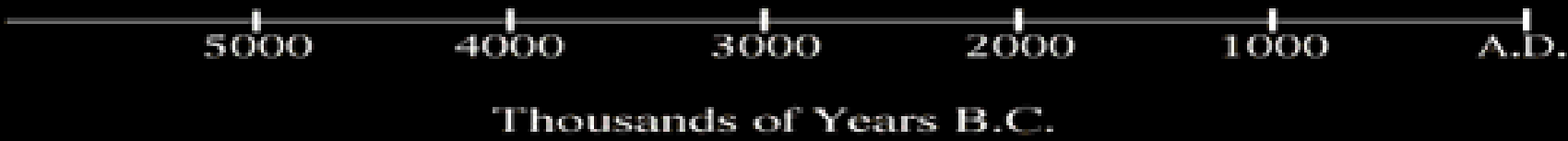


Parthians, Medes and Persians

- History & Civilization of Iran

Akkadians before 3000
2112 Gutian Invasion
2200 Amorites
1595 Hittites sack Babylon
1200 Arameans
1159 Elamite Invasion
750 Chaldean Invasion
613 Medes

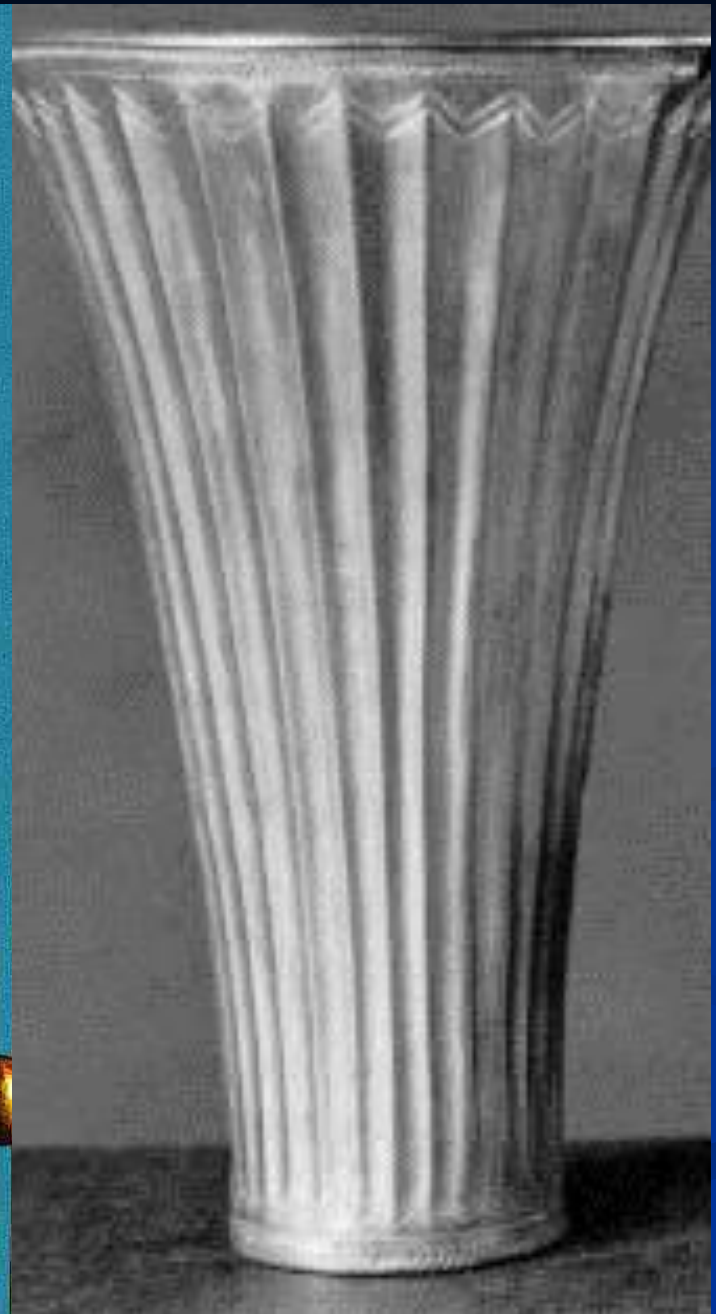


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Sumerian and Assyrian Art

Treasures from Iraq's past

THE "AWE OF THE GRANDIOSE," in British sculptor Henry Moore's admiring phrase, radiates from artifacts of Mesopotamian empires that dominated the land known today as Iraq. A human-headed winged bull with five legs (below) guarded the gate to the palace of Sargon II at Khorsabad. Behind it, a bearded genie carries a ritual cup and purifier. The palace, encircled by 26-foot-thick walls, covered 25 acres. An ivory head, called the "Mona Lisa of Nimrud" (below right), was found preserved in sludge at the bottom of a well in the palace of Ashurnasirpal II. A lyre (right), unearthed in the Royal Tombs of Ur, boasts a bull's head of gold and dates from about 2500 B.C.



