

# Hammurabi's Code

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1700s BCE

# Evaluation of Evidence

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- We must evaluate all evidence
- To evaluate evidence, we ask:
  - Why is a document useful?
  - What are its limitations?
  - What other information do we need?

# Who was Hammurabi?

- Member of the Amorite dynasty
- King of Babylon from 1792-1750 BCE
- United all of Mesopotamia under the Babylonian Empire



Relief of Hammurabi and the  
god Shamash

# **Hammurabi's Code**

- Laws for Babylonian society
- Tool to unify expanding empire
- “That the strong might not injure the weak”
- Allowed everyone to know the rules

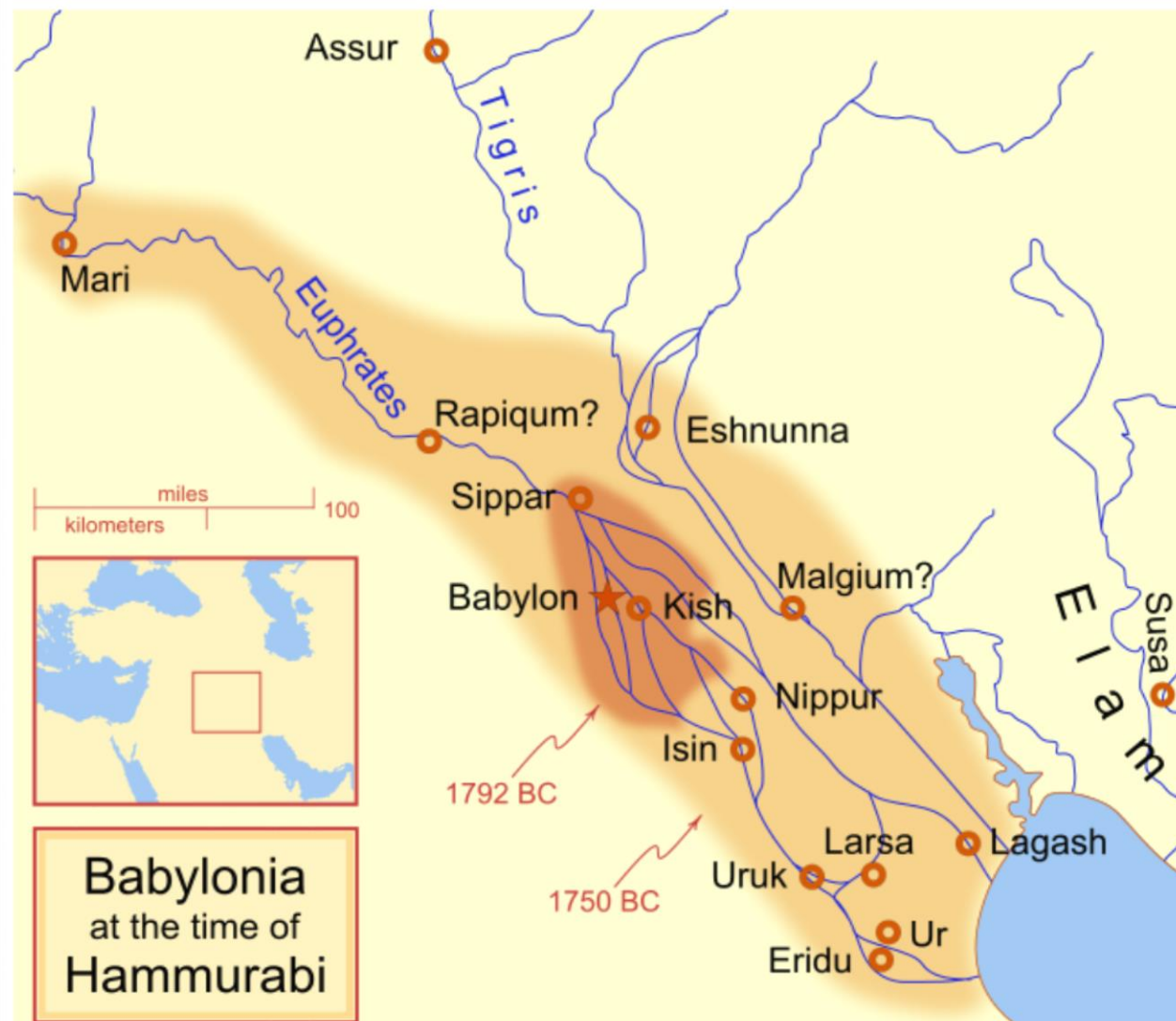
# What does it look like?

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# Loss and Unearthing



# Central Historical Question

*What can we learn about  
Babylonia from  
Hammurabi's Code?*