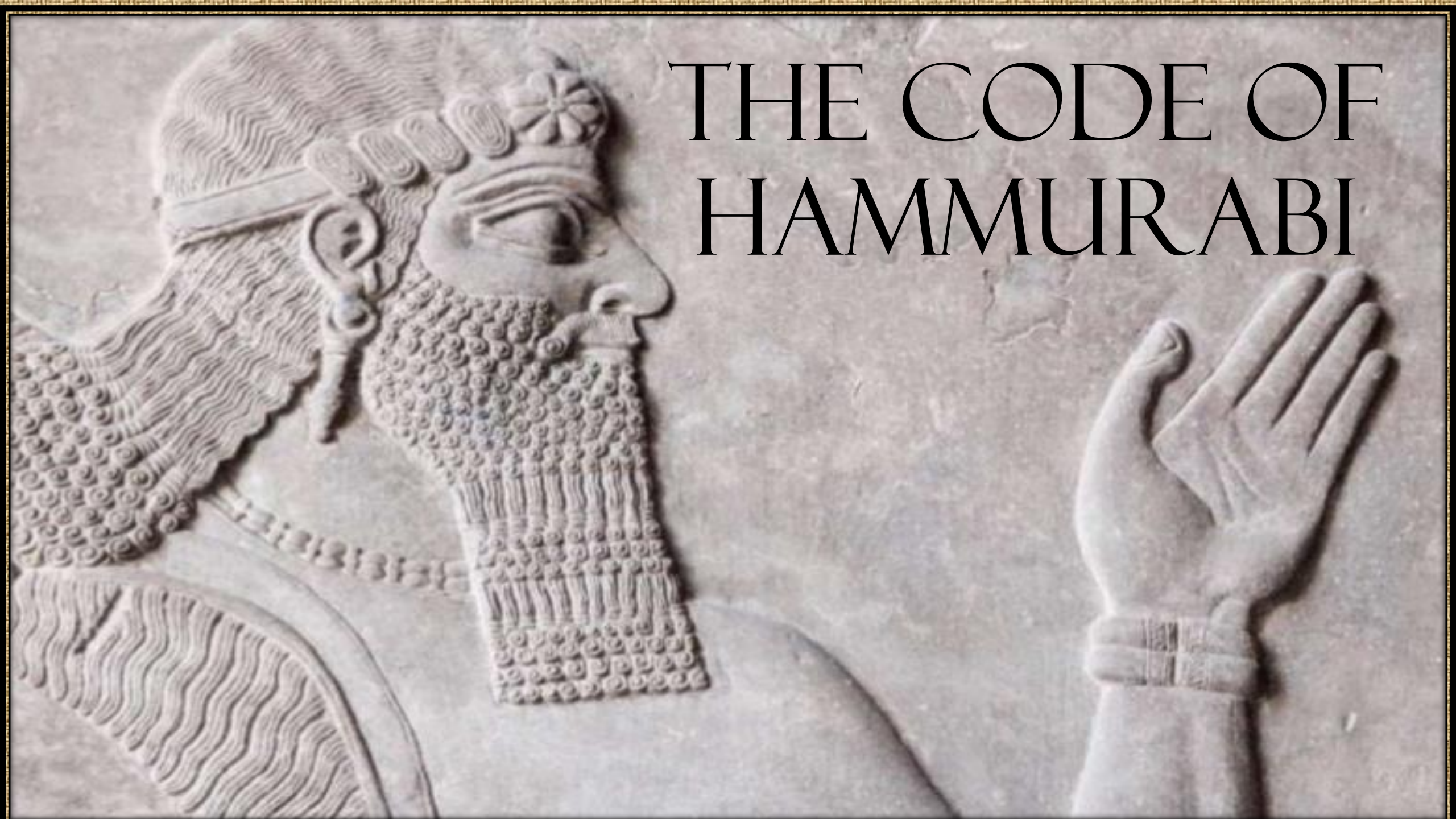
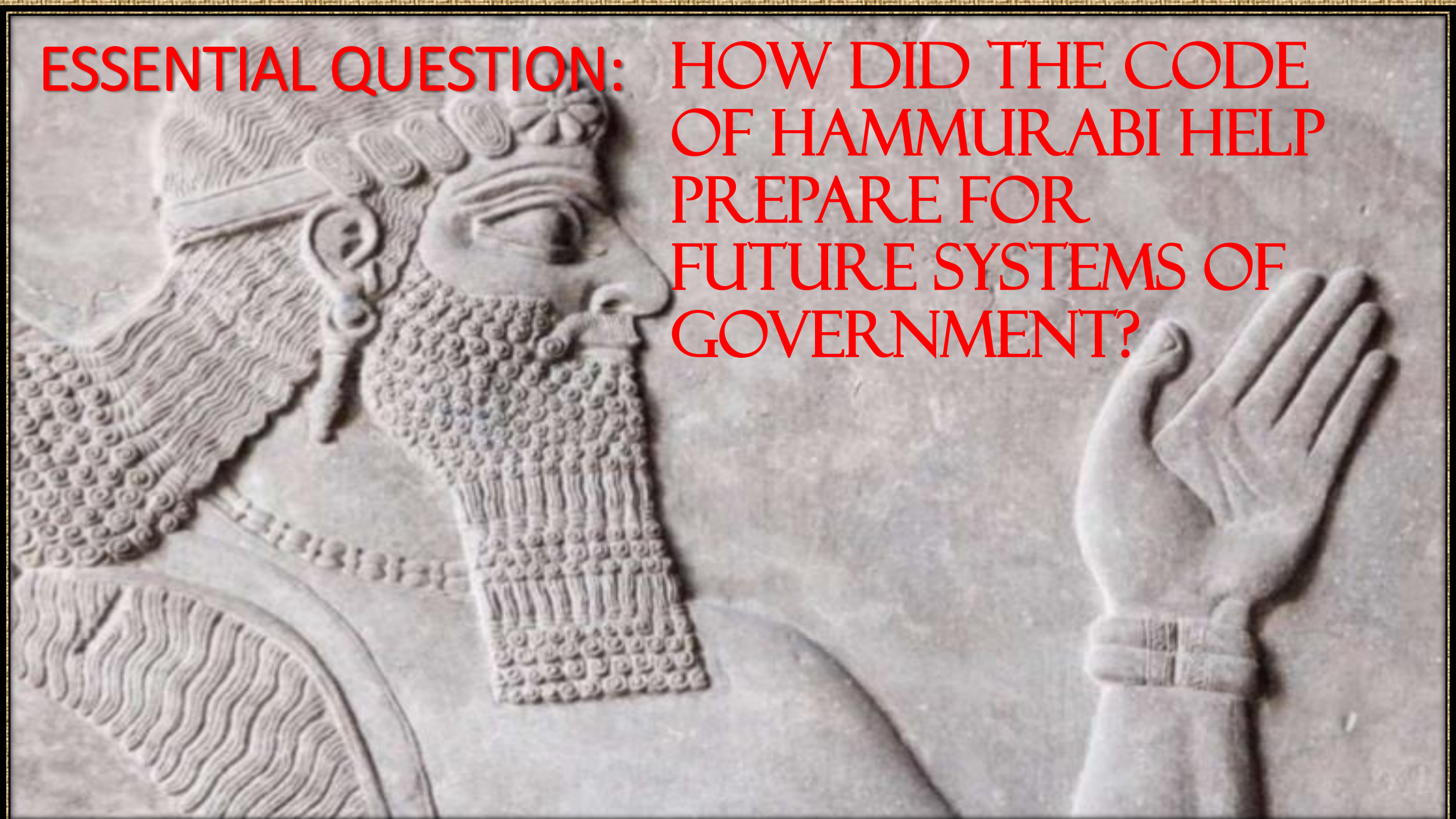


