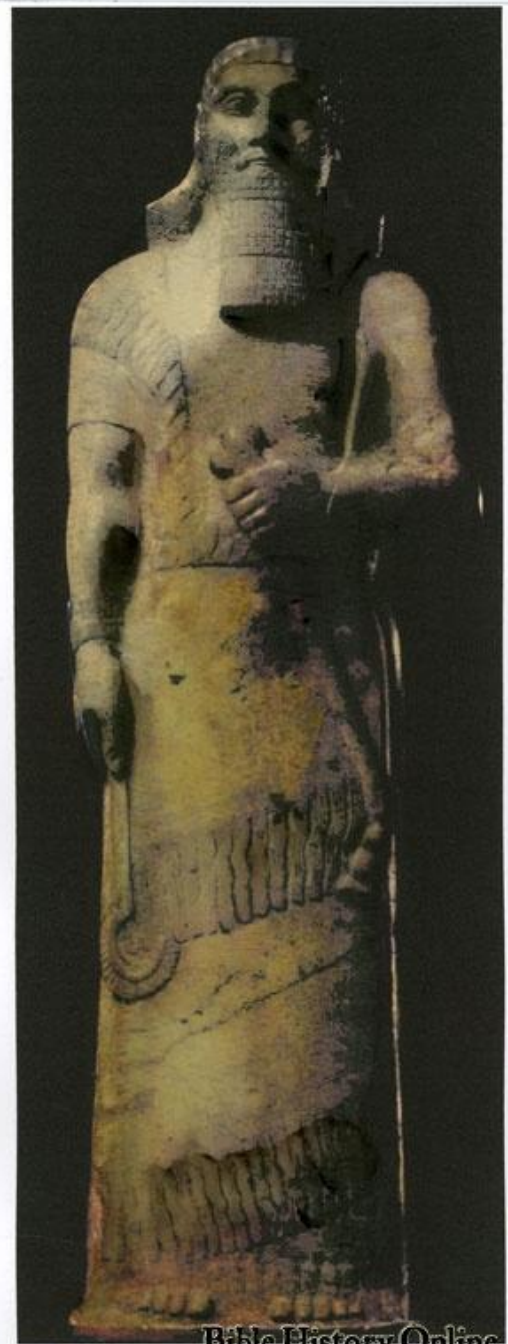
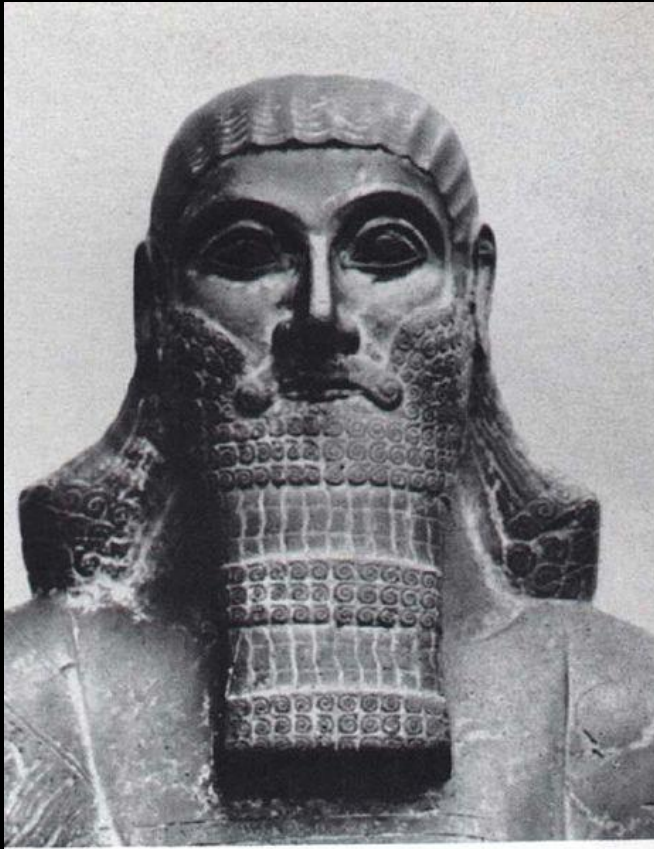
Composition?
Shape? Naturalism?
Line? Texture?