Babylonian Ceremonial Dagger (L) Assyrian King (R)



Royal Game – UR (L)

Winged Sphinx – Nimrud (R)

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The Royal Game of Ur 2600-2400 BC

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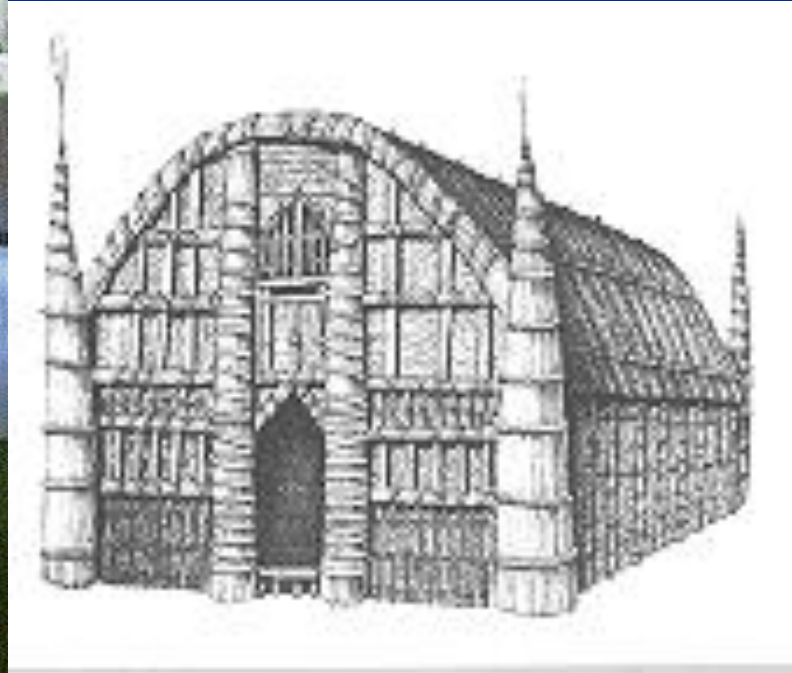
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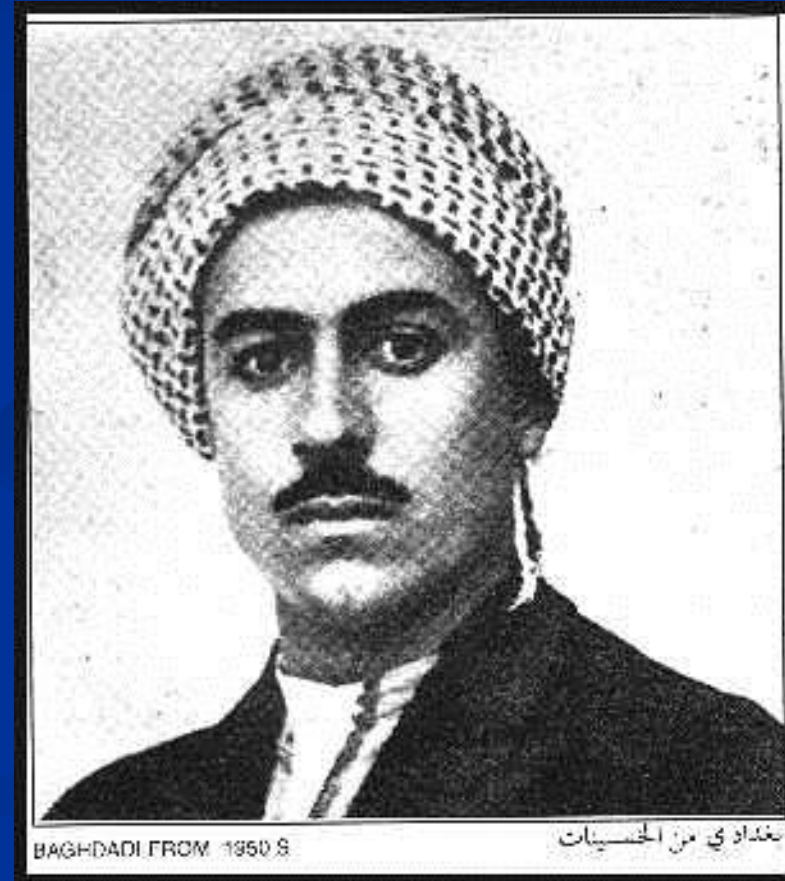
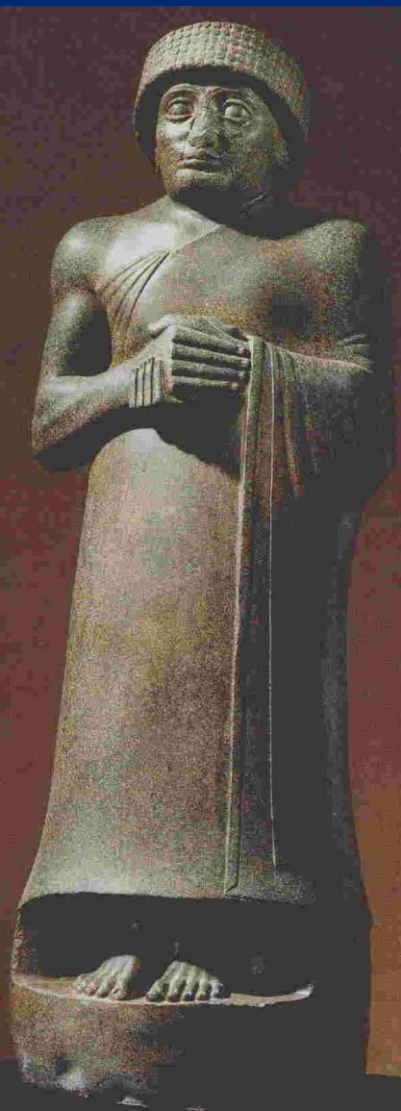
Ivory plaque depicting a winged sphinx 9th century BC

