

II. Fertile Crescent Empire

- a. Sargon II is king of Assyria
- b. Sargon is one of many who ruled the Fertile Crescent after the fall of Sumer

A. The Babylonian Empire

- a. Empire is an area of many territories and peoples that is controlled by one government
- b. Rulers of empires gained great wealth by trade and agriculture
- c. Babylon is the capital of Babylonia
- d. Babylonians built roads
- e. Caravans or groups of travelers
- f. Bazaars are markets

B. The Empire of the Assyrians

- a. Assyria is open land which makes it easy to invade
- b. They are skilled warriors
- c. Attack their enemies first
- d. By 650 BC Assyria had conquered a large empire; across the Fertile Crescent from the Nile to the Persian Gulf

1. Assyria's Contributions

- a. They invented the battering ram
- b. They have a library, which held information about life in early Mesopotamia

2. Assyria Overthrown

- a. Medes and Chaldeans joined together to destroy Assyria in 612 BC

C. Babylonia Rises Again

- a. Chaldeans bring Babylon to greater splendor than before
- b. It is the center of the New Babylonian Empire; which controlled the Fertile Crescent

1. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon

- a.