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Assignment 2.3 – 2.6: Fertile Crescent & Israel

Section 3

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1. What is the Fertile Crescent?
2. Why did complex civilizations arise in the Fertile Crescent (what problem were they trying to solve)?
3. Why did cuneiform develop?
4. Describe a ziggurat. Include what it was used for.
5. What mathematical advance did the Sumerians discover?
6. Define the word “city-state.”

Section 4

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7. How was the civilization of Babylon formed?
8. Why was Hammurabi notable?
9. Why do you think the Hittites destroyed Babylon?
10. What technology allowed the Hittites to destroy Babylon?
11. What innovation did the Assyrians use?
12. What did the Assyrians do to Babylon?
13. What was notable about Nebuchadnezzar?

14. What happened to the Chaldean empire after Nebuchadnezzar's death?
15. How did the Persians maintain control of their vast empire?
16. What did Zoroaster believe?

Section 5

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17. How did the Phoenicians make money?
18. What technology was the Phoenician's major contribution?

Section 6

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19. Where do the Hebrews get the name of their country (Israel)?
20. Who was the founder of the Hebrews?
21. In the early period of Israel, what were the rulers called?
22. What great king established the capital of Israel at Jerusalem?
23. What was significant about Solomon's reign?
24. Why did Israel split in two?
25. What is the name of the Judaic holy book?
26. What was the name of the Hebrew God?
27. What was different about the Hebrew God, when compared with the gods of other cultures?