Lamassu, Khorsabad 720 bce
Limestone, 14'
Bull/lion



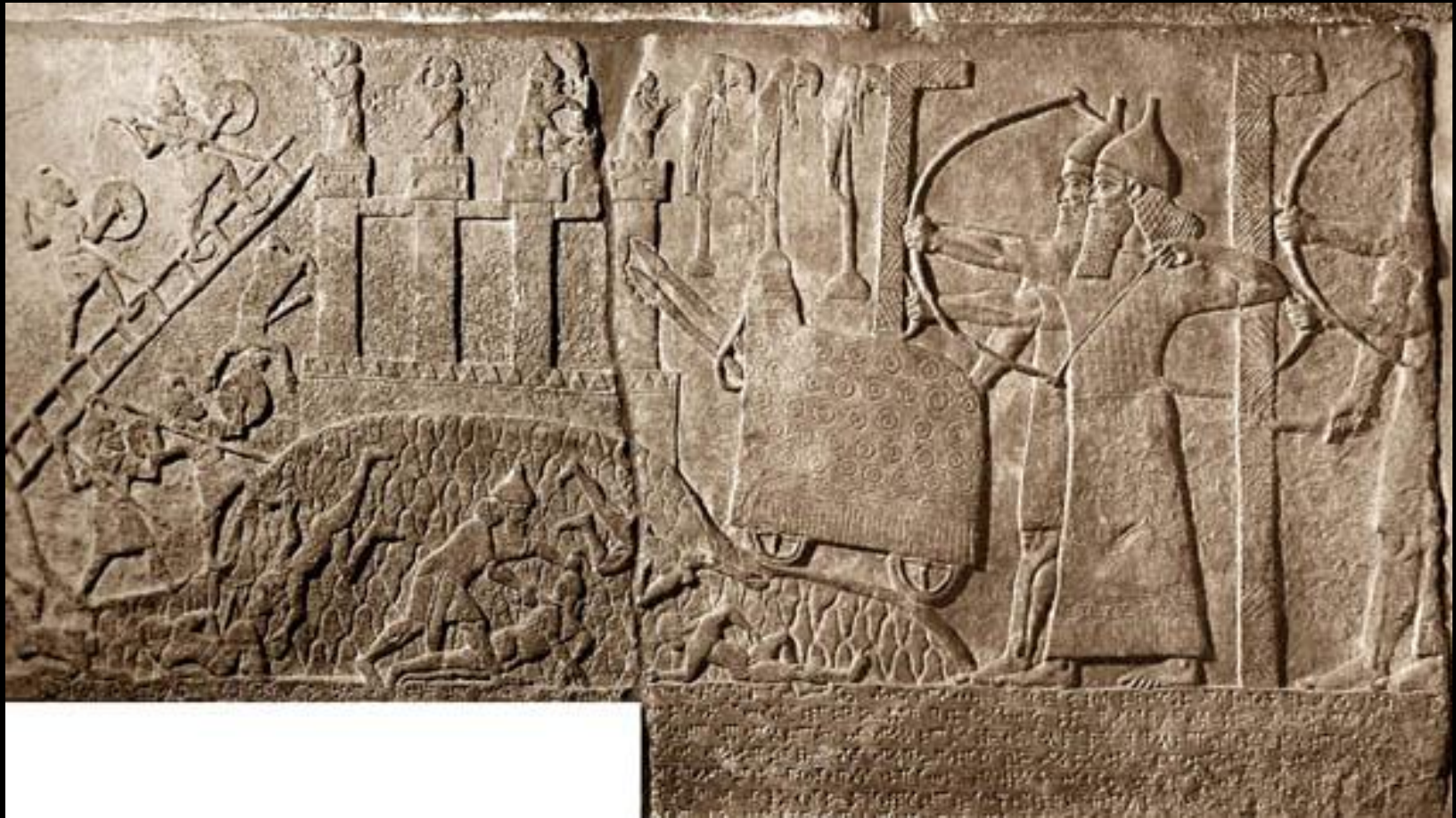
King Assurnasirpal II
Stone portrait
883-859 bce





