Mesopotamian Religion:

Each household had its own individual house God.

“Polythism”- Worshipping more than one God.

Gods: were eternal but took human forms. Had human qualities- So they were more relatable.

Main Gods: Three males & A Female.

An-Sky- #1 God, (Sky)
Enlil- (Air)
Enki (Water)
Ninshursag (Earth) – “Mother Earth”

Important Stuff: (Test material)

- Agricultural prosperity paid for the priestly class (priest/priestesses) to serve the Gods in their temples.
- Each city had its patron gods that protected the city and that the priest/priestesses would pray too, tend too and feed.
- Kings eventually assumed priestly functions and eventually became Gods.
- People believed in the underworld, no heaven or hell.
- Mesopotamian religion also contained the Creation Story, a Garden of Eden, a Underworld, (Hades, Sheol), the fall of Man, a great flood, and divinely favored people.
Egyptian Society:
- Pharaoh
- Nobles
- Scribes and Craftspeople
- Farmers, Servants, and Slaves

- Commoners: Monogamous
- Nobles: could have a wife AND harems of slave girls and concubines
- Royal marriages were a bit different to keep the dynastic line pure and connected to the Gods and unsullied by commoner blood, royal brothers and sisters often married. *(Keeping royal blood in family, marrying with incest)*
- Shared Blood Line: Egyptian queens were more powerful than the royal women of Mesopotamia. Several became rulers.
  - Hatshepsut (1472-1458 BCE) “King of Upper and Lower Egypt and daughter of Ra” Ra: The sun God (#1 God)

  When a female in Egypt ruled, they had to “be a man” so they made a fake beard she had to wear.

- The diet of a farmer:
  - Beer, Bread, a Few Vegetables, Eggs & Fish.

- The diet of Gods:
  - Good food, “The best”
  - 3 times a day by the priests
  - Priests would actually be doing the eating