

MESOPOTAMIA TODAY

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Sargon takes over!!!!

by Sedic the literary

A surprise battle started by Sargon the great, ended in the conquering of all of Mesopotamia. Sargon tore down all the walls of the city-states and washed his weapons in the Persian Gulf. Among the cities captured there was: Uruk, Ur, and Umma. It is believed that Sargon came to power after he supposedly killed and usurped the king of Kish. Whether or not the cities like Sargon taking over, it's happened, and it's not going to change for awhile. The battle was long and viscous and many were wounded and 85 dead. Sargon's great army marched first to attack Uruk and tear down its walls and then on to Lagash and Umma. More on this important outcome in tomorrow's issue.

Cuneiform Developing

by Segmac the Scribe

A council of scribes met today to decide if the scribe teachers to teach a new form of cuneiform writing. The

old method, though less complex, leaves out some words vital to keeping records. The new method involves more lines and more like writing than a pictograph and is easier to learn.

Although the matter is still under conference, scribes are confident the new method will be adapted.

Monotheism

Developed

by Creded the Theologist

Just yesterday the Jews of Jerusalem started a monotheism, or belief in one god. Before this happening the only religion was the belief in many gods, or a polytheism. This theological development may create some hostile feelings towards the Jews.

Nomads Attack!!

by Dedgar the General

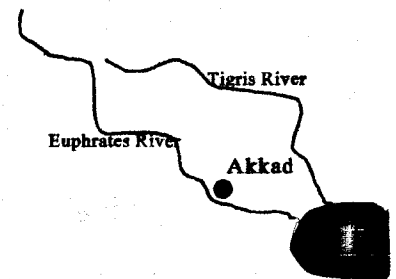
Despite the attack made by Sargon, nomads continue to plague the city of Lagash and steal from and murder residents of this city-state (now part of an empire). Law

enforcers of Sargon say that they will continue to keep up the guard even though the walls are torn down.

New City To Be Founded

by Arcid the Architect

By order of Sargon, a new city is to be built. It is to be called Akkad and to be the capital of Sargon's empire. Although it will take some time for this city to be built, it is promised to be a home of some magnificent architecture. "I've got some great buildings up my sleeve," comments head architect, who is the leader of this project.



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It all started back at the fertile crescent
About 5,000 years before the present
With cities like Ur and Jericho to
Everyone was happy
No one was blue
Before ya' knew it
Government came
With Sargon the great
Stirrin' up the people
Causin' general hate.
He washed his sword in a mighty sea
To declare that the ruler
Was no one but he.
The people were mad
Something had to be done.
Shamshi-Adad started a battle
He won.
The people said hey!
Our new ruler's great!
Little did they know their horrible fate.
The crime rate was high
Someone had to get rid of his guy.
(even though he traded for great stuff to buy)
So Hammurabi came along
He made the laws that started a throng.
The laws were unfair to women and children
And only gave to rich people a' buildin'.
Even though he built some great stuff
You'll have to admit-he's a little rough.
With death penalties everywhere ya' look
You wanna give this guy a vicious right hook.
Finally after a coupla' years
Some Hittites and Kassites invaded
And the people gave cheers
After some time
A king came in
He had to be bad

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(with these guys you can't win)
Rebel and he'll exile you for awhile
Or for life
And cut off your hand with a butcher's knife.
His name is Tiglath Pilezar
And he has plenty of fame
He'll kill you without any shame.
Are all these kings the same ?
Then came Nebuchadnezzar
The Babylonians liked him
He was a star.
To everyone else,
He isn't so hot
For all they care, he can lie around and rot.

That was a history of some real bad kings
But hey? This is life
And somebody's got to put you through strife.
Don't try to see these great things today,
Cus' our former president
Blew them away.

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