

Mesopotamia Timeline Dates

Sumerians:	4500 -1900 B.C.
Babylonians:	1900-539 B.C.
Assyrians:	2500-600 B.C.
Persians:	550-330 B.C.
Akkadians:	2300-2100 B.C.
Kingdom of Israel/Judah:	1047-586 B.C.

- 5000 B.C. Irrigation used in Sumer for first time
- 3300 B.C. Sumerians invent first writing system, Cuneiform
- 3200 B.C. Sumerians begin to use the wheel
- 2700 B.C. Legendary king Gilgamesh rules Sumer
- 2330 B.C. Sargon I of Akkadia conquers Sumeria
- 1900 B.C. Assyrians rise to power
- 1800 B.C. Abraham and beginning of Hebrews/Israelites
- 1792 B.C. Hammurabi becomes king of Babylon. Implements Code of Hammurabi law system
- 1250 B.C. Assyrians begin using iron weapons and chariots
- 1047 B.C. Kingdom of Israel created
- 930 B.C. Kingdom of Israel divides in two
- 721 B.C. Northern Tribes of Israel leave
- 668 B.C. Ashurbanipal becomes last king of Assyria, creates library at Nineveh
- 604 B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar II becomes king of Babylon, creates the Hanging Gardens of Babylon
- 539 B.C. Cyrus the Great conquers Babylon and allows the Jewish people to return to their land
- 522 B.C. Darius I establishes the Persian Empire
- 333 B.C. Alexander the Great conquers the Persian Empire