THE CODE OF HAMMURABI



ESSENTIAL QUESTION: HOW DID THE CODE OF HAMMURABI HELP PREPARE FOR FUTURE SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT?

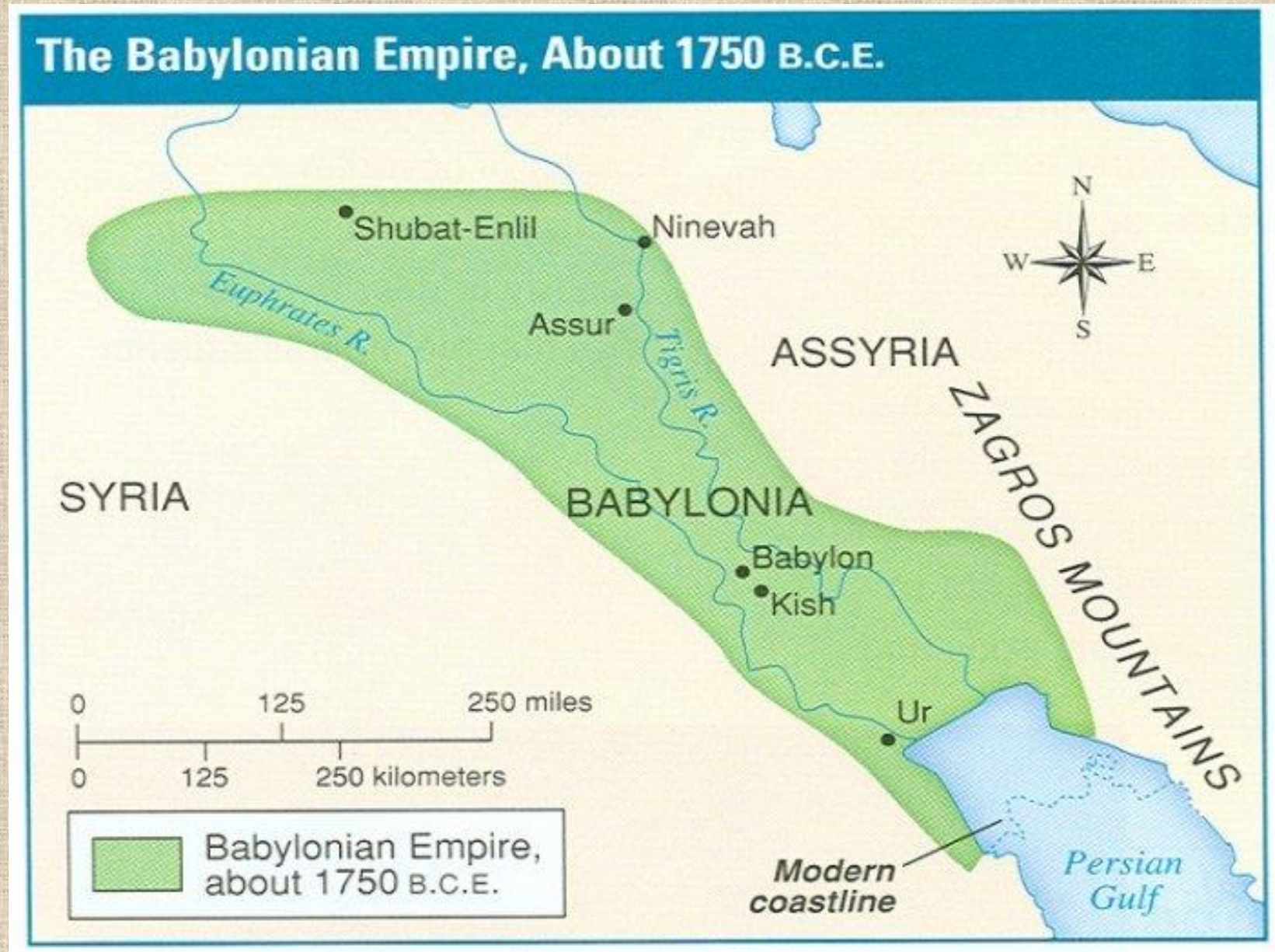


Who was Hammurabi?

