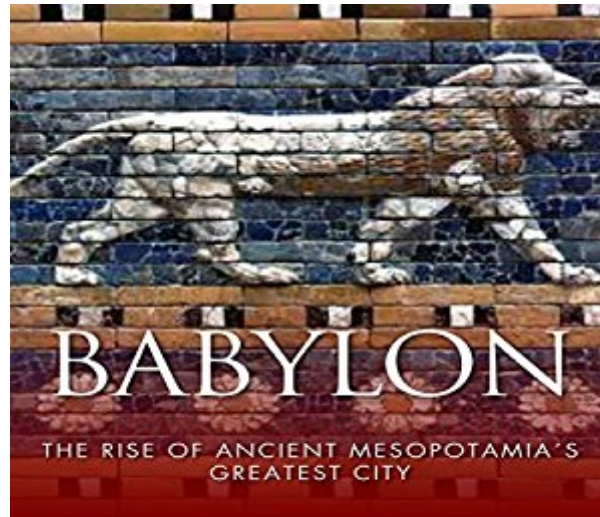




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Babylon: The Rise And Fall Of Ancient Mesopotamia's Greatest City



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Synopsis

The ancient world was full of many fantastic cities and places, and like today's major cities, the great ancient cities were hubs of trade, religion, and science. Writing was first invented in ancient cities, and many important scientific discoveries were also made in them, some of which are still used in the modern world. Among the many cities of the ancient world, Rome and Athens may come to mind first, but the city of Babylon in the land of Mesopotamia was already an ancient, venerated city when the others were still inconsequential settlements. Today, Babylon has become a byword for greed, excess, and licentiousness, mostly due to its mention in the Bible, but a closer examination reveals that Babylon was so much more, and even perhaps the most important city in the ancient world. Ancient Babylon was home to great dynasties that produced some of the world's most influential leaders, most notably Hammurabi and Nebuchadnezzar, and these rulers invoked their wills on the entire ancient Near East and have been remembered as both progressive and cruel all at the same time. Babylon was also the seat of culture in ancient Mesopotamia and the place where scholars made amazing scientific advances that would not be eclipsed for several centuries. An examination of ancient Babylon demonstrates that it was truly the first great city in the ancient world.

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Customer Reviews

Very interesting read (though I wish the pictures were larger). I'm still reading it, so may have more to say later. That said, I recommend it for anyone interested in the ancient Mesopotamian culture...

maps were legible which helped follow narrative. jumped around a lot so that was hard, but generally a useful primer to the region and the period.

Skimpy, poorly written, full of badly written sentences loaded with clichés. Some nice pictures though.

Needs to be proofed; many errors. The jumping around in time frames made for lots of rereading and sometimes just scratching my head.

More suited as a magazine article than a book.

Visited Babylon in 2004. Hammurabi's Babylon is about ten meters below Neo Babylon, Saddam Hussein had Neo Babylon rebuilt as in the last days before Cyrus the Persian conquered it. A half size model of Ishtar's gate is present as is the Lion of Babylon, this book presents a balanced discussion of the true location of the Hanging Gardens, The bitumin of Babylon was asphalt mortar between fired brick. Used for those sections of Babylon which would have been underwater, before Cyrus the Persian diverted the Euphrates. the book needs more pictures , allegedly there were over a billion bricks in Babylon

HAVING READ AND FOUND THE AUTHOR'S FIRST NOVEL (ESTHER) CAPTIVATING, I WELCOMED THE PUBLISHING OF HER SECOND NOVEL "BABYLON". THE AUTHOR AGAIN INTERWEAVES BIBLE HISTORY AND PROPHECY WITH HER RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS OF OTHER BIBLE SCHOLARS, IN PRODUCING A FICTIONAL NOVEL THAT CHRISTIAN OR NON-CHRISTIAN WOULD ENJOY READING. WHEN I READ A NOVEL IT IS PARAMOUNT THAT THE AUTHOR PLACES ME MENTALLY IN THE ACTION AS A HIDDEN OBSERVER. AGAIN, THE AUTHOR DOES AN EXCELLENT JOB OF DOING THIS. SHE TAKES YOU ON A JOURNEY THROUGH THE LIFE OF THE PROPHET DANIEL. SHE PLACES YOU (THE READER) WITHIN BABYLONIA AND PERSIAN EMPIRES: POLITICAL DESIRES/PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS, COURT INTRIGUES, BATTLES AND BIBLICAL PROPHECIES FULLFILLED. I DID NOT GO INTO A LOT OF DETAIL FOR THE AUTHOR DOES THAT - SO READ THE NOVEL AND ENJOY.

Great introduction to the history of Babylon. Starts with Hammurabi and ends with the Persians(Rams) who destroy Nebuchadnezzar's empire, only to then be run over by

Alexander(Goats) afterwards.

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