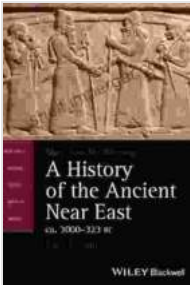


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### **The Early Bronze Age (ca. 3000-2000 BC)**

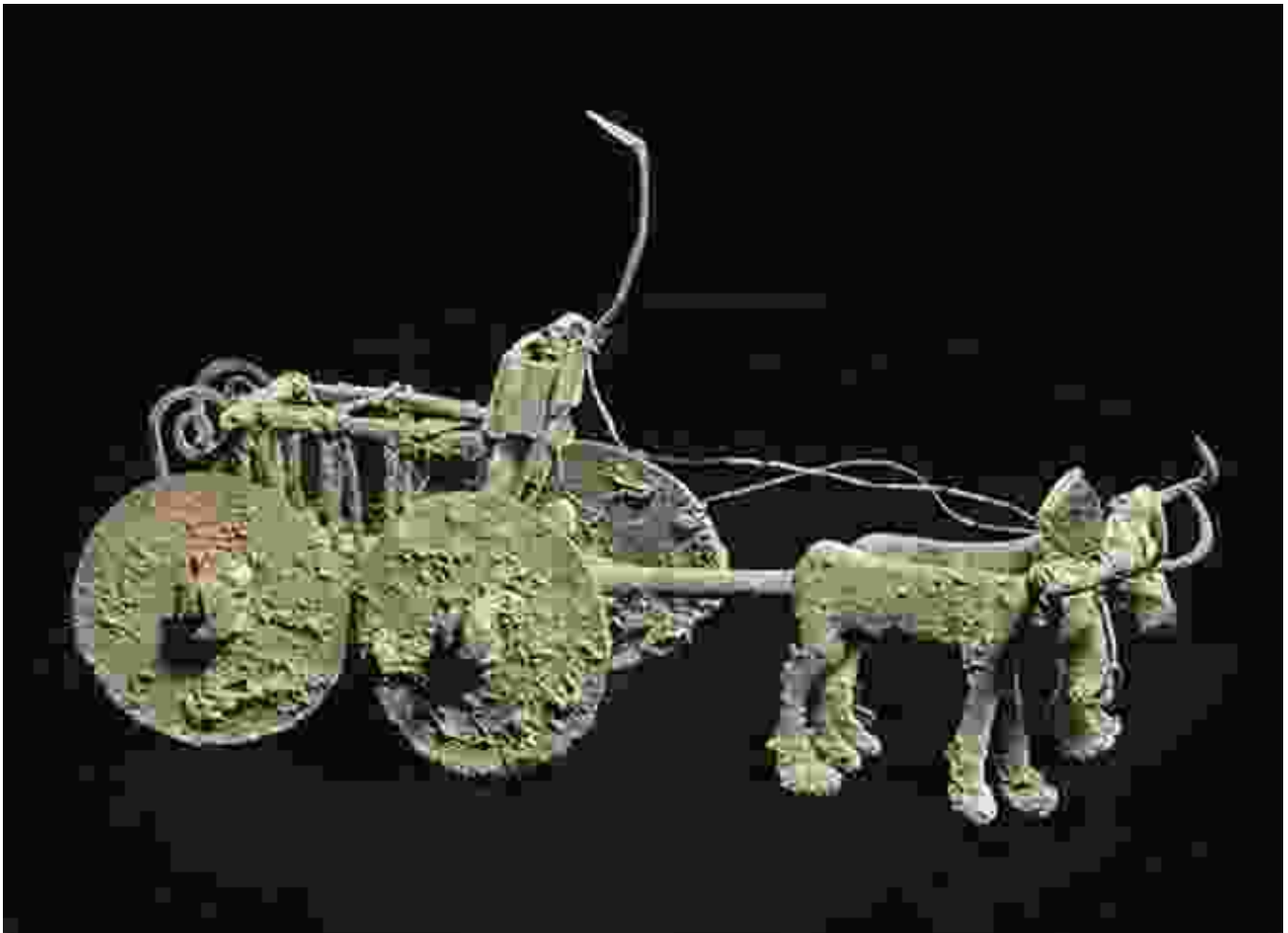
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Middle Bronze Age chariot from Anatolia

### **The Late Bronze Age (ca. 1600-1200 BC)**

The Late Bronze Age in the ancient Near East was a period of great political and economic turmoil. The Hittite Empire in Anatolia collapsed, and the Mycenaean civilization in Greece was destroyed. New empires emerged, such as the Assyrian Empire in Mesopotamia and the New Kingdom in Egypt. This period also saw the development of new forms of

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The Iron Age in the ancient Near East was a period of significant technological and cultural change. The use of iron became widespread, and new forms of art and architecture were developed. This period also saw the rise of new empires, such as the Neo-Assyrian Empire in Mesopotamia and the Achaemenid Empire in Persia. The Iron Age ended with the conquest of the Persian Empire by Alexander the Great in 323 BC.



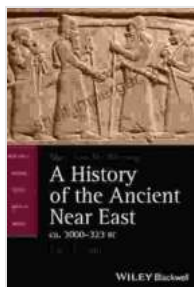
Iron Age helmet from Persia

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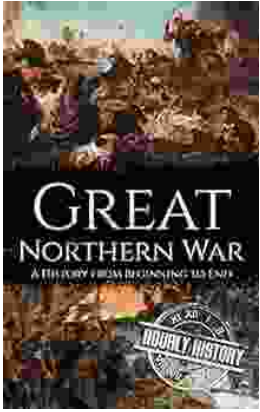
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