3 Themes:
War
Hunting
Religious Ceremony



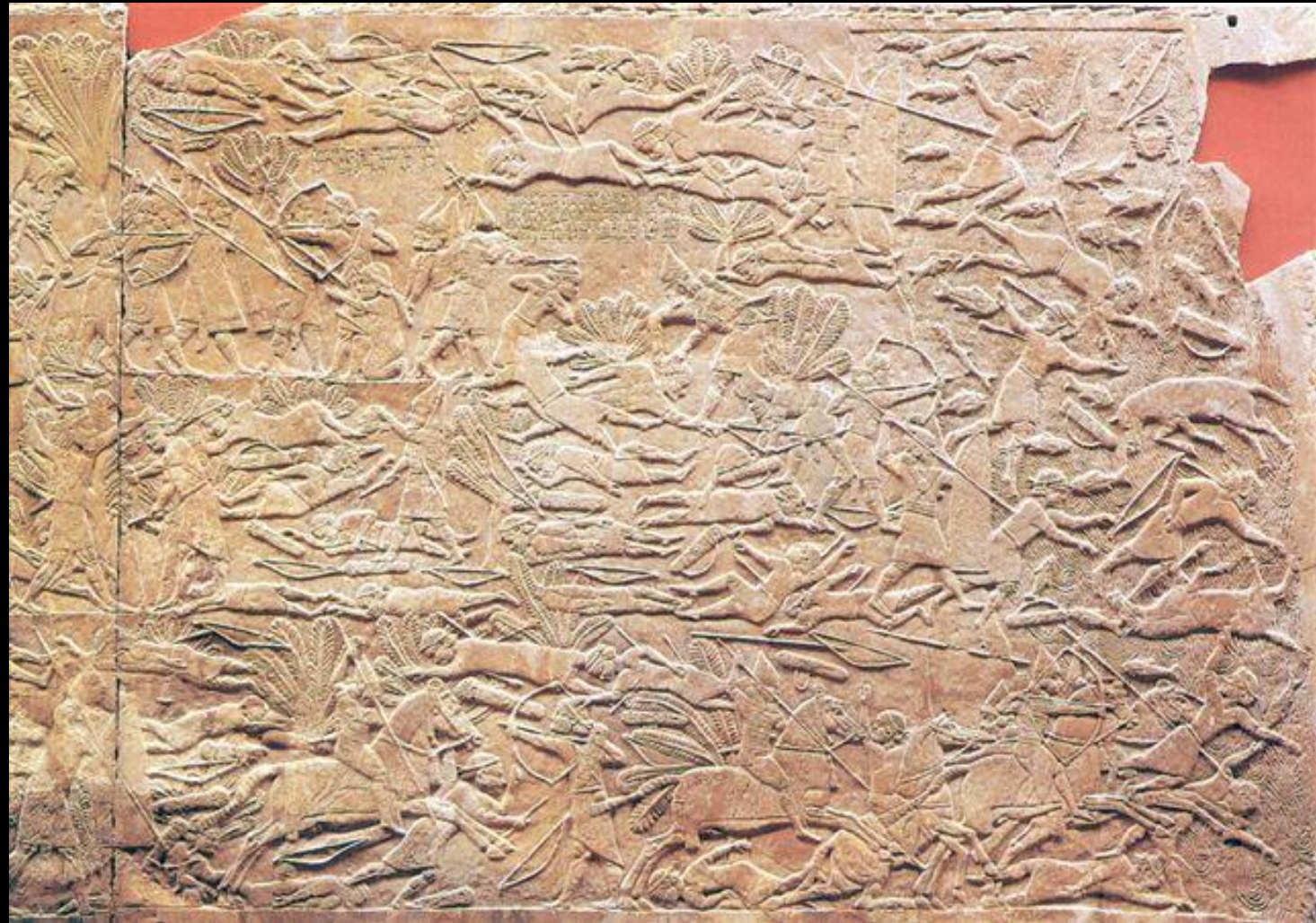


Assurnasirpal II at War
Note siege engine
Nimrud, Iraq
c. 875 BCE, limestone, 39" h.

