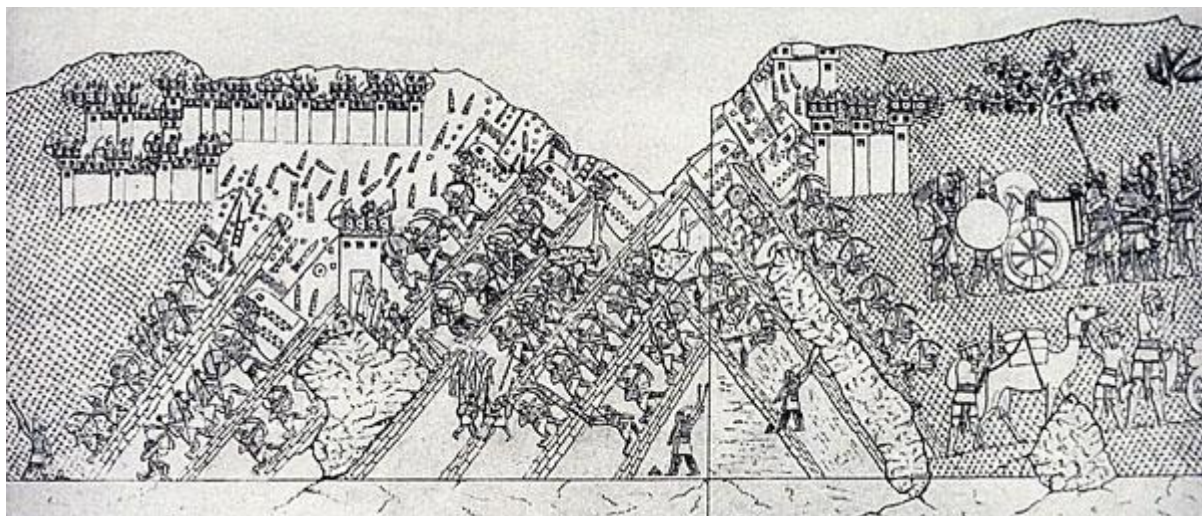


### Aristeia Bronziron Part III: Peril of Nations (1000-500 BC)

This period of ancient Near Eastern history underwent three main phases: the Amarna period, in which Mycenaean Greece flourished, and Egypt held sway over the Levant's internal strife while Assyria grew ominously on the horizon; the Assyrian struggle for Egypt and Palestine, in which Greek foreigners assisted the Pharaohs in their bid for continuing existence; and finally, the period of Babylonian ascendancy over the former Assyrian empire, in which Egypt experienced its final decline and Greece began its rise to prominence as the cradle of Western civilization. Through all of this long conflict, the children of Judah, too, played their part, from their contributions to the unique characteristics of the Amarna period, to their participation in coalitions against the might of Assyria, to their final journey into captivity under the Babylonians.



