

Third Millennium B.C.E.

Century	Americas and Pacific	Europe	Near East and Africa	Asia
C30 BCE	First pottery in Ecuador and Columbia Kotosh Temple of the Crossed Hands	corded ware copper-working	Anatolia: beginning of first Bronze Age Egypt: Old Kingdom stelae, bas relief Mesopotamia: gold, lapis lazuli jewelry, inlaid furniture	China: first chemistry, textile dyes; Thailand: bronze-working
C28 BCE		Beaker Culture	Mleiha: shell and pearl jewelry Farming spreads in Africa Uruk: first real city, cuneiform tablets	Indus Valley Civilization
C27 BCE		Grotta-Pelos: Cycladic Culture: small marble figures	Saqqara: Old Kingdom step pyramid Ur: musical instruments Mesopotamia: earliest ziggurats, clay cone mosaic temples; Great Flood Dahshur: evolution to 'true' pyramids Giza: Sphinx and Great Pyramid, Abu Dhabi: Umm Al Nar civilization, Garden Tomb of Hili, relief carvings may indicate domestication of camel	Longshan Culture
C26 BCE				
C25 BCE		Hal Saffieni: Hypogeum, subterranean structure made using cyclopean rigging		Harappa: carved stone pictograph seals, clay figures, gold, silver jade, lapis lazuli and turquoise jewelry, Mohenjo-Daro: Citadel
C23 BCE		Wessex Barrow: bronze and gold implements, grave goods		
C22 BCE		Tarxien, Mnaidra: temples	Tel Abraq and Ras Al Khaimah: gold jewelry, copper implements	