The Empire of Chaldea

* 609 – 530 BCE
* After the collapse of the Assyrian Empire, Babylon rose to prominence once more
* In the 70 years after the destruction of Nineveh, Babylon will reach its greatest glory under the rule of the Chaldeans

Nebuchadnezzar

* The Chaldean King Nebuchadnezzar will transform Babylon into one of the most beautiful cities of the world
* He is remembered in the Bible as the warrior king who destroyed Jerusalem and took many Jews back to Babylon as prisoners
* He is also remembered as a great builder, especially because of the elaborate city walls, the Gates of Ishtar and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon

The Fall

* Like other Mesopotamian Empires before it, the Chaldean Empire also falls
* By 549 BCE, the Chaldean Empire was challenged by an Alliance of the Medes and the Persians
* Babylon will be captured after a long siege and the Persians become the new rulers of the region