

The Greek Tradition

Indo-European Migrations3rd Millenium

Coming of Hellenic Peoples,..... 2400?
IE ancestors of the Greeks ...conquest of Hellenic peninsula and syncretism with indigenous folk

Minoan dominance1600-1500?

Mycenean dominance (= 'Achaean') .. 1450-1200?
Fall of Troytwice in the 1200s

Fall of Mycenae1150
vs. 'Dorians' or 'Sea Peoples'

DARK AGE.....down to 800

Dawn of the Polis.....800-700?
Homer's epics of Trojan War, Hesiod's *Theogony* ca. 700

Tragedy at Athens:.....
Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides500-400

Plato and Aristotle300s

Alexander the Great and Hellenistic Age

Roman reception of Greek Myth,..... esp.
Virgil and Ovid...1st c. BC to 1st c. AD

The Near Eastern Traditon

3400 ... Cuneiform writing

ca 3000 BCE --Sumerians dominant in Tigris-Euphratessyncretism of Semitic and Sumerian culture

2300 ...Semitic resurgence led by Sargon

2050 ... Fall of Ur (last Sumerian citadel)

1750 ...Hammurabi: Law Code at Babylon

1600-1200 ...Hittites in Asia Minor

1200 ...Assyrians capture Babylon (& Marduk)

ca. 1100...Nebuchadnezzar gets Marduk back

900-800? Phoenicians bring writing back to Greece

ca. 530Persians capture Babylon.....
(end of Babylonian captivity for the Jews)

