



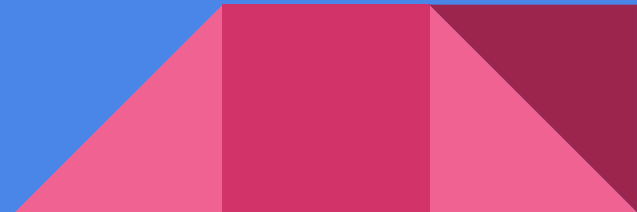
ASSYRIANS

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Geography

- The Assyrians homeland was thought to be located in the area around the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Assyria developed here because there was great soil and rivers which were important for travel, irrigation, and trade.



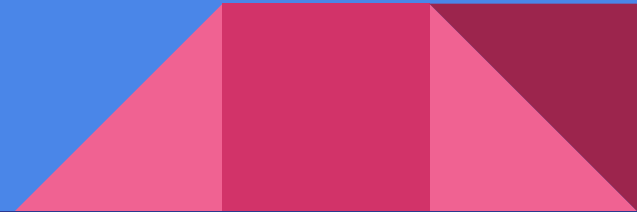
Map of the Assyrian Empire



Exiles taken from Israel to Assyria (722 BC)

Time Period

- The Assyrians reached their peak around 1307 BCE, dominating Mesopotamia.
- The ancient Sumerian city of Assur came under Assyrian rule by about 2000 BCE, serving as the capital of the Assyrian Kingdom.



Assyria and War

- The Assyrians were great warriors and they loved to conquer by using strategies such as setting siege on a city.
- They also had the largest army in the Middle East.

Assyria and War

- Assyrians were the first to use iron weapons in war.
- The Assyrians were extremely good leaders.
- They are called the Bloody Nation.



Beliefs and Religion

- The first Assyrian religion was Ashurism which was derived from Ashur, the supreme god of the sky.
- As a nation, Assyrians were the first to collectively convert to Christianity.



Languages

- Assyrians have used two languages throughout their history: Ancient Assyrian (Akkadian), and modern Assyrian (Neo-Syriac).
- Aramaic was made the second official language of the Assyrian Empire in 752 BCE.

Writing

- Assyrians wrote in Cuneiform on clay tablets.
- Cuneiform was the weird wedge shaped letters.
- It was not pictographic.
- We can read it today.



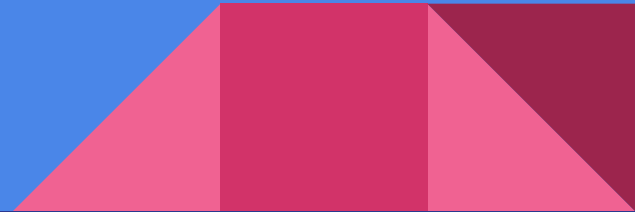
Arts and Architecture



- Walls of some rooms in Assyrian palaces were lined with limestone reliefs which offer beautiful and terrifying images of the power and wealth of the Assyrian kings.

Contributions

- The Assyrians invented sculptures, building, landscaping gardening, reading and writing, all of which we still use today.
- The Assyrians invented the first library, and today we still benefit from libraries. They had a calendar that Jews still use today.



Technology

- Assyrians were extremely skilled in battle.
- Assyria had the first paved roads.



Economy

- Assyria concentrated its economic wealth to military welfare through agriculture and brutally taxing its enemies.
- Assyria's agriculture came from the Tigris River and water from the Armenian mountains.

Government

- Assyrians had kings to rule over them.
- One of them was king Ashur-Nasir Pal II. he was king from 885-860 BCE.
- He was cruel he made Assyria into the most fierce fighting machine of ancient world.



Key Terms: Assyrians

- Inventor
 - Warrior
 - Civilization
 - Power
 - Military
 - Iron
 - Transport
 - Religion
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Any Questions?