

The Birth of Civilization





Black Sea

Caucasus Mts.

Caspian Sea

ASIA MINOR

Çatal Hüyük

Taurus Mts.

Cyprus

FERTILE CRESCENT

ASSYRIA

Nineveh

Assur

AKKAD

Ebla

Babylon

Umma

Lagash

SUMER

Uruk

Ur

Eridu

Zagros Mountains

IRAN

Syrian Desert

Arabian Desert

PHOENICIA

Tyre

PALESTINE

Jordan R.

Jericho

Dead Sea

Jerusalem

LOWER EGYPT

SINAI

Nile R.

Sahara

Red Sea








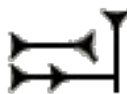





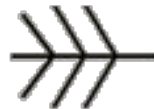
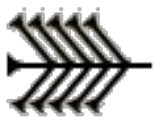

















Persian Gulf

0 200 400 600 Kilometers
0 200 400 Miles



Account of Barley Dues



	3200 BCE	3000 BCE	2400 BCE	1000 BCE
sag 'head'				
gin 'to walk'				
šu 'hand'				
še 'barley'				
ninda 'bread'				
a 'water'				
ud 'day'				
mušen 'bird'				

The oldest cookbooks in the world

1650 BCE



Recipe: Mersu

Ingredients: dates and pistachio nuts



Recipe: Turnips (or Roasted Barley) with herbs

Prepare water, add fat, turnips (or roasted barley). Add a chopped mix of shallots, arugula, and coriander that have been mixed with semolina or other flour and moistened with blood. Cook until done. Add mashed leeks and garlic.