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Sumerian Harp and Hut



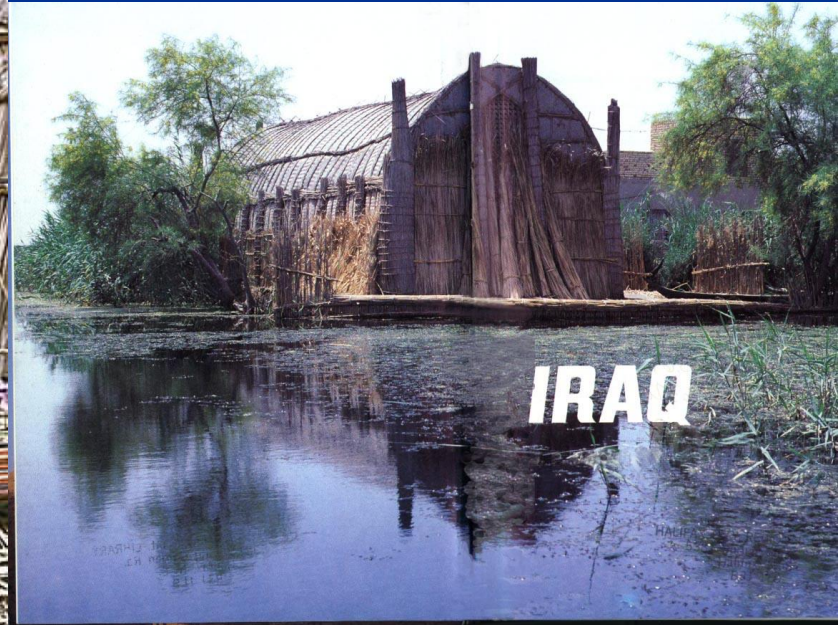
Hammurabi 1792 BC to 1750 BC



BAGHDADI FROM 1950.8

بغدادی من الخمسينات

Marsh Arabs



Southern Iraq



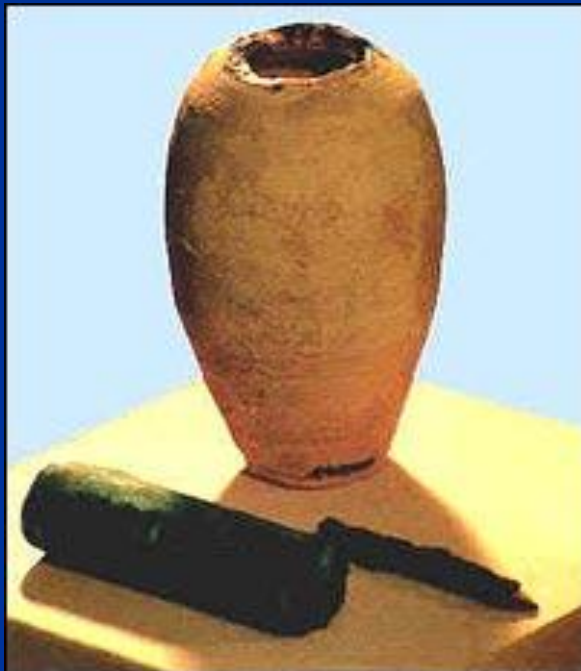
Mathematics – 4500 years ago



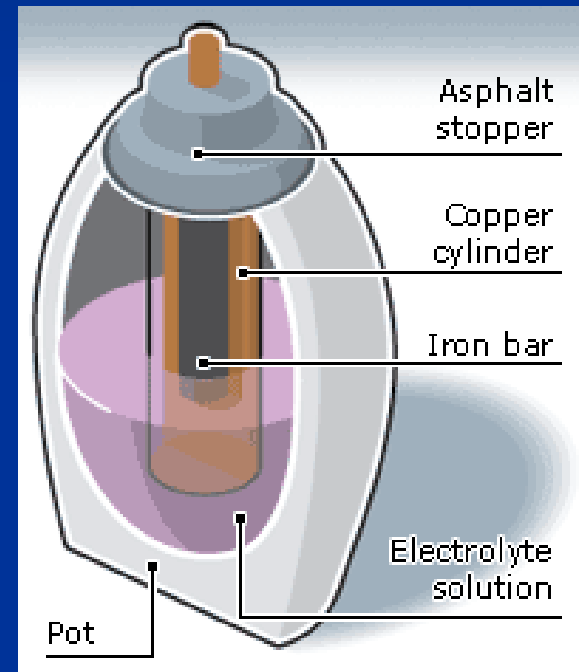
