

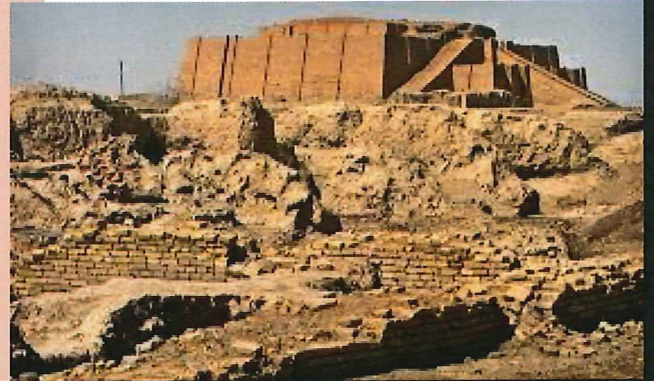
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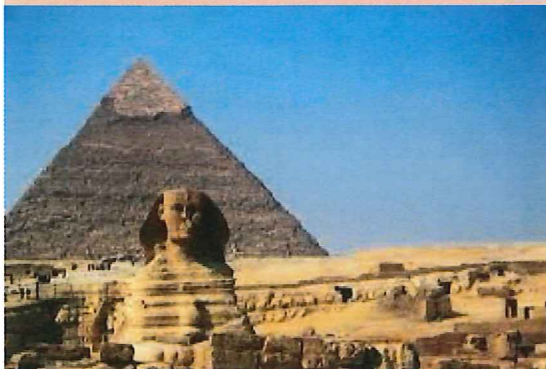


HEBR 284 TTh 3:00-4:15 p.m.
(meets with HIST 20100 and REL 317)

The Ancient Near East:
Egypt, Mesopotamia, and
the Israelites



This course traces the parallel story of the ancient Near East from ancient Egypt and Sumer (ca. 3000 BCE) to the end of the Achaemenid Dynasty of Persia (ca. 330 BCE). This sweep of time and places includes the rise and fall of great personalities that imposed their wills along the way (e.g., Ur-Nammu, Sargon, Hammurabi, Moses, and Cyrus), and the shifts of fortune that brought various people-groups to prominence and decline. Ancient Israel, though a small nation, played an ongoing role in the stories of many of the larger people-groups of the ancient world. We will learn different aspects of the vitality of this remote time shown in its art, architecture, religions, literature, laws, agriculture, and medicine that has had lingering effects on our own time.



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Dr. Robertson is a Continuing Lecturer (Biblical Hebrew) in the School of Languages and Cultures at Purdue. His special research interests are Second Temple Judaism and early Christianity, and, in particular, the first-century Jewish historian, Flavius Josephus.

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To enroll in this course, degree-seeking students should see their advisor;

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