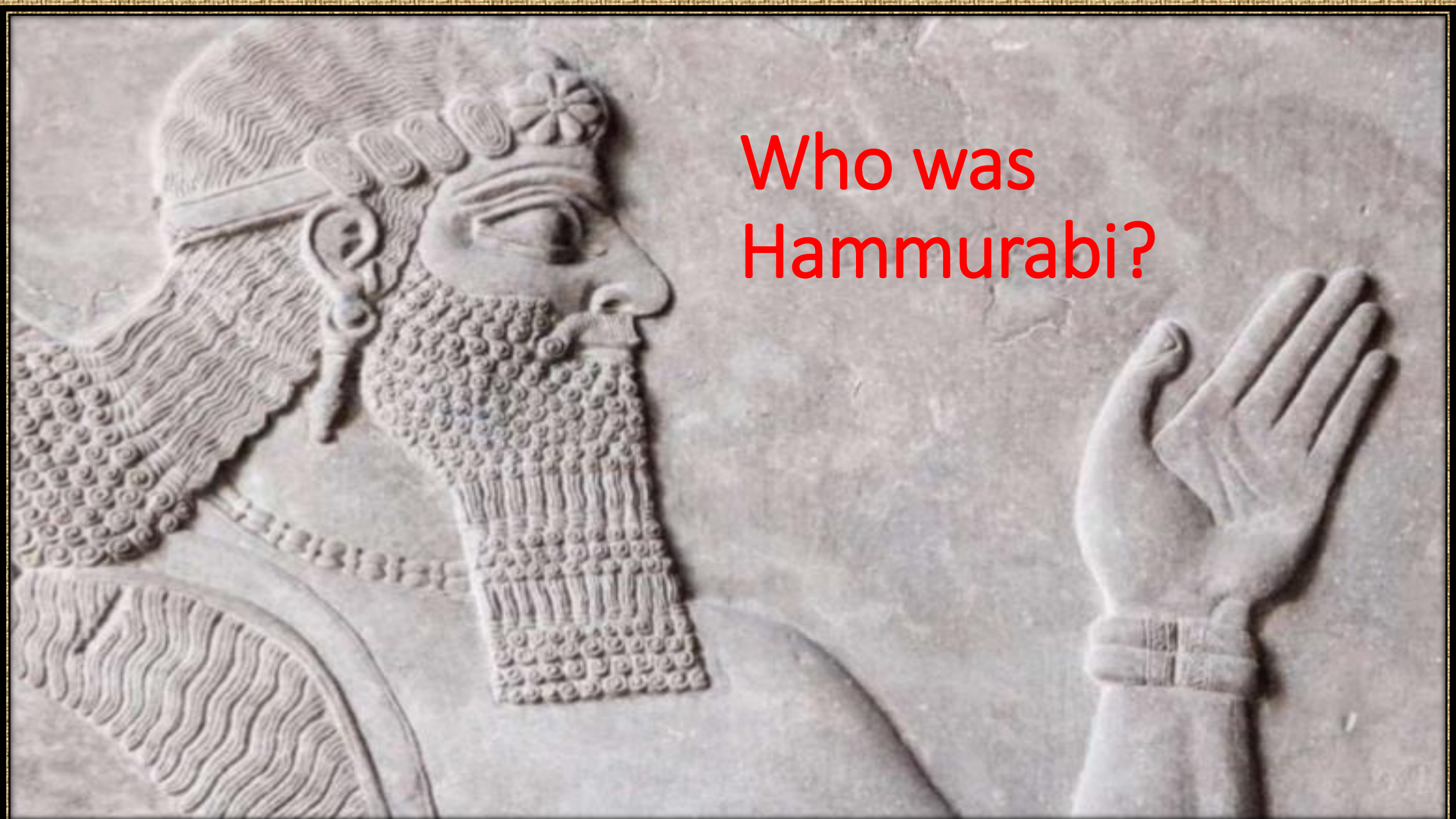
- Hammurabi was the 6th KING of BABYLON
- He ruled for 40 years
- Hammurabi ruled from 1792-1750 B. C.
- Hammurabi was known for his close attention to detail
- He isolated his opponents and individually CONQUERED each of the CITY-STATES.



- His **EMPIRE** stretched from the Persian gulf almost to the Mediterranean sea, it was very **LARGE**.
- Hammurabi had a magnificent royal **ARMY**, as well as an army in reserve consisting of bowmen and javelin men



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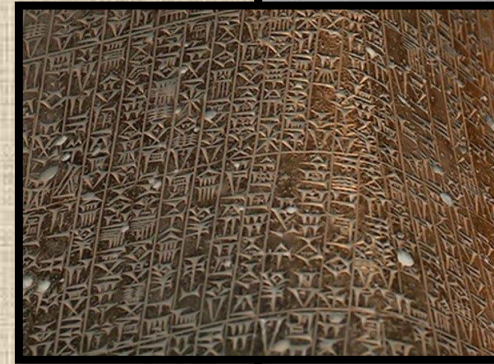
What was the Code of Hammurabi?

- Hammurabi is best known for his written laws, known as the **CODE OF HAMMURABI**.
- The code contained **282 LAWS**
- This was one of the oldest written law systems in the world.
- His laws were based on laws of **PREVIOUS** rulers, Ur-nammu (c. 2050 BCE), and Lipith-Ishtar (c.1870 BCE)



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- His code was written using **CUNEIFORM** script and the **AKKADIAN** language
- Previous codes had been written using the Sumerian language.
- The code was written in about 1754 B.C.
- It was written on a large basalt (type of stone) **STELE** and clay tablets
- The Stone stele was discovered in 1901 AD, and translated in 1902
- The code lists **BABYLONIAN** laws divided into categories, it included laws for both civil and criminal matters.