The Batteries of Baghdad

1000 years before the city of Baghdad was established

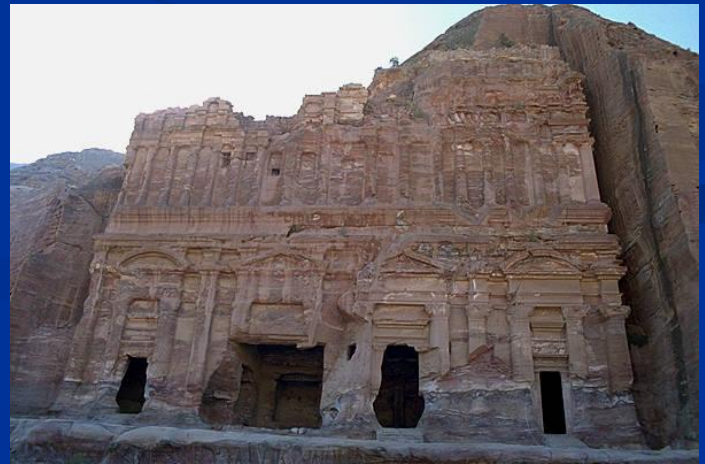
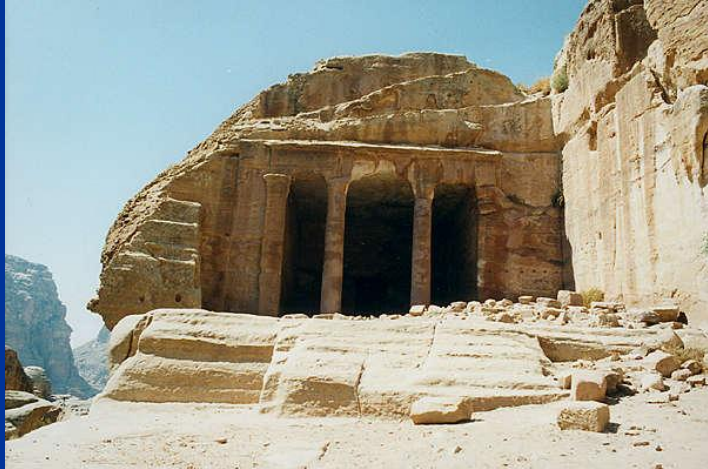
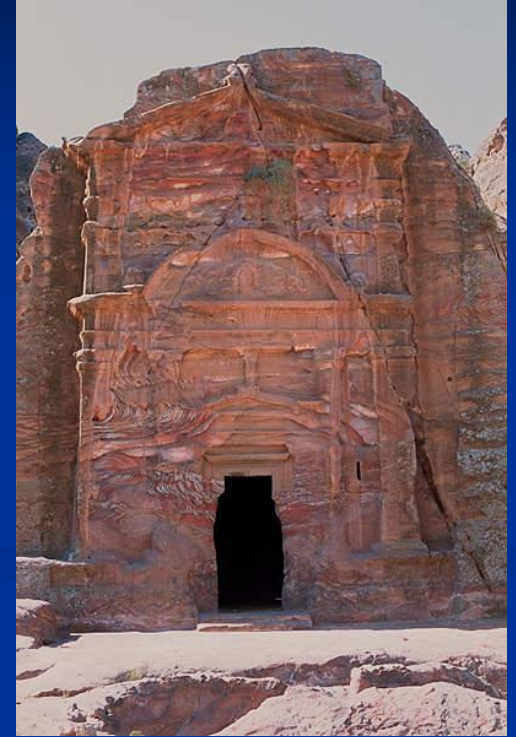
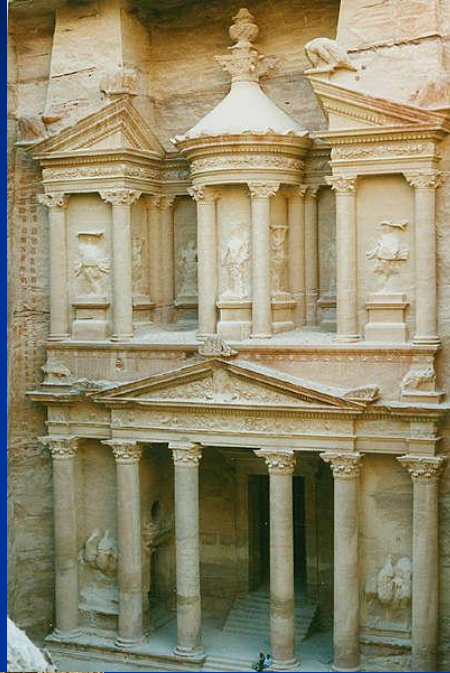
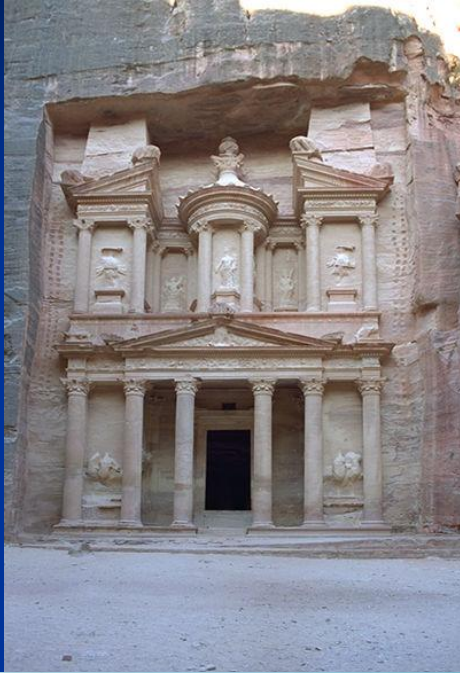
- Discovered in 1938 by German archaeologist Wilhelm Konig