Detail siege engine or battering ram



war





Assurnasirpal **hunting** 9th century

King vs Lion



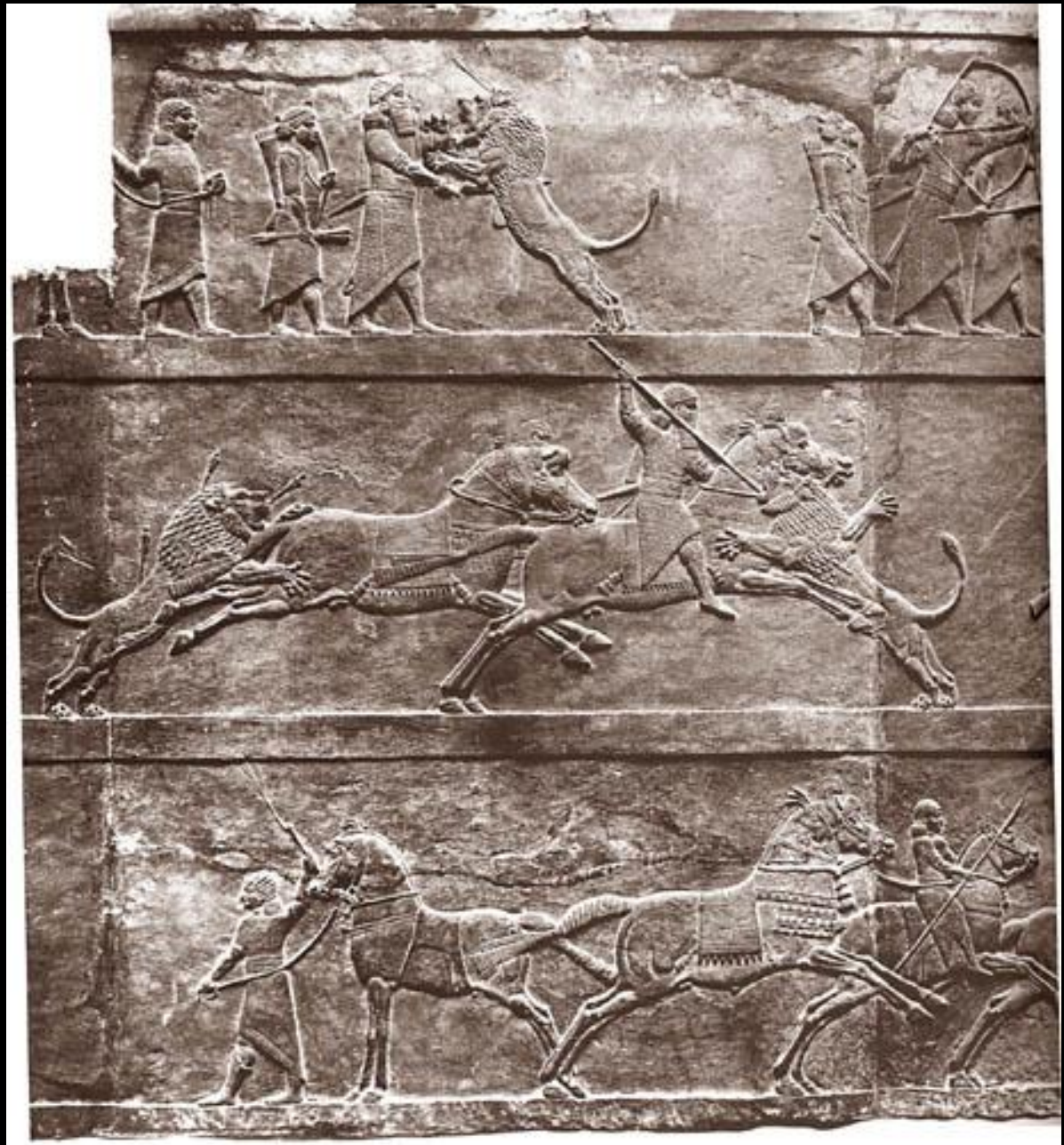
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Stone panel from the north-west palace of Ashurbanipal ii - 883-859 BC

The Lion Hunt
Ritual

Composition?





Type of carving:
In the round or relief?





Tone?