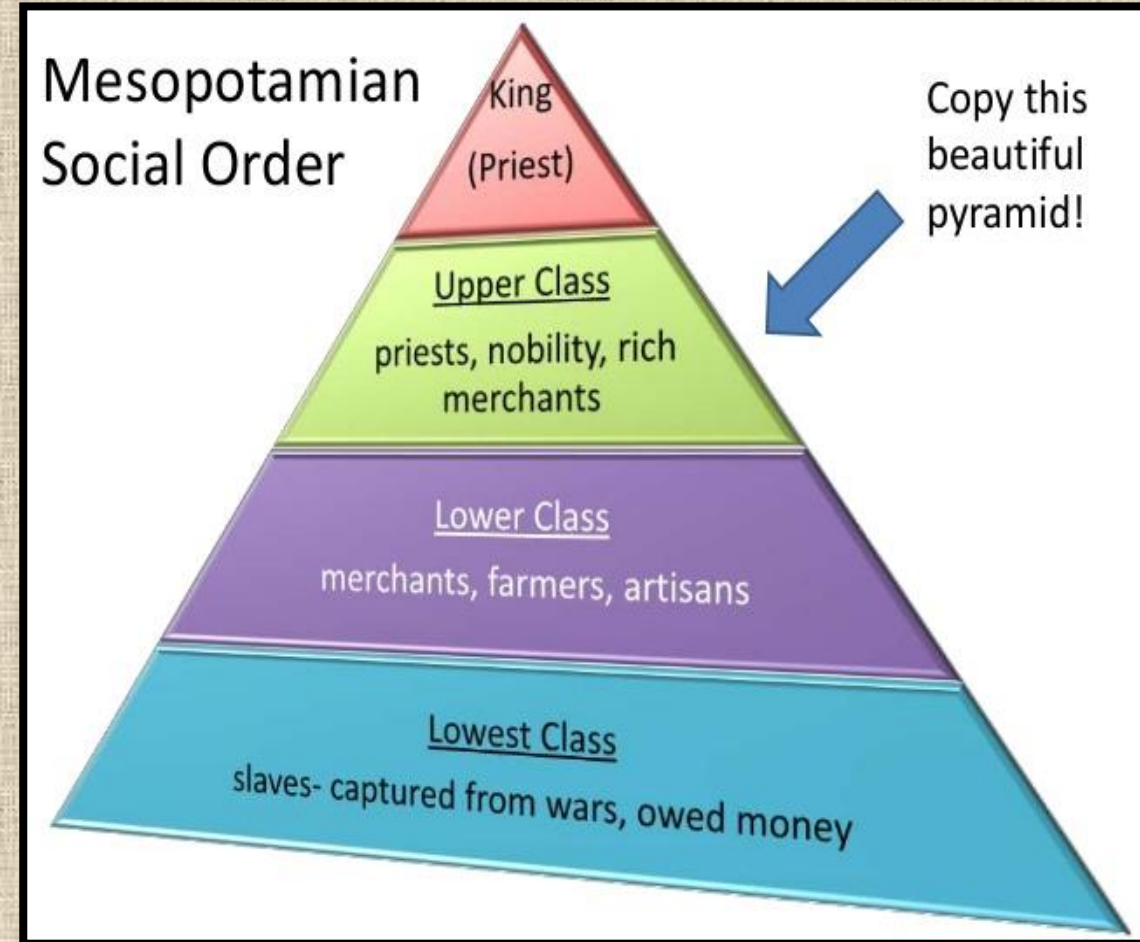


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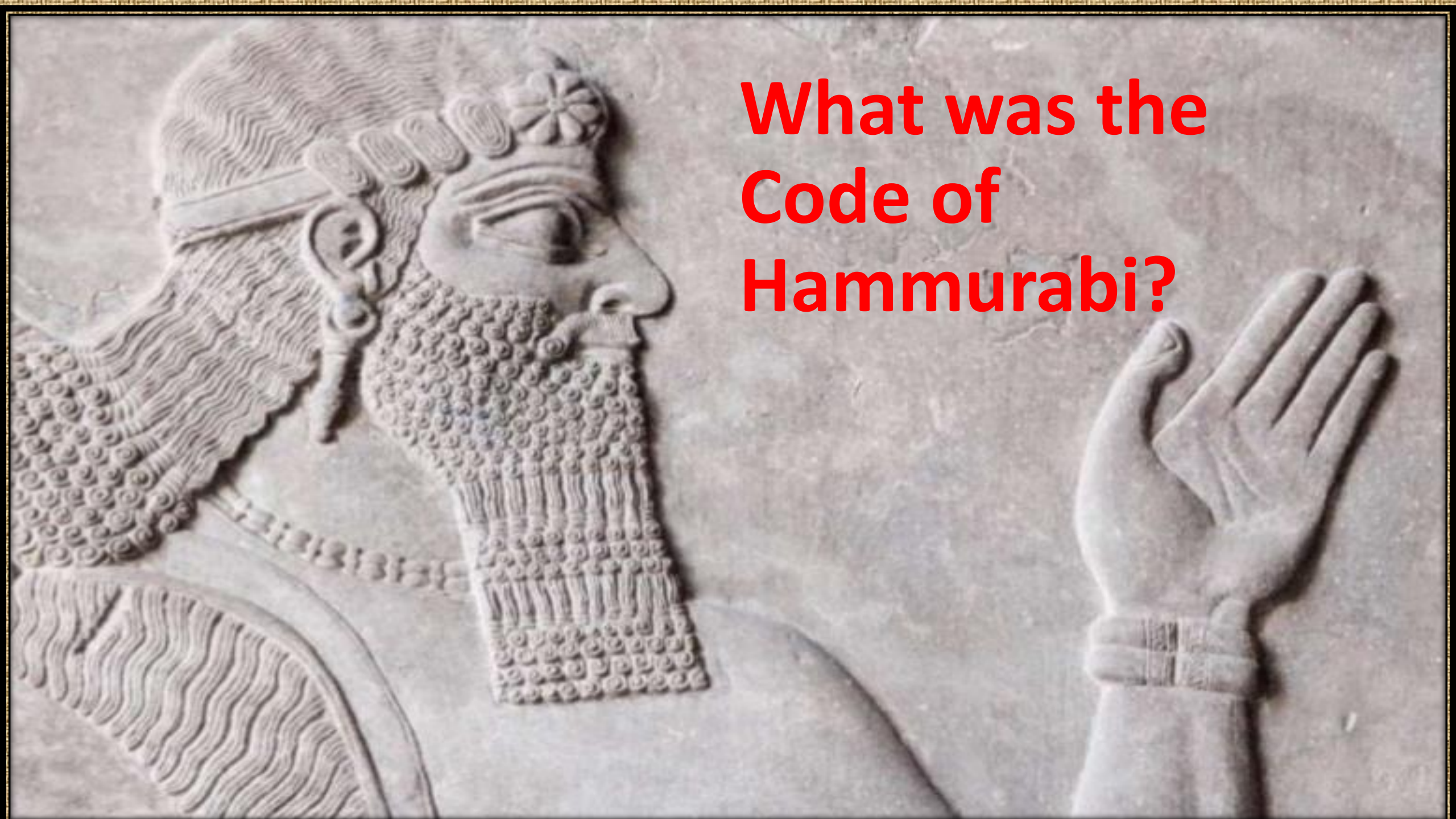
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- Judges could use the code to invent laws using the analogies given
- The code connected the LAW with justice coming from the GODS.
- The kings were viewed as the shepherds of their people, or as demigods
- The code recognized different SOCIAL CLASSES, including slaves, free men, and property owners, and had different laws and punishments based on a person's social standing.