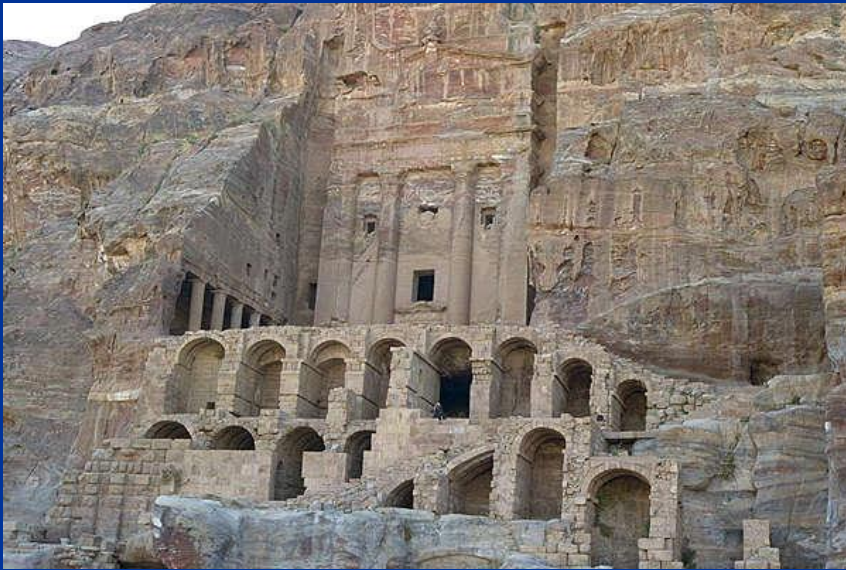
- A Working Model, produced 0.8 to 2.0 volts



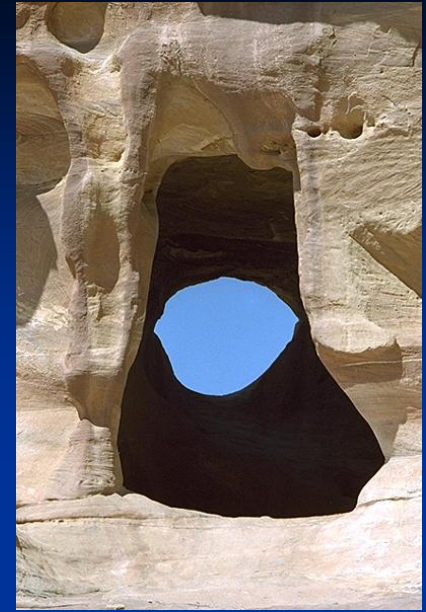
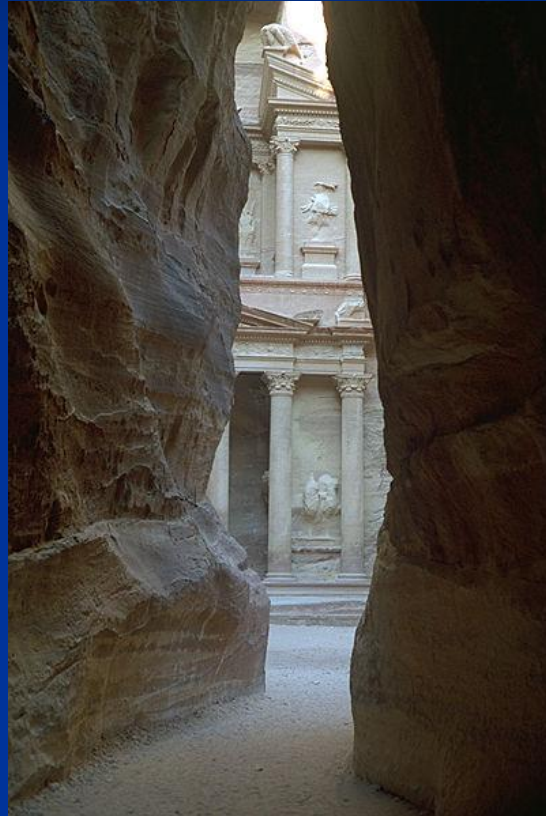
Nabatean Arabs – ca 500 BC