Religious Ritual reliefs

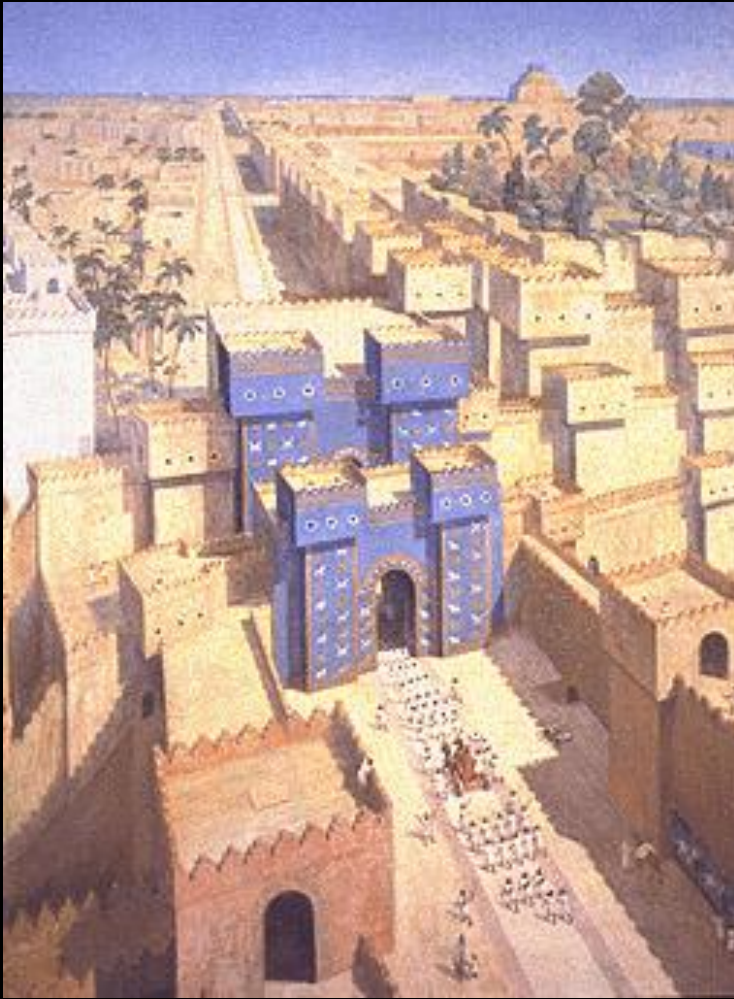






Neo-Babylonia 612-539 bce

The Ishtar Gate c. 575 BCE
Glazed brick, 40' high



Ishtar Gate, Berlin Museum 575 bce



Composition? Medium? Color?







