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Time Life's "Lost Civilizations": "Mesopotamia: Return to Eden"

1. Ancient Mesopotamia lies in present-day _____.
2. In 1947, Bedouin shepherds in present-day Israel discovered _____, which dated to the time of Christ.
3. Which of the following artifacts, discovered in 1868 and now lost, described a battle that was also mentioned in the Bible?
 - A) *The Victory Stele of Naram-Sin.*
 - B) *The Law Code of Hammurabi.*
 - C) *The Palette of King Narmer.*
 - D) *The Moabite Stone.*
4. In 586 B.C., the armies of Nebuchadnezzar sacked Jerusalem and took the Israelite captives to _____.
5. All of the following could be seen in the ancient city of Babylon *except*:
 - A) The Ziggurat of King Urnammu.
 - B) The Hanging Gardens.
 - C) The Ishtar Gate.
 - D) The Tower of Babel.
6. Babylon's written, legal code, the first of its kind, was inscribed on a stele known as the Law Code of _____.
7. How was ancient Assyria described in the Bible?
 - A) "A land that never bathed."
 - B) "A land bathed in blood."
 - C) "A land of blood donors."
 - D) "A land of big, strong men who liked to fight a lot."
8. The Great Library at Nineveh, part of the ancient Assyrian palace complex, contained about 22,000 clay tablets written in _____.
 - A) Cuneiform.
 - B) Maidenform.
 - C) Hieroglyphics.
 - D) Greek.

9. In 1989, a burial chamber containing two Assyrian queens was discovered beneath the floor of the ancient palace at _____.

- A) Persepolis.
- B) Ur.
- C) Nimrud.
- D) Thebes.

10. The *Epic of Gilgamesh*, which is about an ancient Sumerian hero, describes a _____ similar to one mentioned in the Bible.

11. Which ancient site has been referred to as the "first civilization on earth"?

- A) Sumer.
- B) Assyria.
- C) Babylon.
- D) Jerusalem.

12. Sir Leonard Woolley discovered the _____, which contained 74 skeletons, all entombed at the same time.

- A) Ziggurat of King Urnammu at Ur.
- B) Royal Tombs, or Grave Pits, of Ur.
- C) Pyramids at Giza.
- D) Citadel of Sargon II.

13. In the *Epic of Gilgamesh*, Dilmun is referred to as a Mesopotamian equivalent of _____.

14. The present-day island of _____, south of the ancient city of Ur, was once an "Eden-like" place with plenty of water, lush gardens, and snakes.

- A) Hawaii.
- B) Tahiti.
- C) England.
- D) Bahrain.