

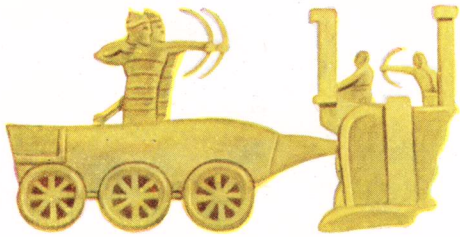
# EARLY CIVILISATIONS—Plate 3—Babylon and Assyria



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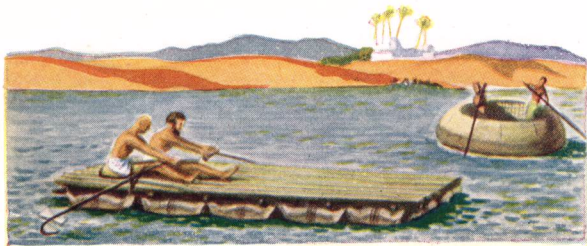
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Between the rivers Tigris and Euphrates lies the plain of Shinar. The earliest inhabitants were known as Sumerians, but the land became known as Babylon, of which Assyria formed a part. Its history can be traced back beyond 3500 B.C. Above are seen (1) Sumerians marching to battle 2500 B.C.; (2) Babylonian map of the world; (3) Assyrian battering-ram; (4) Ornament showing a goat caught in a thicket at Ur; (5) Assyrian god—winged bull with human face; (6) Raft of inflated skins, and a skin-covered basket-boat; (7) In the Hanging Gardens at Babylon.