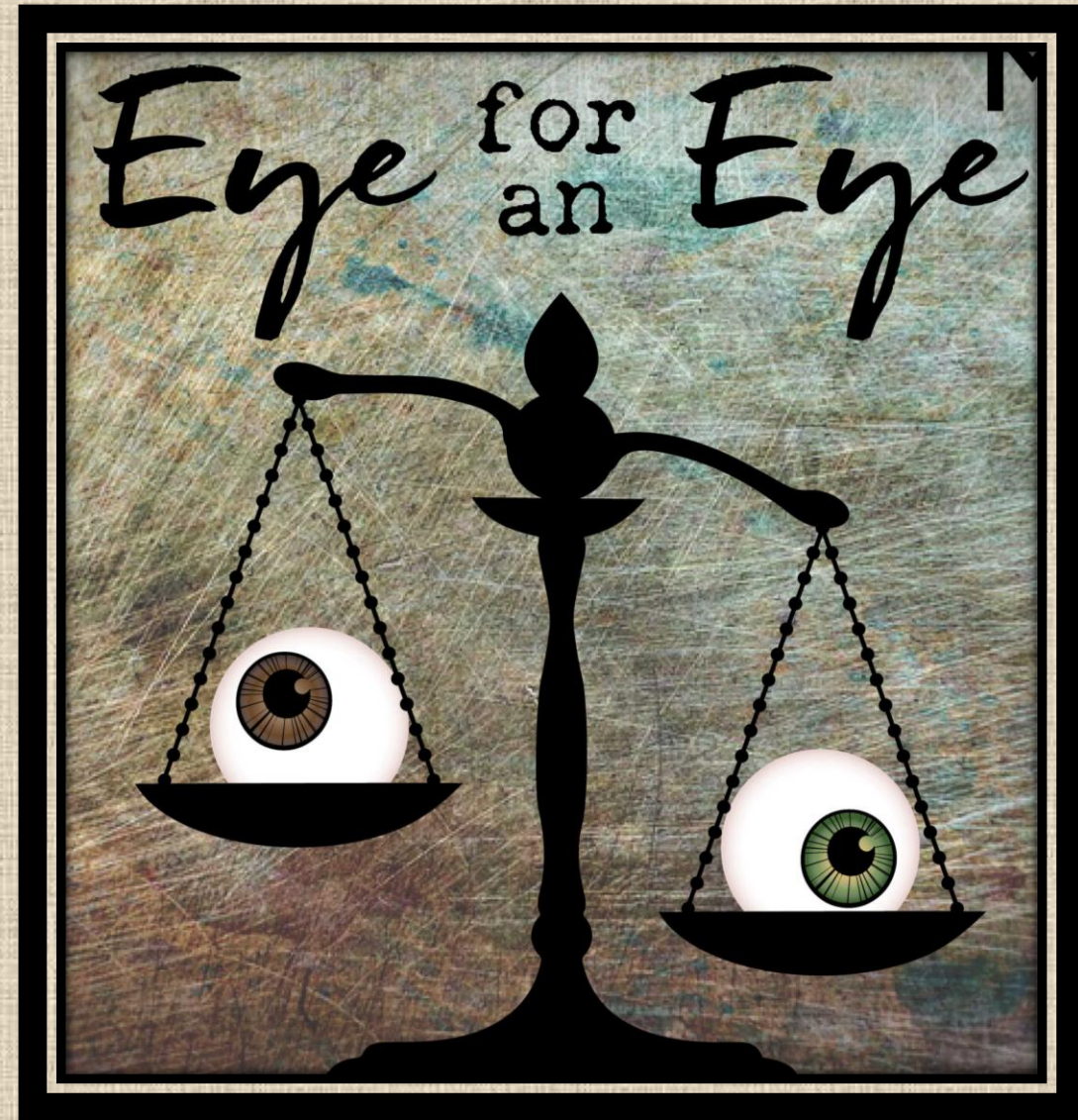
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What types of laws were included on the Code?

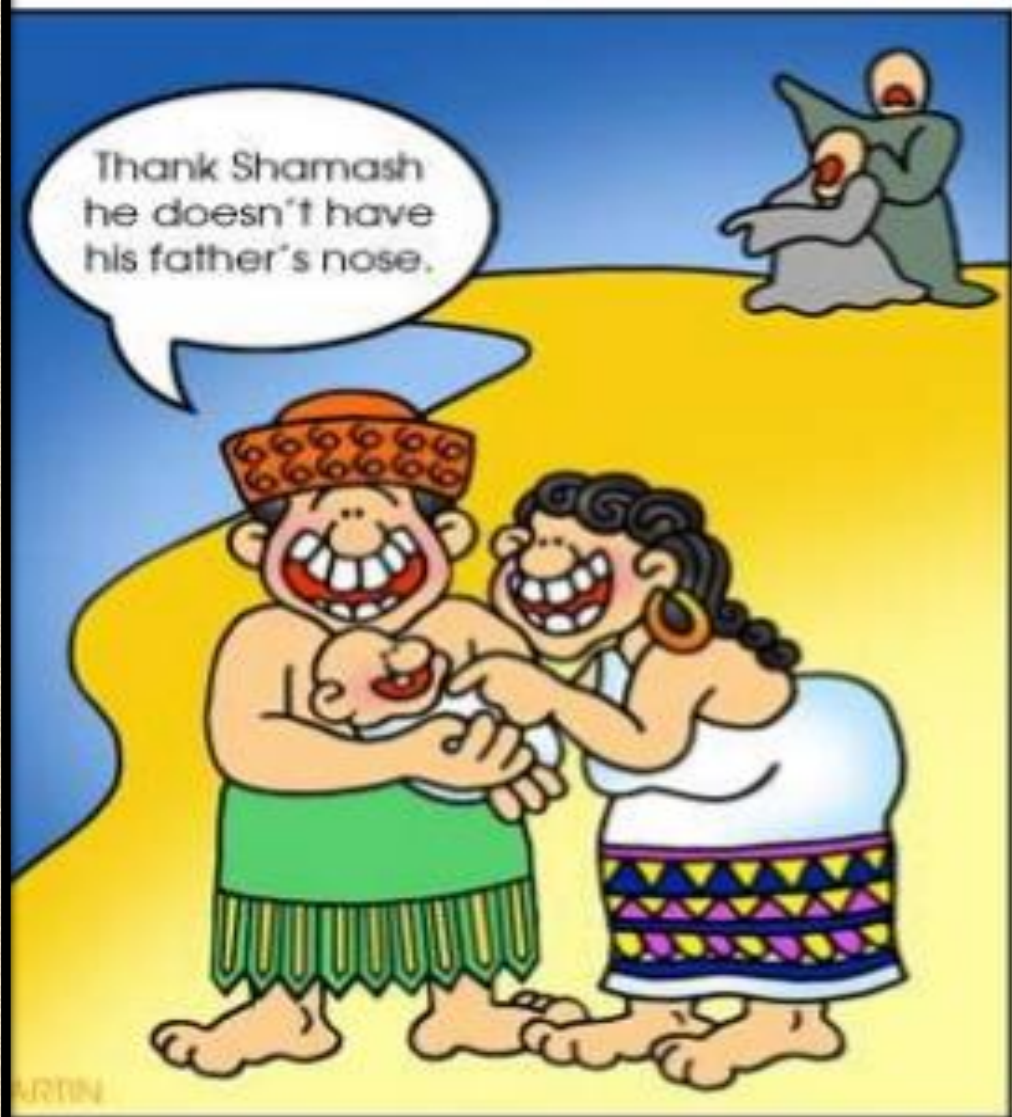
- The prologue of the **CODE** stated that Hammurabi wanted “to make justice **VISIBLE** in the land, to destroy the wicked person and the evil-doer, that the strong might not injure the weak.”
- Major laws covered in the code included divorce, **TRADE**, slander, **THEFT**, responsibilities of workers, and property damage
- A large portion of the code was devoted to household and **FAMILY MATTERS**

- Criminal law in the code was based on the principle of LEX TALIONIS, meaning “the law of like punishment”
- This meant any injury or death suffered by one family had to be REPAID by the offending family with an EQUAL LOSS
- i.e., “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” This was taken quite literally.

