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Origins of empire in the Middle East



The paper presents an overview on the emergence and early history of the phenomenon “empire” in the first millennium BCE in the Middle East. It covers a time frame from the 10th to the 2nd c. BCE and introduces the Neo Assyrian, Neo Babylon, and Persian empires, as well as the empires of Alexander the Great and the early successors. The presentation will offer a structural and comparative analysis of the origins of “empires” that appear for the first time in world history in this very region.

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