

## II. Fertile Crescent Empire

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

### A. The Babylonian Empire

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

### B. The Empire of the Assyrians

- a. Assyria is on open land making it easy for invasion
- b. Assyria stretches from the Nile River to the Persian Gulf

#### 1. Assyria's Contributions

- a. They invented battering rams
- b. Assyrian capital Nineveh becomes a city of great learning
- c. They recorded on tablets about early Mesopotamia which we can study from

#### 2. Assyria Overthrown

- a. Medes and Chaldeans joined together to overtake the Assyrians in 612 BC

### C. Babylonia Rises Again

- a. Under Chaldeans Babylon rises to an even greater splendor
- b. New Babylonia Empire controlled all of the Fertile Crescent

#### 1. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon

- a. King Nebuchadnezzar II rebuilt the city of Babylon which had been destroyed by the Assyrians
- b. He built the Hanging Gardens of Babylon