

TABELL 1. TIME CHART FOR THE ANCIENT NEAR EAST

(I) Third and second millennia BC

	EGYPT	ANATOLIA	SYRIA-PALESTINE	NORTH MESOPOTAMIA	SOUTH MESOPOTAMIA	ARCHEOLOGICAL AGE
3000	Old Kingdom (c. 1686-2181)			Early Dynastic		Early Bronze Age (c. 3000-2000)
2500			Ebla (Tell Mardikh) (mid 24th cent BC)	Rulers of Agade Third Dynasty of Ur		
2000	Middle Kingdom(c. 2040-1720) New Kingom (c. 1550-1069)	Hittite Old Kingdom (c. 1650-15000)	Mari archives (c. 1800-1760)	Old Assyrian kings (c. 2000-1800)	1st Dynasty of Babylon (c. 1894- 1595) Kassite Dynasty (c. 1595- 1155)	Middle Bronze Age (c. 2000.1550) Late Bronze Age (c. 1550-1200)
1500		Hittite Empire (c. 1430-1200)	Kindom of Mitanni (15th/14th cent.) Ugaritic texts (c. 1400-1200) Aramaeans first mentioned (towards end of secon millennium)	Middle Assyrian Period (c. 1400-1050)		Iron Age (c. 1200-)

<i>(2) First millennium BC</i>					
	EGYPTIA	ANATOLIA	SYRIA-PALESTINE	NORTH MESOPOTAMIA	SOUTH MESOPOTAMIA
1000	<p>21st-25th Dynasties</p> <p>Assyrian invasion 674 - 664</p> <p>Saite Dynasty (664-525)</p> <p>Persian rule in Egypt from 525</p>	<p>Kingdom of Urartu (9th-6th cent.)</p>	<p>Emergence of Aramaeans kingdoms; David and Solomon Kingdoms of Israel and Israel</p> <p>Fall of Damascus 732</p> <p>Fall of Samaria 722/1</p> <p>Fall of Jerusalem 587</p> <p>Achaemenid Empire (c.550-330)</p>	<p>Neo-Assyrian Empire (934-610)</p> <p>Fall of Niniveh 612</p> <p>Achaemenid Empire (c. 550-330)</p>	<p>Neo-Babylonian empire 626-539</p> <p>Fall of Babylonia 539</p> <p>Achaemenid Empire (c. 550-330.)</p>

500	<p>Elephantine and other archives.m.fl (5th cent.)</p> <p>Ptolemies (305-30 BC)</p>		<p>Alexander's conquests (337-330)</p> <p>Seleucids (305-c 67 BC)</p> <p>Nabataen kings (2nd cent. BC-AD 106)</p> <p>Kings of Edessa (Late 2nd cent. BC - AD 213,239-240)</p> <p>Roman expansion in the Near East (1st cent.BC) Syria becomes a Roman Province 64 BC</p> <p>Palmyra flourishes (mid 1st cent. BC-AD273)</p>	<p>Parthian (Arsacid) Empire (mid 3rd cent. BC-AD 224)</p> <p>Kings of Hatra (mid 1st cent. BC-AD240))</p>	
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