

# CONVENTIONAL MESOPOTAMIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL PERIODIZATION

1) Lower Paleolithic Age (300,000–80,000 BC)

2) Middle Paleolithic Age (80,000–30,000 BC)

Note: Neanderthals = 30,000 BC

3) Upper Paleolithic Age (30,000–12,000/11,000 BC)

4) Mesolithic/Epi-Paleolithic Age (12,000/11,000–9000 BC)

5) Pre-Pottery Neolithic “A” Age (9000–7500 BC)

6) Pre-Pottery Neolithic “B” Age (7500–6000 BC)

7) Ubaid Period (6000–4000 BC)

Note: Ubaid Expansion = 5250 BC

8) Uruk Period (4000–3000 BC)

A) Early Uruk Period (4000–3700 BC)

B) Middle Uruk Period (3700–3400 BC)

C) Late Uruk Period (3400–3000 BC)

Note: Uruk Expansion = 3400 BC

Note: Historical Period Begins

9) Jemdet Nasr Period (3000–2900 BC)

10) Early Dynastic Period (2900–2300 BC)

A) Early Dynastic I Period (2900–2600 BC)

B) Early Dynastic II Period (2600–2450 BC)

C) Early Dynastic IIIA Period (2450–2350 BC)

D) Early Dynastic IIIB Period (2350–2300 BC)

Note: ED IIIB = Early Akkadian Period

11) Akkadian Period (2300–2121 BC)

REIGN

A) Sargon 2320–2265 BC 55 yrs.

B) Rimush 2265–225? BC ?? yrs.

C) Man-ishtushu 225?–2241 BC ?? yrs.

D) Naram-Sin 2241–2185 BC 56 yrs.

E) Shar-kali-sharri 2185–2161 BC 24 yrs.

F) ANARCHY!! 2161–2158 BC 3 yrs.

G) Dudu 2158–2136 BC 22 yrs.

H) Shu-Durul 2136–2121 BC 15 yrs.

Note: Sargon = Nimrod (Gen 10:8–12)

12) Ur III Period (2111–2004 BC)

REIGN

A) Ur-Nammu 2111–2094 BC 17 yrs.

B) Shulgi 2094–2046 BC 48 yrs.

C) Amar-Sin 2046–2037 BC 9 yrs.

D) Shu-Sin 2037–2028 BC 9 yrs.

E) Ibbi-Sin 2028–2004 BC 24 yrs.

Note: Abram enters Canaan *ca.* 2090 BC