

II. Chalcolithic.

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- a. Painted pottery all over Near East, centering in Syria and Mesopotamia.
 1. Halafian (fine pottery; round shrine; mother goddess) - Ghassulian (plano-convex bricks; fresco) - Tasian and Badarian.
 2. Obeidian (rectangular shrine with niches) - Ugarit III - Jericho VIII - Amratian.
 3. Warkan (temple platforms; pictographic tablets; cylinder seals) - Esdraelon and Byblos early cemetery (Mesopotamian influence) - Gerzean.
 4. Jemdet Nasr (extension of Warkan) - Esdraelon continued - Semaincan (Mesopotamian influence).
- b. Irrigation cultures.
 1. Vigorous extension of agriculture.
 2. Irrigation demands cooperation through organized state.

III. Early and Middle Bronze Ages.

105-113

- a. Mesopotamia.
 1. Sumerian (Early Dynastic) - Jemdet Nasr to 2400 B.C.
 - A'. Legible cuneiform; Sumerians and Semites - 2800.
 - B'. "Royal Tombs"; temple records - 2600.
 2. Sumero-Accadian - 2400 to 2025 B.C.
 - A'. Sargonic empire and art.
 - B'. Gutian interlude.
 - C'. Sumerian renaissance, with Semitic overweight
 3. West Semitic (Amorite) - 2025 to 1600 B.C.
 - A'. Isin and Larsa period; Hurrians from north.
 - B'. Cappadocian tablets (1900); Assyrian commercial expansion.
 - C'. Hammurabi period (1800-1600); Babylon world center; Mari tablets.

b. Egypt.

113-118

1. Protodynastic - 2900 to 2600 B.C.
 - A'. Asiatic contacts; Mesopotamian stimulus.
2. Pyramid Age - 2600 to 2200 B.C.
 - A'. Absolute monarchy declining toward feudalism.
 - B'. Triumphs in art and architecture.
 - C'. Pyramid Texts.
3. First Intermediate Age - 2200 to 2050 B.C.
 - A'. Disunion.
 - B'. Pessimism.
4. Middle Empire - 2050 to 1750 B.C.
 - A'. Execration texts.
 - B'. Empire
 - C'. Irrigation projects
 - D'. Classical age.
 - E'. Hyksos conquest.

c. Other Asia.

118-123

1. Palestine and S. Syria Early Bronze - 3000 to 2100 B.C.
 - A'. Cultural climax 2750-2500; Old Canaanite.
 - B'. Amorite movement brings break about 2200, with depopulation.
 - I'. Amorite nomadism connected with ass and pasturage for herds.
2. North Syria and East Asia Minor.
 - A'. About 1900, Proto-Hittites, Nasians (Hittites), Luwians.
 - B'. Mursilis of Hittite Old Empire captured Aleppo and destroyed Babylon - ca. 1600.