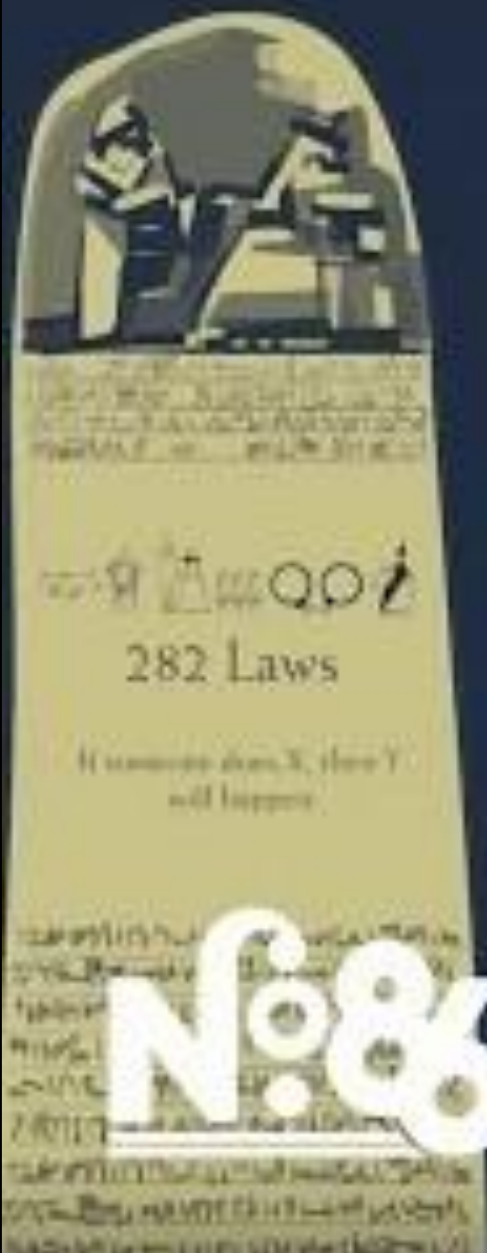




What should happen to a boy who slaps his father?

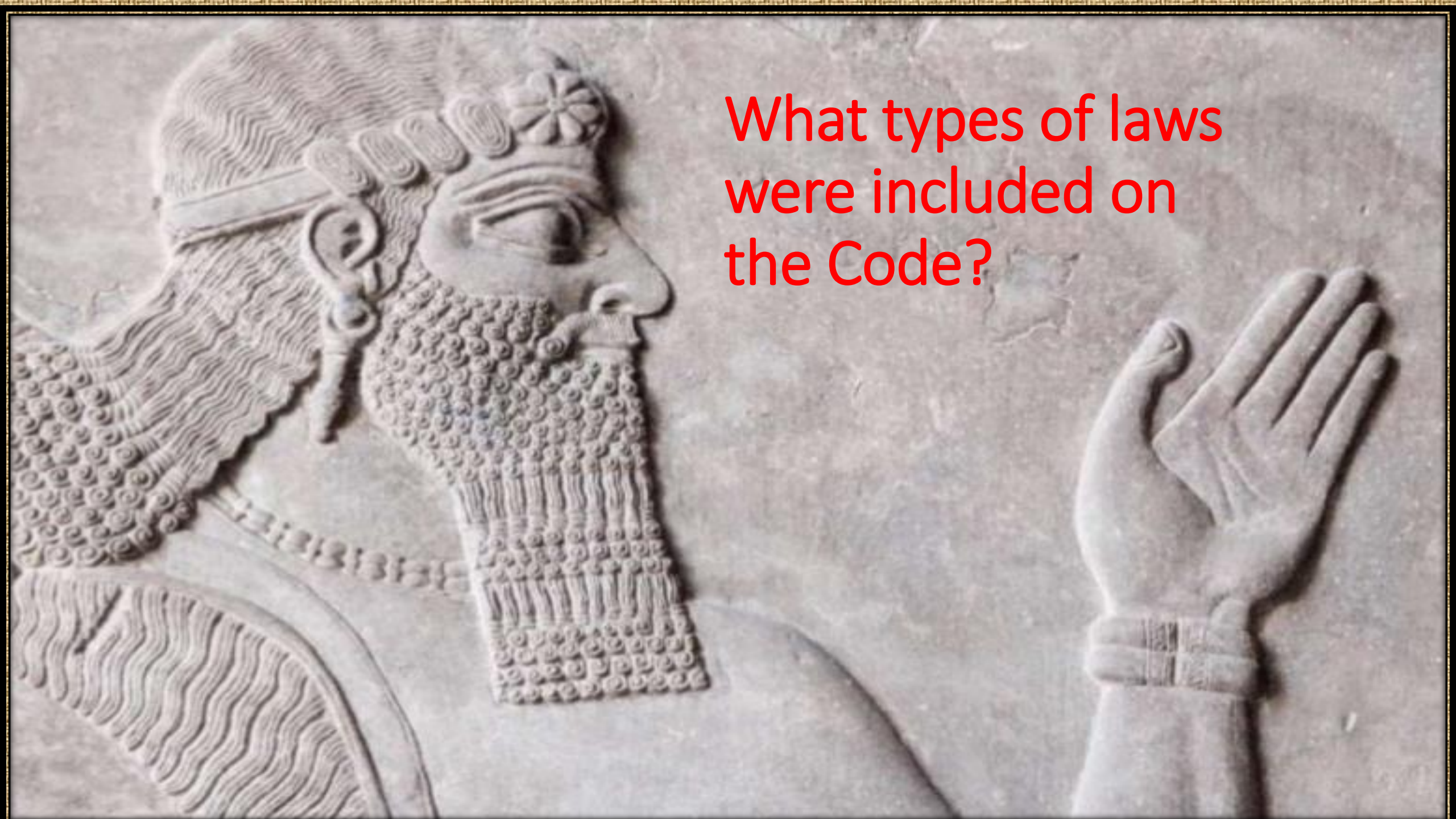


What should be done if a son is adopted and then the birth-parents want him back?