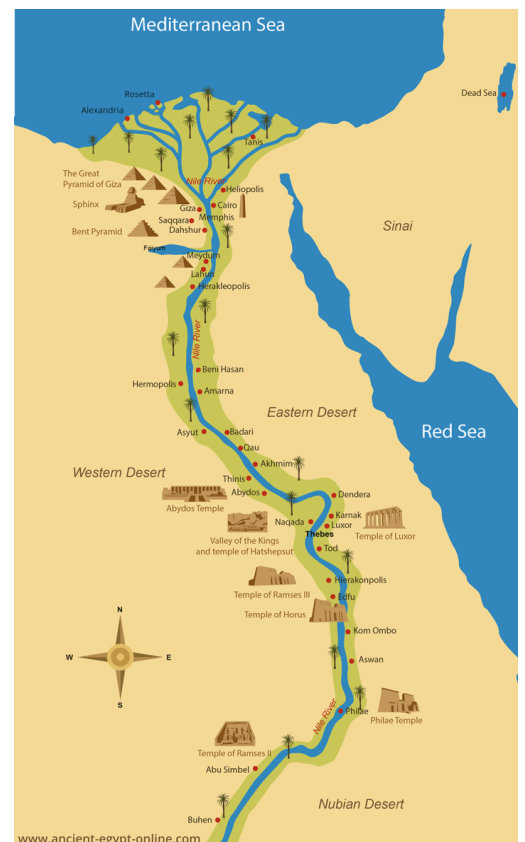
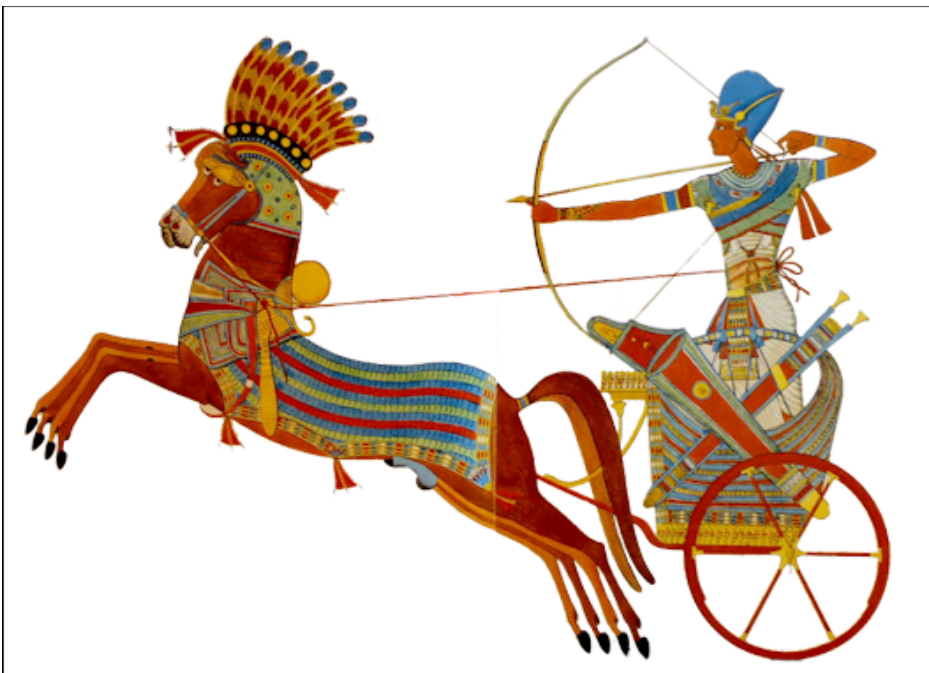
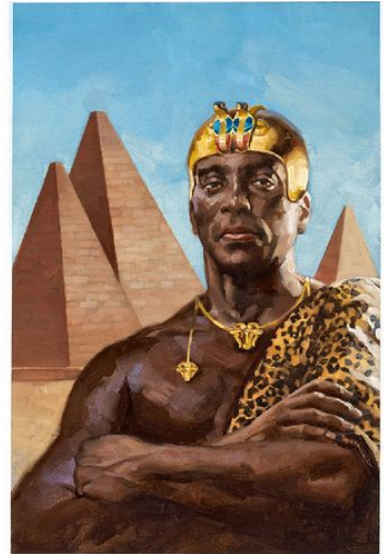
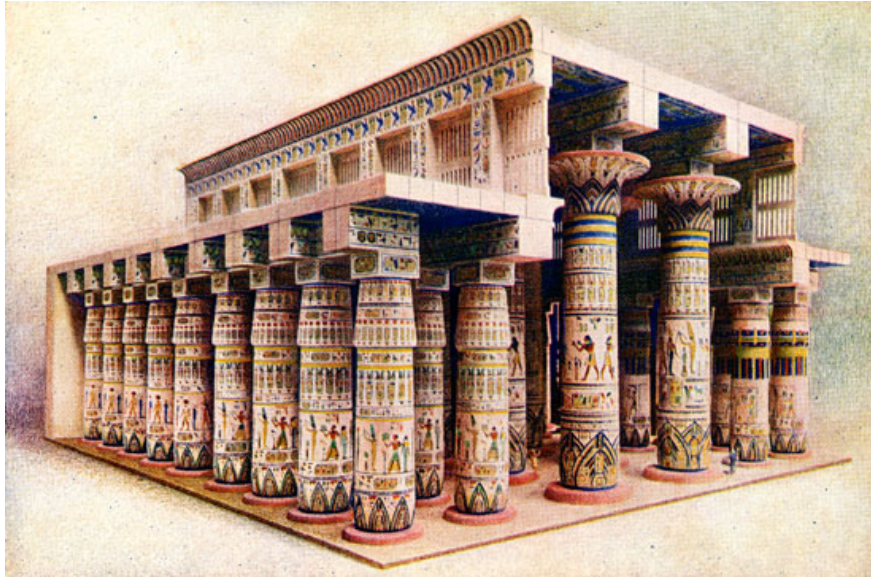
Civ: Late Kingdom Egyptians

Emblem: Ankh

Heroes: Osorkon II, Taharka, Necho II

Notes: One hero representative each from 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Dynasty

Wonder: Temple of Amun-re at Karnak in Thebes





Civ: Divided Kingdom Judahites

Emblem: Lion of Judah

Heroes: Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, Josiah

Notes: Representative righteous kings of Judah

Wonder: Temple of Solomon at Jerusalem





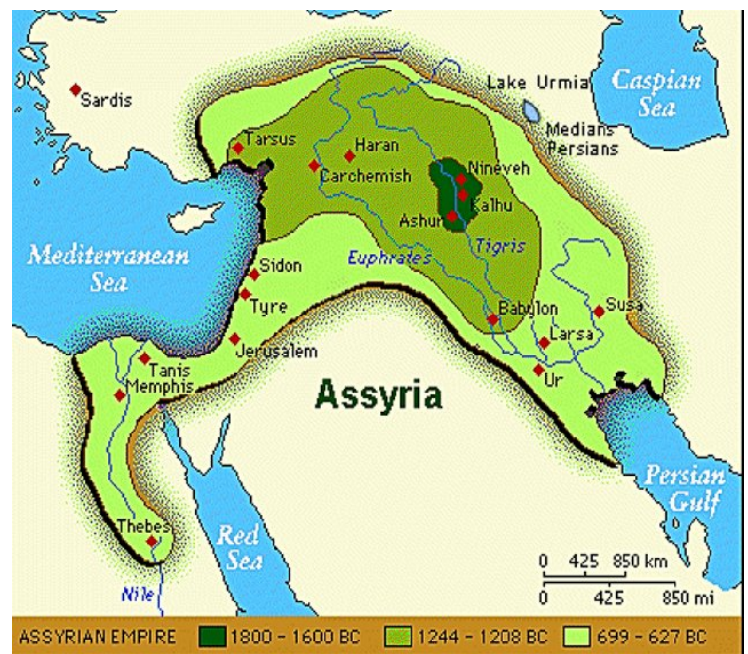
Civ: New Empire Assyrians

Emblem: Star of Shamash

Heroes: Tiglath-pileser III, Ashurbanipal, Nebuchadnezzar II

Notes: I have included Nebuchadnezzar because of the basic continuity between the Assyrian and Babylonian empires.

Wonder: Hanging Gardens of Babylon





Civ: Archaic Greeks

Emblem: Mycenaean Bee

Heroes: Agamemnon, Lycurgus, Gyges

Notes: One hero each from Mycenae, Sparta, and Lydia.

Wonder: Temple of Artemis in Ephesus

