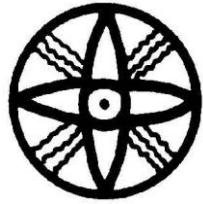
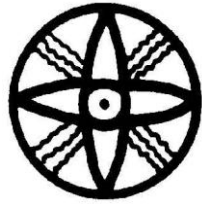


HANDBOOK OF BABYLONIA



605 B.C.



You have been captured and taken to the greatest empire in the world, Babylonia. This handbook will introduce you to some of the many things you will need to know to live here.

Your new Babylonian name: _____

(Take your current name and add either Bab, Bel, Shad, Neb, Ner, or Nab to the front of it *OR* dach, rach, az, nego, nezzar, issar, idus, sh, or adan to the end *OR* add something to the front and the end)

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ARAMAIC PHRASES

Important things to be able to say here in Babylonia.

May you be well! : Shuh-lam-AHK yeesh-GEH! (*you can use that for hello*)

My name is _____ : Sh-MEE _____.

O king, live forever! : Mal-KAH I'al-MEEN keh-YEE!

(*It's very important to always say that to the king when you talk to him.*)

There is a God in heaven. : Ram ee-TIE el-LAH bee-shuh-my-YAH.

What have you done? : Mah av-ah-duh-TUH?

I praise the Most High God. : Muh-shah-BAH el-ah-HA eel-ah-AH.

Your God will save you. : El-ah-HAK yeh-SHAY-zeh-vee-NAHK.

I had a dream. : Kay-LEEM kah-ZEET.

You will eat grass like a cow. :

Eesh-BAH kuh-too-REEN lak yuh-tah-ah-MOON.

You are a beast : An-TUH kie-VAH.

ARAMAIC

You need to learn Aramaic. It's the common language here in 605 B.C.

THE ARAMAIC ALPHABET

𐤀	𐤁	𐤂	𐤃	𐤄	𐤅	𐤆	𐤇	𐤈	𐤉	𐤊
***	B/V	G	D	H	W	Z	H	T	Y/J	K
𐤌	𐤍	𐤎	𐤏	𐤐	𐤑	𐤒	𐤓	𐤔	𐤕	𐤖
L	M	N	S	***	P/F	S	Q	R	S/Sh	T

***=a place where a vowel would go, they don't write vowels in 605 B.C.

Your name in Aramaic: _____

NOTE: In Aramaic you write left to right!!!

Skip the vowels or put one of the * letters in its place.**

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THINGS THAT YOU WILL STUDY

In order to serve the king in his palace, you will need to study hard for **THREE** years and learn about a lot of things, including:

LANGUAGE: You need to learn to read and write Aramaic, not just the Hebrew you grew up with. Don't worry – you'll get it.

LITERATURE: You need to learn the stories and poetry of the Babylonians. You may even have to memorize the whole Epic of Gilgamesh.

ASTRONOMY: You need to learn about the stars and planets. When is the next eclipse? Where will Jupiter be tonight? These things are important.

CULTURE: Will you wear one of those funny cone-shaped hats when you're a wise man? Do Babylonians put onion in everything they cook?

FINANCE: How many shekels would you need to have to buy a dozen pears? Do farmers have to pay taxes on every sheep they own?

YOUR BOSS

King Nebuchadnezzar II,
may he live forever

Useful facts:

- Definitely the most powerful man in the whole world
- Knows he's the most powerful man in the whole world
- Helped make Babylonia great by conquering many nations
- Known for building the Hanging Gardens of Babylon as well as many gates, temples, palaces, bridges, and so on
- Has weird dreams
- Has a temper



The Ishtar Gate in Babylon:
one of King Nebuchadnezzar's most famous building projects

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WHERE YOU ARE : A MAP OF THE WORLD IN 605 B.C.



