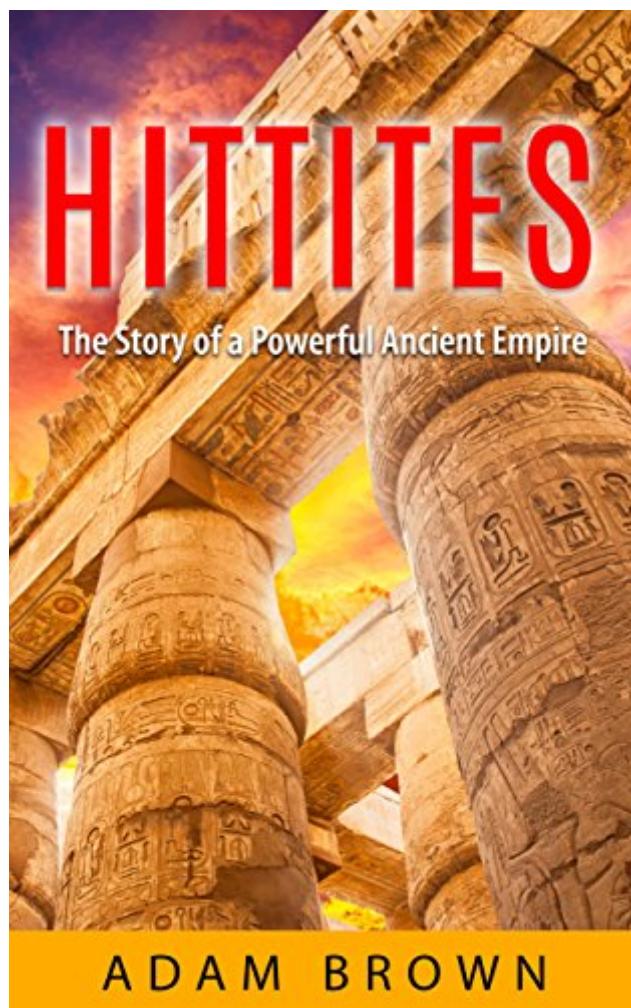


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Hittites: A Powerful Ancient Civilization



Synopsis

Discover the Hittites Empire. Until a century ago, little was known of the Hittites. The first written record of the Hittites is in the Old Testament. They were a minor tribe in 1870 when a discovery of cuneiform tablets in Syria provided extensive information about this civilization. It was not until 1907, when ancient Hittite inscriptions were found in Turkey, that evidence led to the discovery of the Hittite capital, Hattusa. The walls of this city, made of 20,000 clay tablets, tell the story of the Hittites. On the discovery of these tablets, a minor town in Anatolia became the center of the Hittite Empire. The Hittites had a complex political structure, a well-developed legal system, and a sophisticated social and economic system. They also had a religion, an interaction with the Empire of Egypt, and much more.

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Customer Reviews

Everything about our History fascinates me, but somehow Ancient History is my favorite because it heavily relies upon the archaeological discoveries to piece any piece of the puzzle together to elucidate its events, patterns, and chronologies so when I saw the book Hittites: A Powerful Ancient Civilization I just had to buy it. The book showcases where the Hittites came from and how they played a significant role in history aside from being occasionally mentioned in the Bible. The author shares with us the Hittites economy, architecture, their social customs, and their system of law along with their unfortunate rise and fall. I read through this entire book while my family was going crazy over the Super Bowl - my time spent wisely. Ha! I recommend this book.

This discussion of an otherwise unknown history was very well-researched, intriguing, and well thought out. I did not know anything about this civilization, but I found after reading this book that I was unwillingly walking away with not only new information, but a new understanding and perspective on a truly amazing culture. Usually I find history books dull and difficult to continue reading. However, Brown's retelling kept me invested until the very end. I hardly felt like I was reading a text of this sort at all. The history not only flowed smoothly together, but was organized in a cohesive and natural order. It made it easy for readers like myself to come in with no background on the subject and follow the trail of history quite efficiently. The information was also very linear and its order made sense for me. The subject matters I found most intriguing were a great chunk of the beginning, particularly when we were discussing how the Hittites evolved into a stronger nation. The

part describing Telipinus's reign was also very descriptive, factual, and interesting. It is made clear very early on that this is an accurate retelling. It is evident that Brown put a great deal of effort into telling this civilization's story right. A few things I found could have been improved: In the introduction on the Hittites' origins, we have an integration of a quote that is supposed to be dialogue from the Egyptian Queen herself (pg. 103). Though an interesting use of quotation, I found this to be slightly off-putting simply because we don't know for certain what she could have said, unless the words were specifically written down and found later. With that in mind, we also didn't cite it afterwards (naturally, in this case), but that still leads us to believe it is not a "real" quote, so to speak.

Contrasting that, I found the use of quotation in the beginning of chapter 5, on page 909, to be a better example because it was dialogue taken directly from the original prayer itself. There were also a few reoccurring grammatical errors - where two words would be combined together on accident - that caught my eye but didn't detract from the telling of the story that much. Examples: "thisqueen" (pg. 366), "sovereigntyof" (pg. 529), "regionpreviously" (pg. 636). Overall, a very strong retelling of a hidden piece of history. An excellent read and an interesting culture. Would definitely recommend for a history report, class, or enthusiast.

Adam Brown's books are always so easy to read and comprehend. History can be a dull subject but I really feel like I was able to soak up so much information. I've always found the Hittites so intriguing but they are a people that aren't mentioned much outside of the Old Testament. Its clear that this book has been thoroughly researched and sheds so much light on this ancient and complex civilization. The text is an overview of their historical background from the "Old Kingdom" through their glory days until their fall. Their political, social, and judicial system is discussed as well as religion and economics. As a amateur art historian, my personal favorite section was Chapter 10 on Hittite architecture.

I like to learn about different cultures in history, so upon searching through , I found this book on the Hitties and I was like, well I never remember learning about them before. I bought the book and learned more in this book about the Hitties than all my life in school because I never heard of them or remember hearing about them in school. This book will teach you about so many different things about their lifestyle and I think it is better than the Romans. Get the book an read it and further your education. Kids can even do a report on them and blow their history teachers away with a report on the Hitties

In the history class, we were given an assignment and I had to do a research about Hittites as a result of it. I was looking for a convenient source to collect information and that's where I came across this eBook. I was impressed with the description and decided to go ahead, download the eBook and read. It was an excellent source for my assignment and I felt good for downloading such a book. I highly recommend this for anyone who is interested in learning about Hittites.

Very interesting historical overview about almost unknown civilization of Hittites. The author has done a great researching job and described this part of history in easy and understandable way. I liked especially that the history in this book is divided by sections of political structure, law, economics and so on. This is not a very long book, and at the same time not very short - the perfect size for a historical book for an ordinary reader!

This book taught me about a civilization I knew nothing about. I was never taught in school. This would also be a great book for someone who loves history. It's an easy read. I feel like the reader is really catered to. It's a book for all ages. It would be a good supplement to a textbook as always. This author writes very well. I loved the trip back in time the book provided. Also love that the chapters aren't very long. It doesn't drone on and on. It gets right to the interesting stuff which is something I always like in a book.

This was such an informative, short read. I was amazed by all the information this book held. I have been downloading books for a history assignment and I came across this book. I love Egypt and the history. But there was so much I didn't know, especially about the civilization of the Hittites. This book was easy to follow and comprehend! Great job by the author.

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