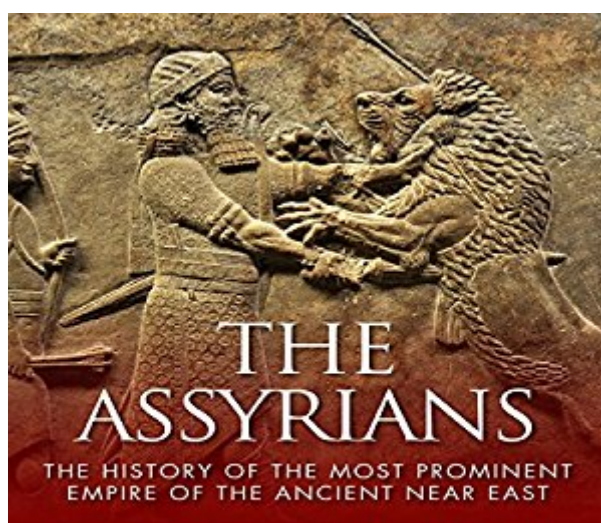


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The Assyrians: The History Of The Most Prominent Empire Of The Ancient Near East



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Synopsis

Discusses Assyrian military tactics, religious practices, and more Includes ancient Assyrian accounts documenting their military campaigns and more "I fought daily, without interruption, against Taharqa, king of Egypt and Ethiopia, the one accursed by all the great gods. Five times I hit him with the point of my arrows, inflicting wounds from which he should not recover, and then I laid siege to Memphis, his royal residence, and conquered it in half a day by means of mines, breaches, and assault ladders." (Esarhaddon) "I captured 46 towns...by consolidating ramps to bring up battering rams, by infantry attacks, mines, breaches, and siege engines." (Sennacherib) When scholars study the history of the ancient Near East, several wars that had extremely brutal consequences (at least by modern standards) often stand out. Forced removal of entire populations, sieges that decimated entire cities, and wanton destruction of property were all tactics used by the various peoples of the ancient Near East against each other, but the Assyrians were the first people to make war a science. When the Assyrians are mentioned, images of war and brutality are among the first that come to mind, despite the fact that their culture prospered for nearly 2,000 years. Like a number of ancient individuals and empires in that region, the negative perception of ancient Assyrian culture was passed down through biblical accounts, and regardless of the accuracy of the Bible's depiction of certain events, the Assyrians clearly played the role of adversary for the Israelites.

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this book, based upon written documents from the time, gave me new information about the early Monotheist writings of the old Testament. especially the diaspora. the perspective is fresh and confirmed to be historically accurate by consulting two or more sources wherever possible.

An interesting compilation of facts. Broad but not very deep. It's an overview which would be best used as background for reading more detailed books which go deeper into the subject matter.

It was very insightful and interesting since Assyrian history, unlike ancient Greek and Roman, can be like a detective story, tryin to recreate what it was from different sources. e.g., the Old Testament Bible, ancient Greeks like Herodotus, etc. For someone that's curious about ancient history, this is very entertaining and informative.

Decent book but it's more of a general history book on the Assyrians. Short and straight to the point. Nice quick read but if you want a deeper look into the Assyrians you might want to look elsewhere.

Very Good. Good Quality Information. A concise history of the Assyrians.

The book is short and to the point and very helpful. BUT - and here's the funny part (see pictures) - It has the table of contents for A DIFFERENT BOOK!!!

Short book and but very information. I purchased for my 11 year old son to learn about his father's side of the family.

This book is a pretty good overall look at the Assyrians. It is not extremely detailed but is a good reference book and not a bad read.

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