

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BABYLON

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Discover the true story of the Empire of the Euphrates and the Tigris: its conquests, its culture, and its decline, since the charismatic Hammurabi to the successors of the great King Nebuchadnezzar II. This is the fascinating, demystifying, and rigorous chronicle of the cosmopolitan Babylon.

Synopsis

The Middle East region the ancient Greeks called Mesopotamia, now the current Iraq, was the spiritual and intellectual heart of the country of the Tigris and the Euphrates. The prestige of Babylon had no rival in the eyes of its contemporaries. For its inhabitants the city was the centre of the universe, which stood out on its own in the civilized world. In the nerve centre of this great city of a challenging famous stepped tower rose, a Ziggurat universally known as the Tower of Babel.

A Brief History of Babylon reveals the true story of a city so intriguing and exciting as unknown, from its origin until its fall to the Persians in 539 BC. to this end, among other things, the great achievements of their two most emblematic monarchs will be analysed: Hammurabi (1792 - 1750 BC), author of one of the most ancient legal codes known, and Nebuchadnezzar II (605 - 562 BC), the last great Babylonian King who completed the construction of the Tower of Babel and conquered the very Jerusalem.

Biography

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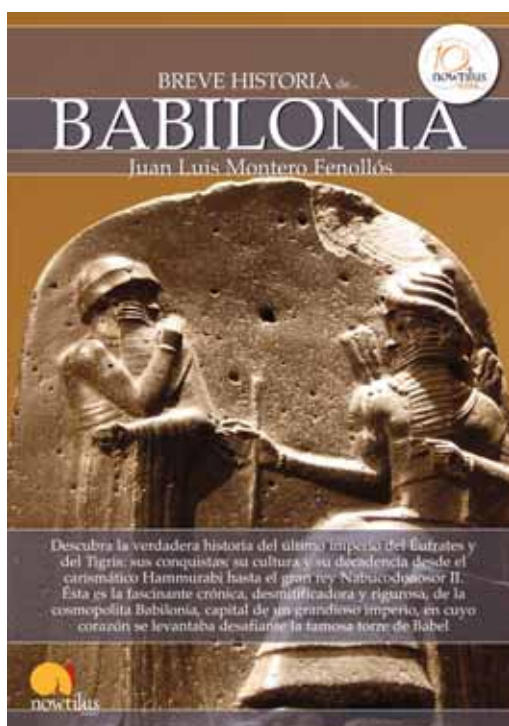
Sales pitch

This is the first informative essay in Spanish on the history of Babylon.

It presents new information on Babylon including a new hypothesis on the reconstruction of the Tower of Babel.

It is a demystifying work; it breaks with deeply rooted ideas such as the height of the Tower of Babel or the Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

The author is specialized in Archaeology of Ancient Mesopotamia and has carried out excavations in the Euphrates in Syria.



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