El Deir Monastery



PETRA, Jordan



The Middle East After 610 AD

- History & Culture of the People after Islam

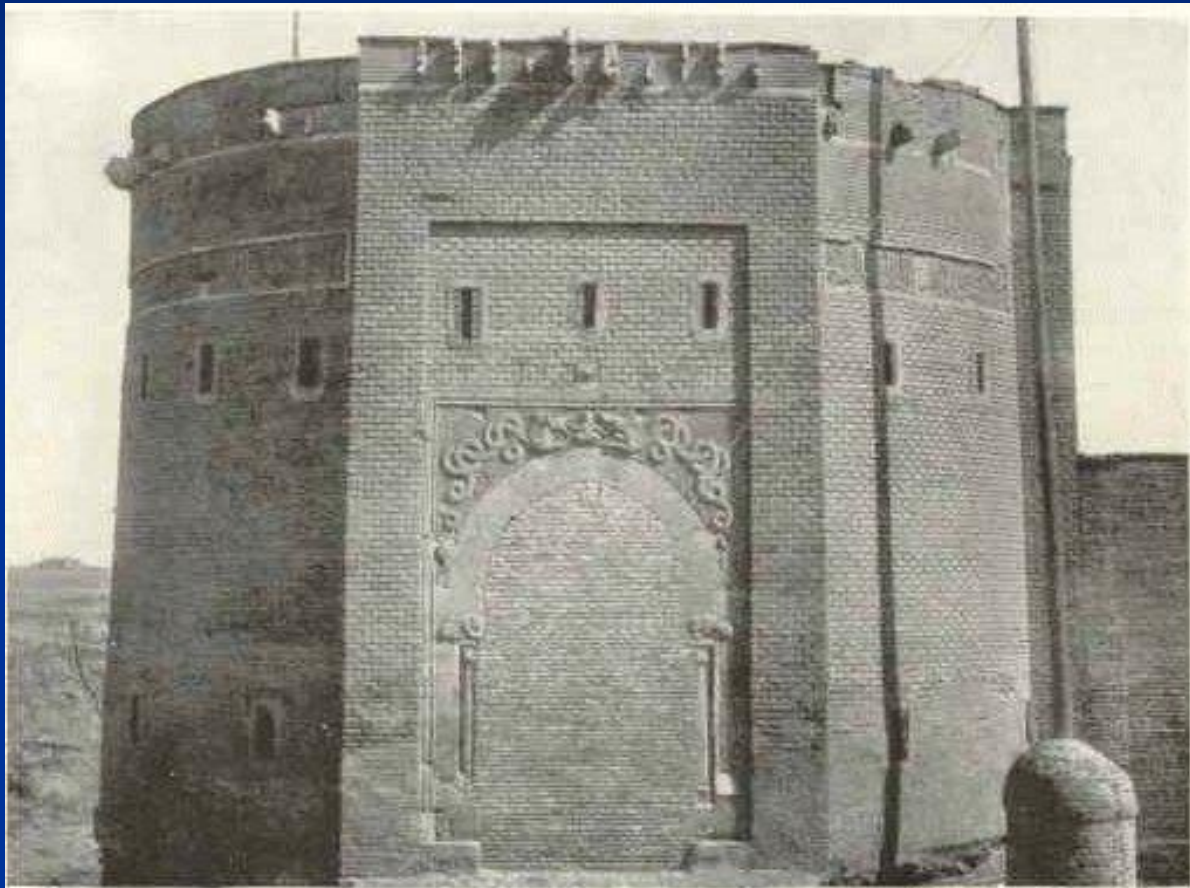
Typical Abbasid Palace



Al-Mustansariya College Baghdad

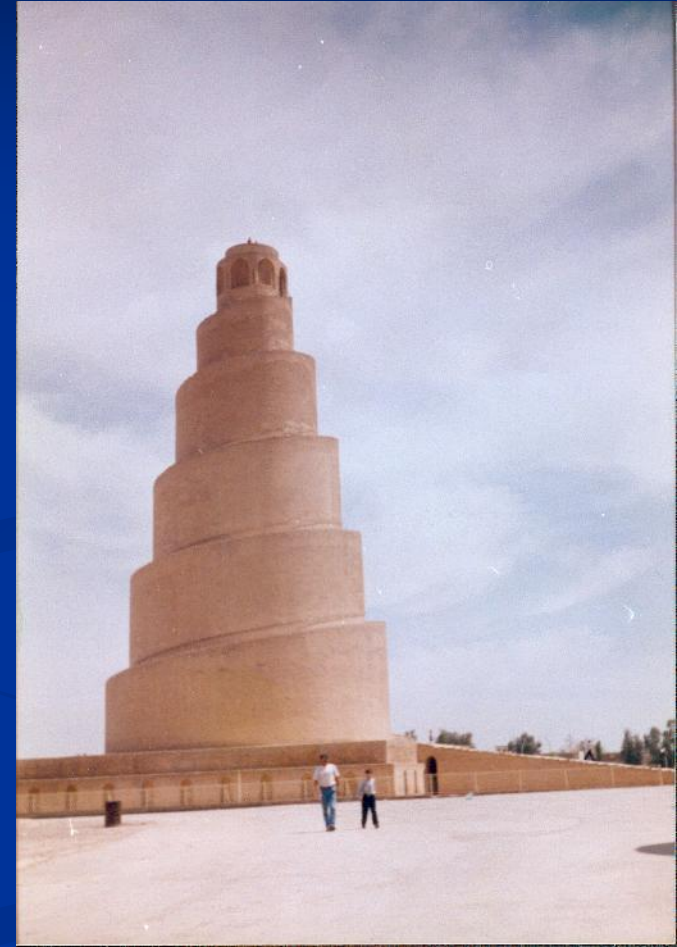


A Baghdad Gate ca 1914



One of Baghdad's gates - 1914

Samerra – North Central Iraq



Al-Aadhamiya Mosque - Baghdad



Alhambra - Spain



Gordova and Seville



SPAIN & ANDALUSIA



Islamic Decline

- 654 -661 AD
- 1098 AD
- 1258 AD
- Vasco Da Gama (Portuguese Explorer – 1498)
- Oil Discovery - 1908

Iraq

The Birth Place of civilization

- Twelve-thousand years ago, they invented irrigated farming.
- They invented the first Wheel and the art of writing
- They figured out how to tell time.
- They founded modern mathematics.
- In the Code of Hammurabi, they invented the first legal system that protects the weak, the widow and the orphan.
- Five-thousand years ago, they had philosophers who attempted to list every known thing in the world.