Marduk aka Ba'al

Sections of wall framing
Ishtar Gate, Babylon



Persian Empire c. 539 ++



Beaker from Susa c. 4000 BCE



Persian Empire c. 539bce - c.400CE

Battle of Thermopoliis (the 300) (Spartans, Persians) 480 bce

Persians Sack Athens 480 bce



Persians & Spartans 480 bce Leonidís & Xerxes



Xerxes or Darius

Persians & Spartans 480 bce Bulls & Griffins From Persepolis c. 500 bce

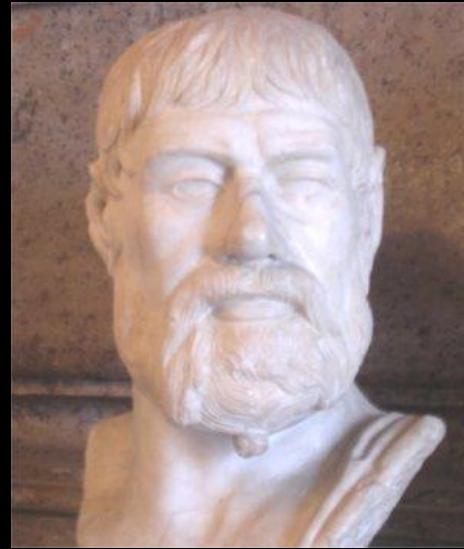


Leonídís & Pausínas

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Trailer to Comic Comparison

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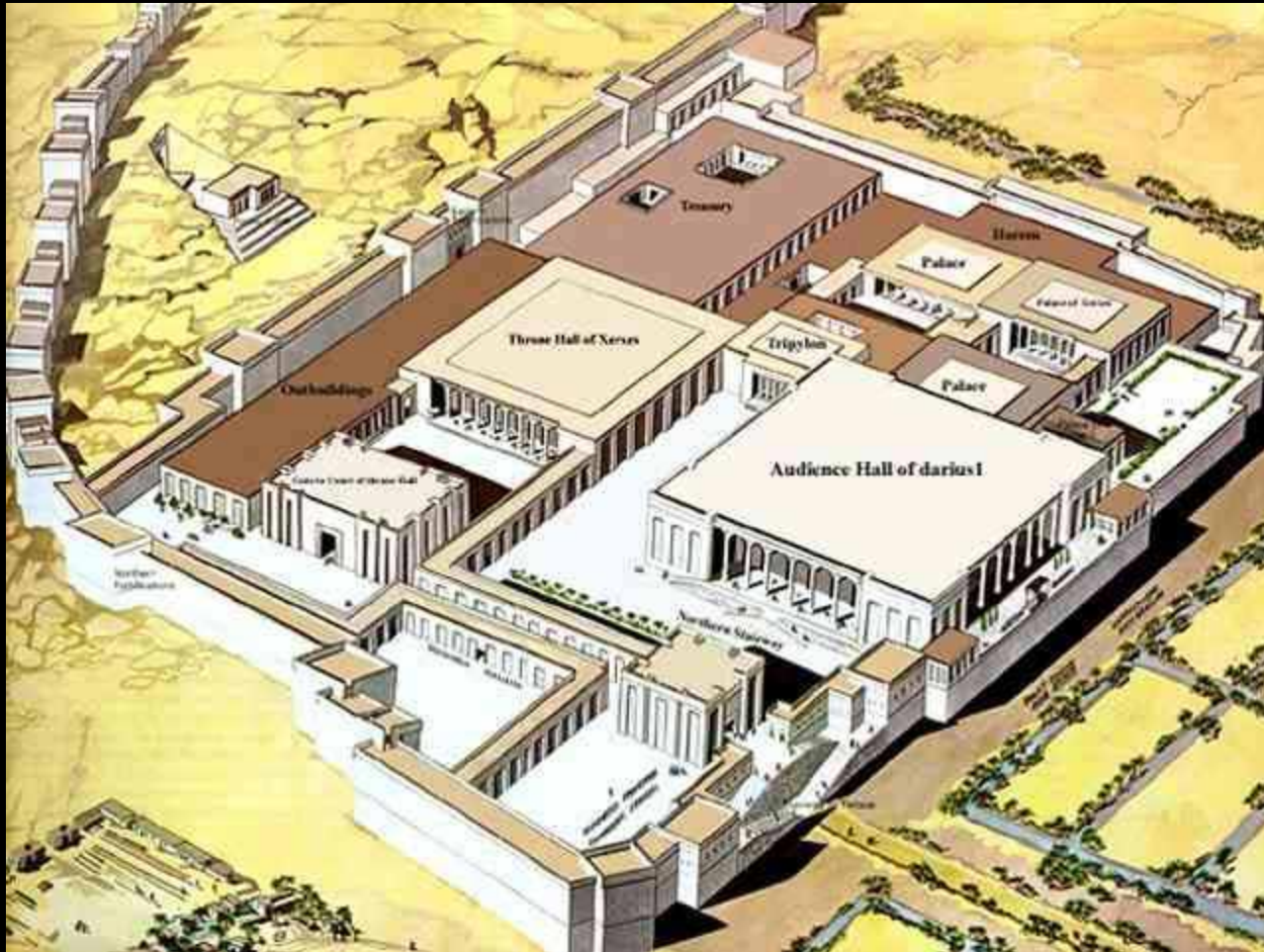
Persians & Spartans 480 bce Persian Soldiers