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What types of laws were included on the Code?



What attributes of modern governments can be traced back to the law of Hammurabi's Code?

- Other civilizations near the Fertile Crescent who received Hammurabi's Code, adapted it and created **SIMILAR CODES** to fit their needs
- The code was used as a **MODEL** for several civilizations for over **1500** years
- The Code may have acted as an early type of constitutional government, with the offenders being able to plead their case before a **JUDGE** before **PUNISHMENT** was given.



- The code acted as a model for establishing **JUSTICE** in other cultures
- It was believed to have influenced the laws that would later be established by Hebrew scribes.
- Some viewed it as a precursor to the **LAW OF MOSES**.

Written Law Codes



Code of Hammurabi

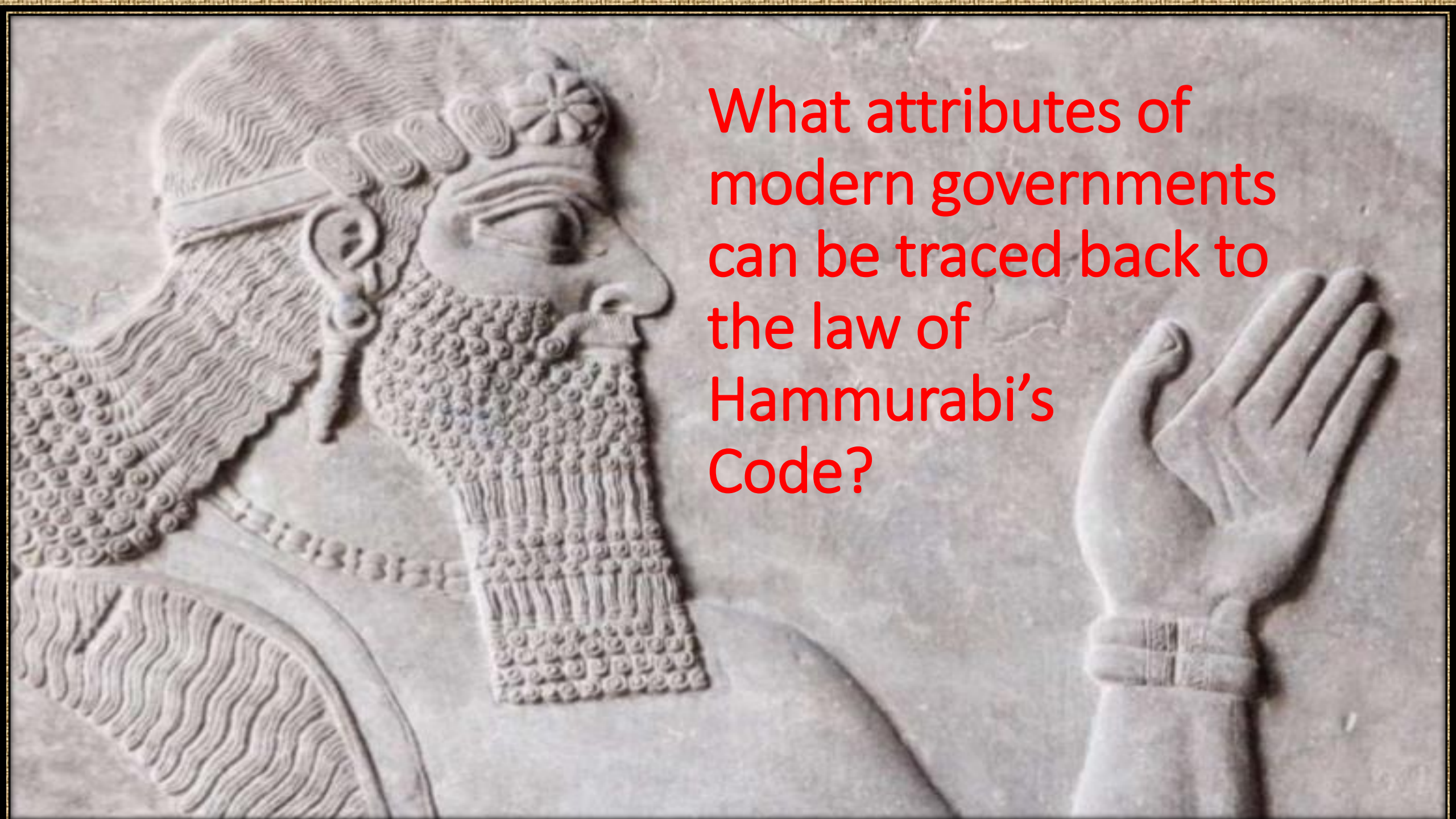


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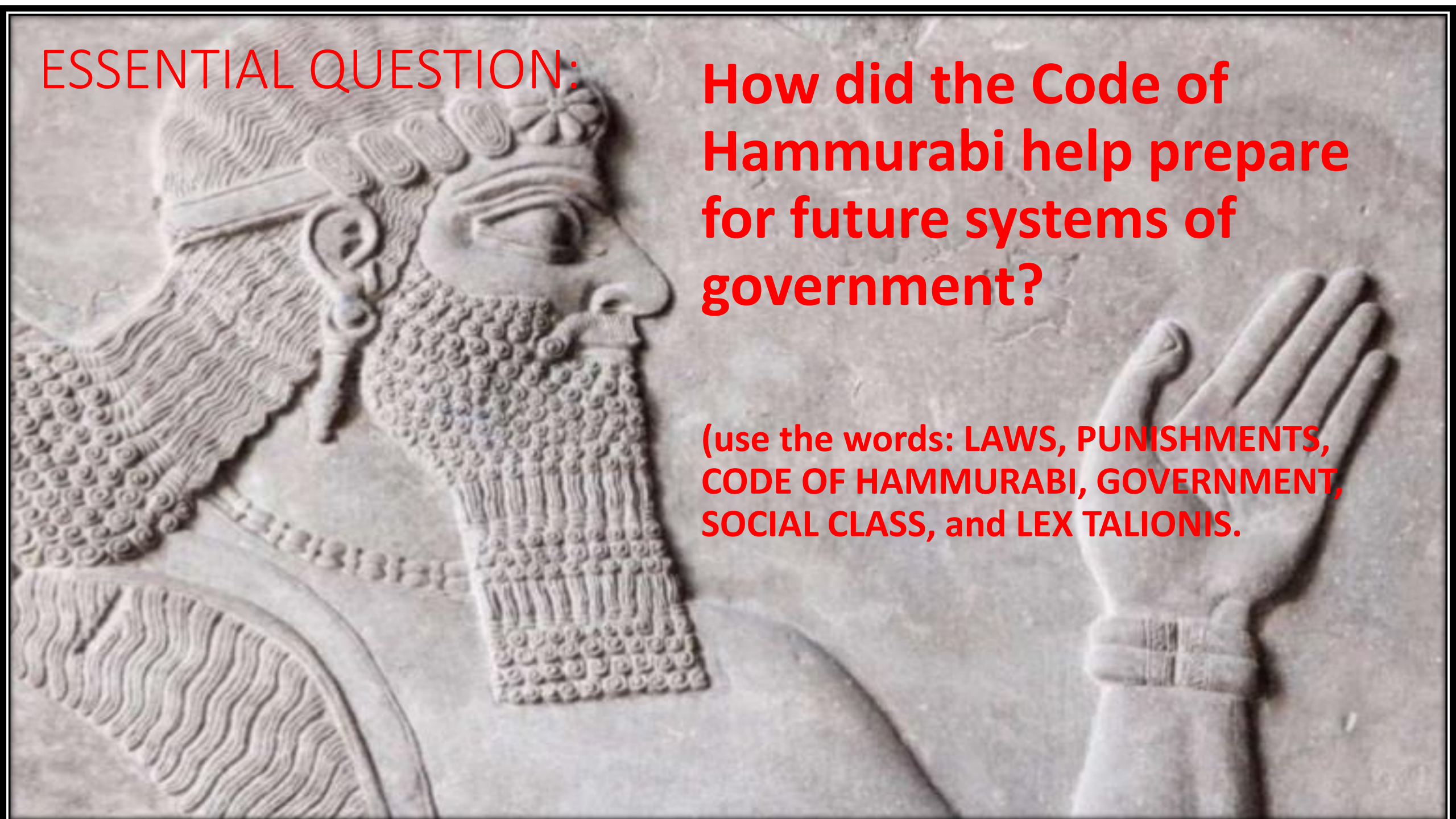
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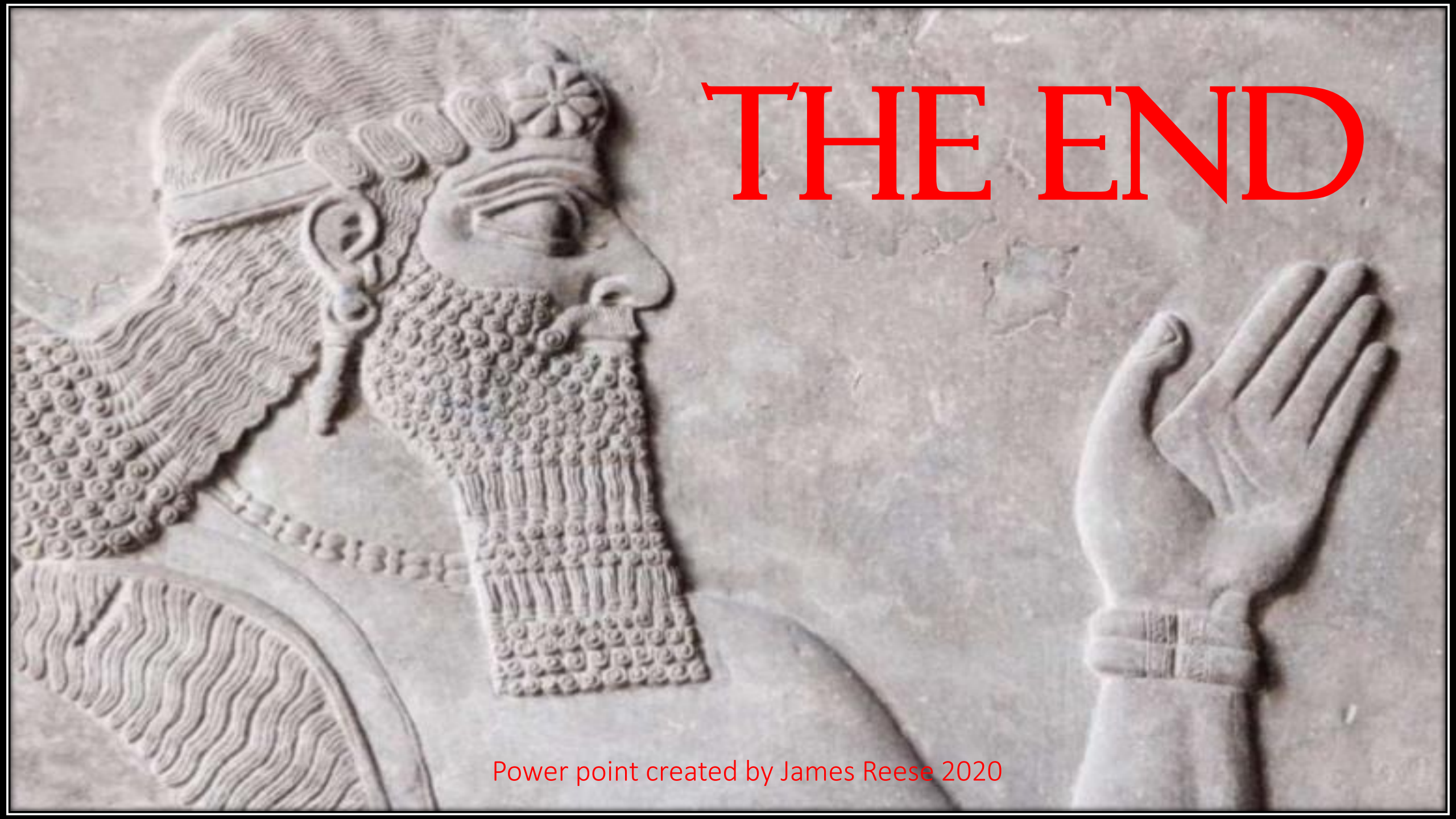
ESSENTIAL QUESTION:

How did the Code of Hammurabi help prepare for future systems of government?

(use the words: LAWS, PUNISHMENTS, CODE OF HAMMURABI, GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL CLASS, and LEX TALIONIS.)



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