Iraq – the Birth Place of civilization

- Abraham, the father of Israel, the Christian faith and Islam was from Iraq.
- Beginning around 800 A.D., the Iraqis founded universities that imported teachers from throughout the civilized world to teach medicine, mathematics, philosophy, theology, literature and poetry.
- The first school for astronomers was established by Iraqis.
- The Arabs have a saying about the Iraqis' quest for knowledge and books, "Egyptians write them, Lebanese print them, and the Iraqis read them."

Arabic words in the English Language

Many English words that begin with “Al” has a good chance of being Arabic in origin – here are some examples

- Alchemy
- Alkaline
- Alcohol
- Algebra
- Algorithm
- Alforja
- Algol
- Alidade
- Almagest – from Arabic Al-Majusti (which Arabs took from the Greek Megistos)
- Magazine – From Arabic “makhazin” (storehouse for goods, ammunition or knowledge)
- Zero
- Zenith
- Average
- Assassin

The Arab World Since WWI and its relationship to the West

- – Focus on Iraq

Lively Terror Against Iraqis

- "I am strongly in favor of using poisoned gas against uncivilized tribes. The moral effect should be good...and it would spread a lively terror.... “

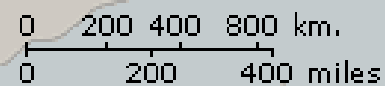
----- *Winston Churchill - commenting on the British use of poison gas against the Iraqis after World War I (ca. 1920)*