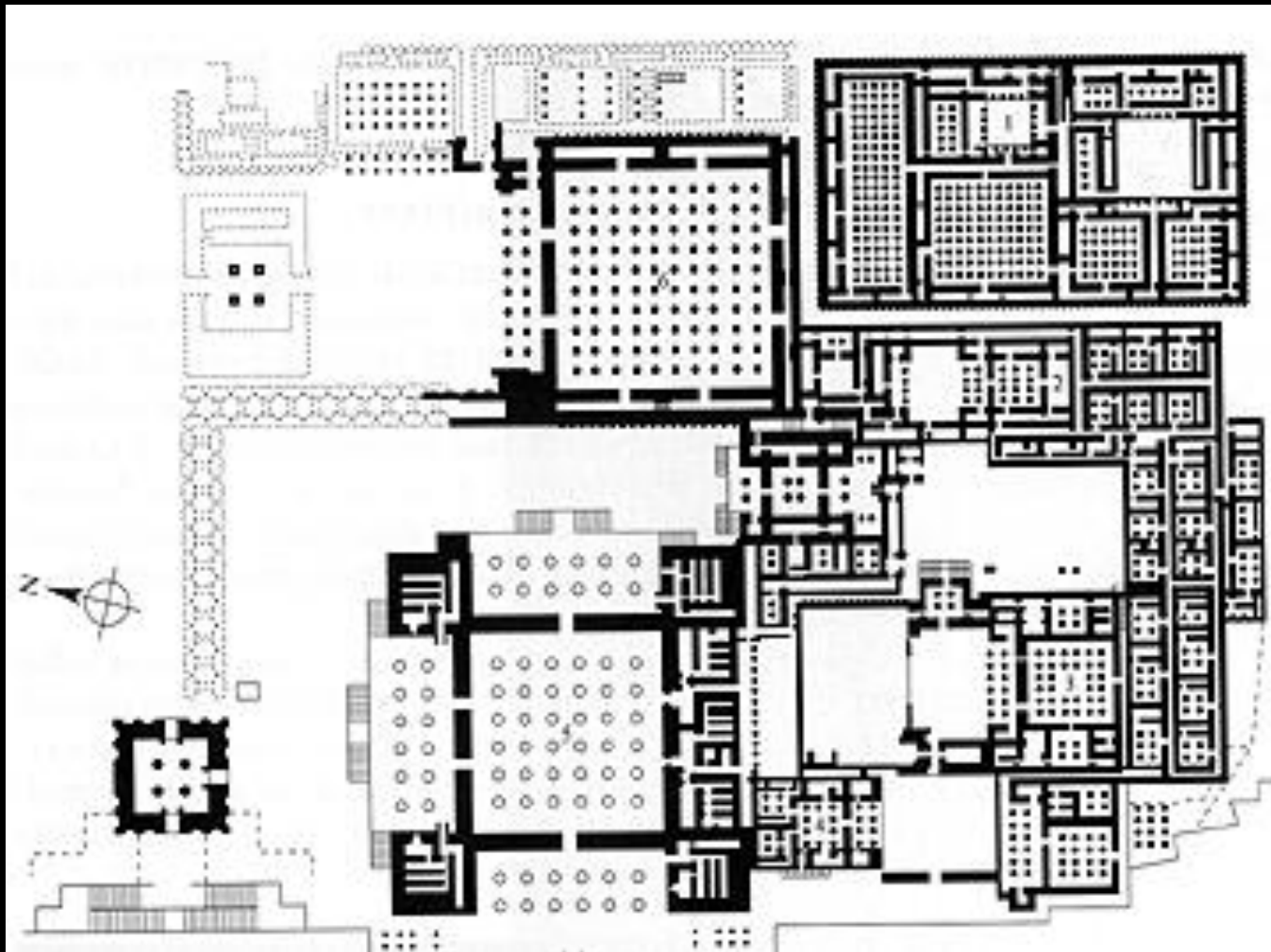
Spartan Hopiltes



Persian Capital
Persepolis c. 500 BCE
Darius & Xerxes



Persian Capital
Persepolis c. 500 BCE
Hypostyle hall from Egypt!





Apadana (audience hall) of Darius & Xerxes
& Bull Capitals, *Persepolis*, c. 500 BCE

Apadana at Persepolis
(burned by Alexander the Great c. 320 bce)