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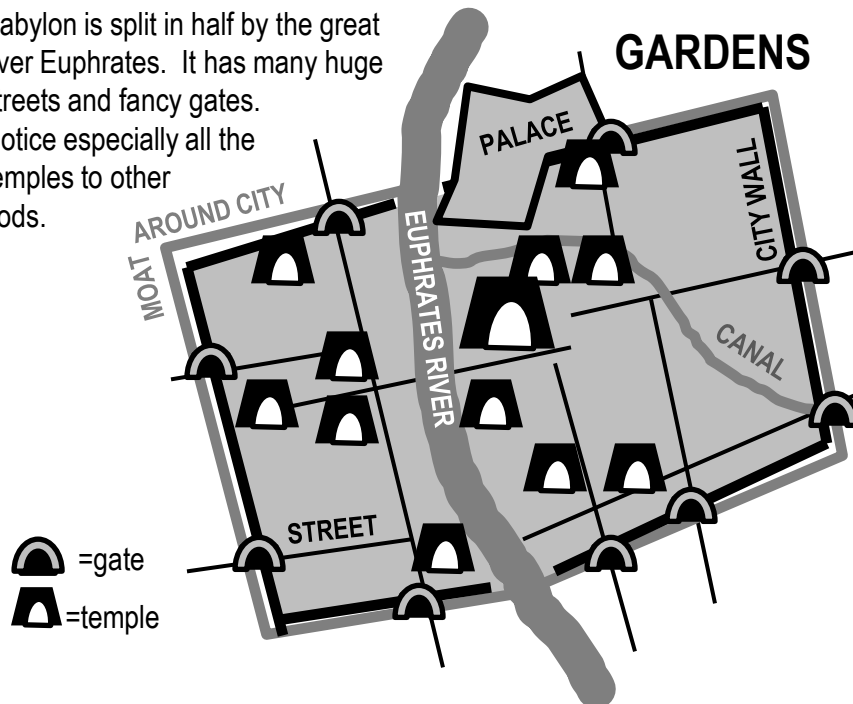
FOOD

Things that people eat here in Babylon. If you want to follow the Israelite God's laws, it would be safest to only eat foods that come from plants.
(Circle or color the foods that are safe for you to eat.)



THE CITY OF BABYLON

Babylon is split in half by the great river Euphrates. It has many huge streets and fancy gates. Notice especially all the temples to other gods.



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CLOTHING

What people here wear.
Rich people wear the fanciest clothes.



Everyday clothes



Clothing the king might wear



Women's clothing



A warrior



A hunter

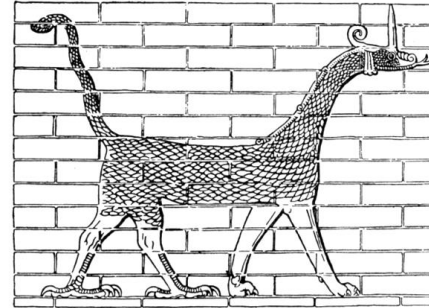
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ART WORK

Things you might see on the walls around Babylon.

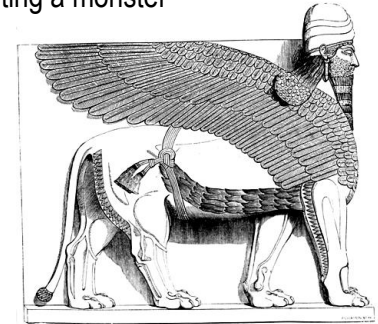


A hero fighting a monster



A dragon, carved on the wall

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A lion with the head of a man

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ASTRONOMY AND ASTROLOGY

Astronomy is the study of stars and other things in the sky. Astrology is believing that where stars and planets are effects real life. In Babylonia, both are very important.

Note: If a super bright star ever rises, meaning that a special king has been born, take him some really good gifts. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh are appropriate choices.



A chart of constellations

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RELIGION

Here in Babylonian, they believe in many, many gods. If you aren't okay with that, you might get thrown into the lion's den.



A Babylonian stepped pyramid temple, also called a ziggurat

THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN WHO
CAN EXPLAIN MYSTERIES.

Daniel 2:28

All information in this handbook has been approved by the Babylonian Foreign Service. Free copies are available to anyone who has been captured and is or will be studying to serve King Nebuchadnezzar, may he live forever.