WWI Secret Agreements

Major sources of current problems in the Middle East

- Sykes-Picot Agreement
- Balfour Declaration
- British Col. Percy Cox

Middle East After WWI



Al-Kut and Kuwait

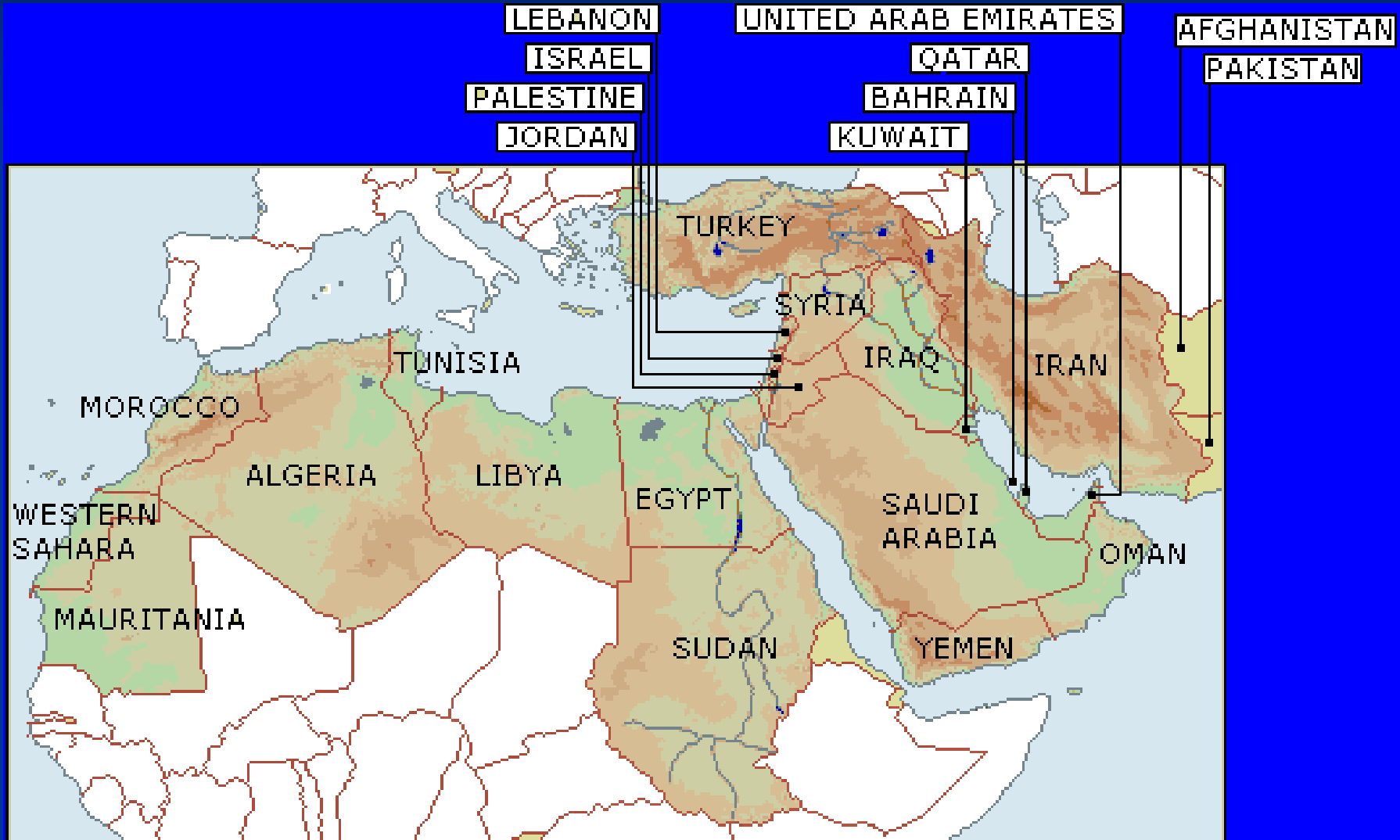


Iraq after Col. Percy Cox



The Middle East

■ Arab Borders



Total Borders*

- Arab States 53,678 KM
- United States 12,247 KM
- *Excluding shorelines

Ethnic and religious populations



March 2003 **Nineveh (Mosul), Iraq**

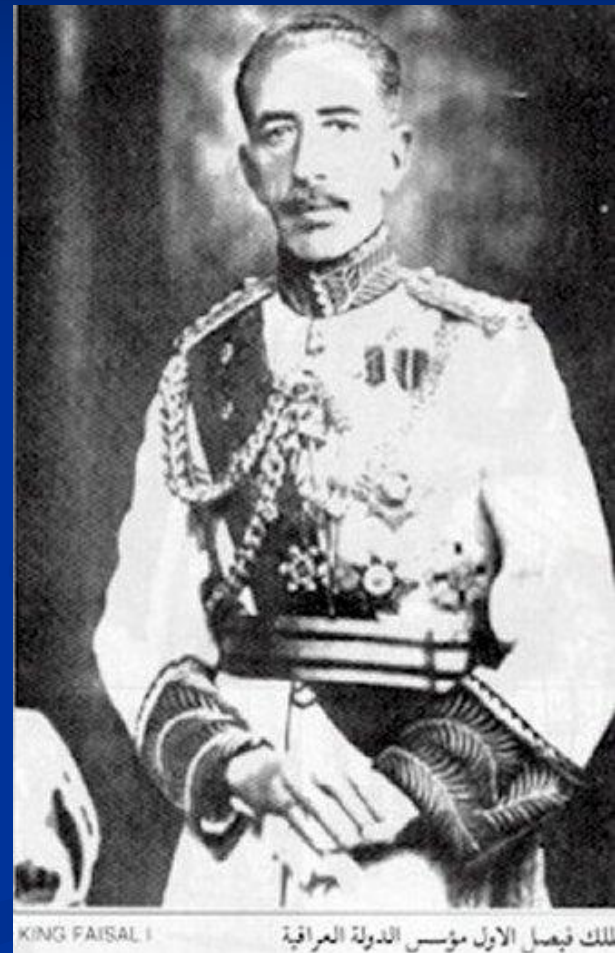


King Faisal II of Iraq – London 1953



الملكة اليزابيث الثانية ملكة بريطانيا وعن يسارها الملك فيصل ملك العراق .
وعن يمينها الأمير عبدالله الوصي على العرش

Faisal – Ibn Shereef of Mecca



Faisal I – Iraq 1926

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(Muḥammad aṣ-Ṣadr) greeting Faisal I in 1926. The king and his aides (from left to right, Nūrī as-Sa'īd, Jamīl al-Midfa'ī, and 'Abd-ul-Ḥusain Chalabī) are wearing the *sidārah*, the characteristic headdress of the official and professional strata in the first two decades of the monarchy.

Kings of Iraq – Ghazi & Faisal II

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King Ghazi



الملك فيصل الثاني في مكتبه الخاص بالقصر الملكي

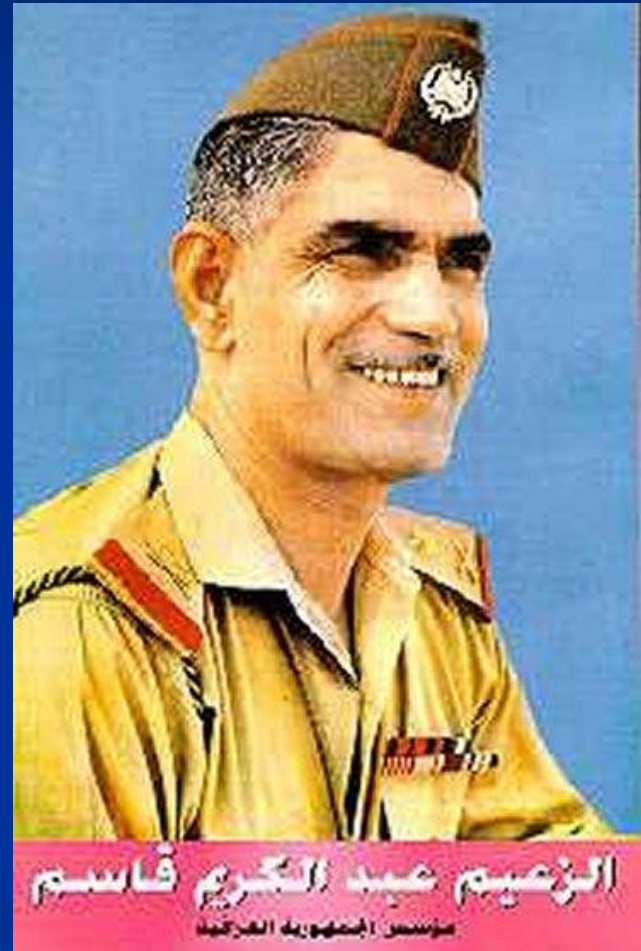
Al-Zuhur Palace – Baghdad 1958



Nuri Said Pasha and Gen. Qasim



Nuri Al-Sai'd



القاسم عبد الكريم قاسم
مؤسس الجمهورية العراقية

Fallouja – 1940s

Peasant at work – Felloujah



A WOMAN SELLING BREAD

بائعة الخبز

Baghdad on Tigris

1958

1930s