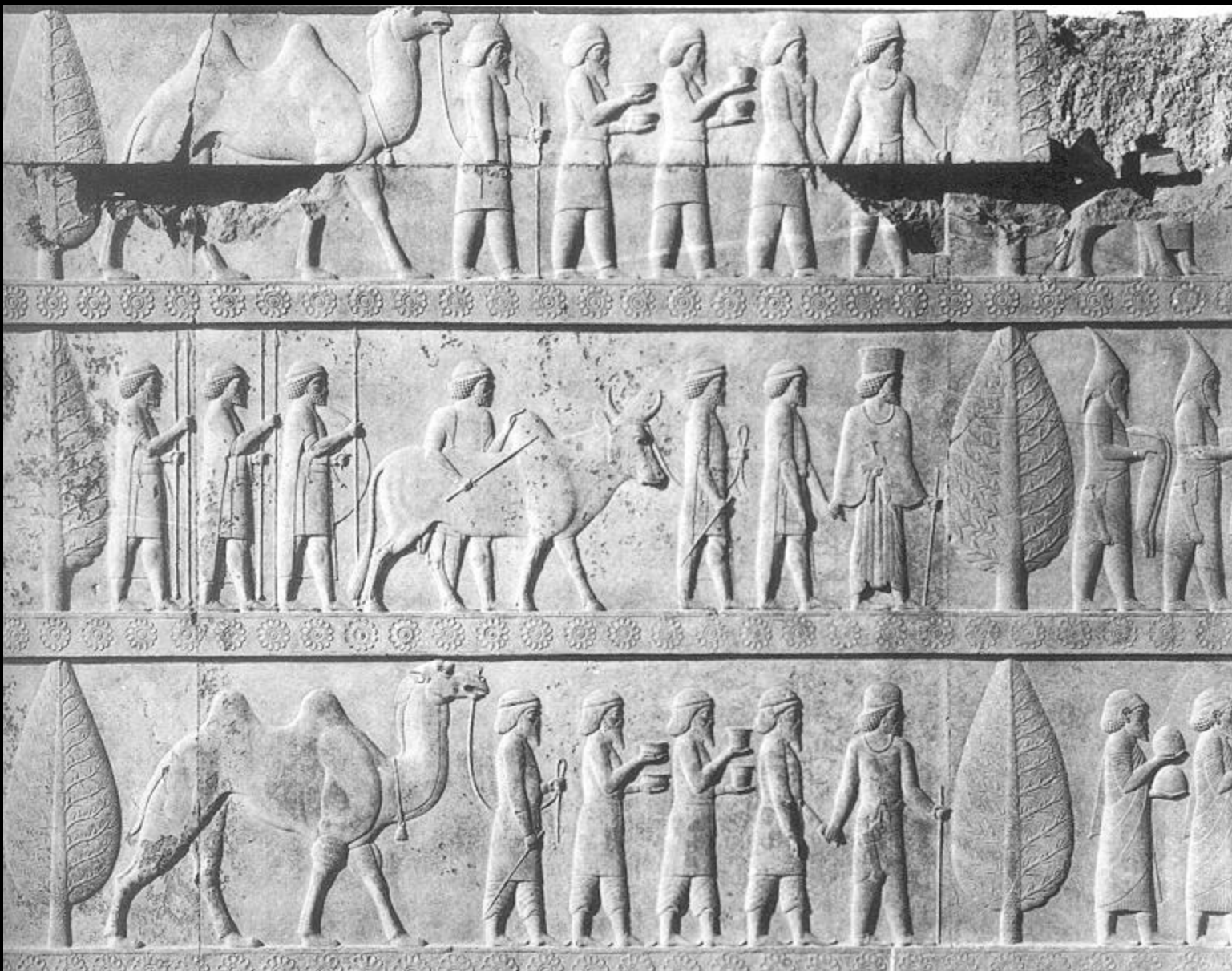


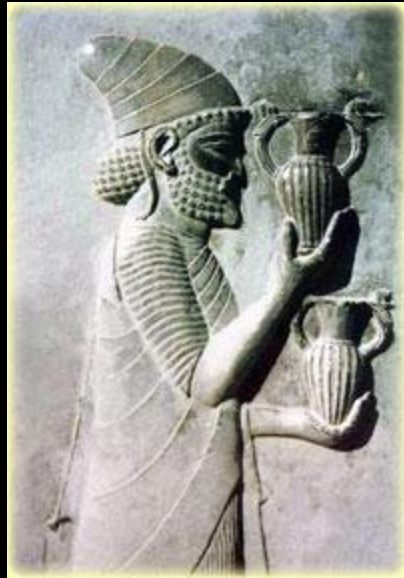






Medes, Scythians, Bactrians, Assyrians, Egyptians, Greeks





Phoenician L
Median body guards below





Persian archers L
Armenian tribute bearer below



Lydians Left, Phoenecian R







Darius & Xerxes at Persepolis c. 500 BCE



King Darius seated
with Prince Xerxes
Persepolis c. 500 bce

Ancient Scythian stag, gold 7th century 12 1/2 "



Achaemenid Rhytons, 5th century, gold

