

# Ancient Armenia: BC to 0 AD

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# Bronze Age

4000 BC to 1200 BC

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Hayasa-Azzi and the Hittites

Nairi Federation “Land of Rivers”

– Incorporated into Urartu ~1000BC



# Bronze Age- Recent Findings

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- Shoes
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jcr7kE4qQrw&feature=fvst>
- Wine Cellar



# Urartu

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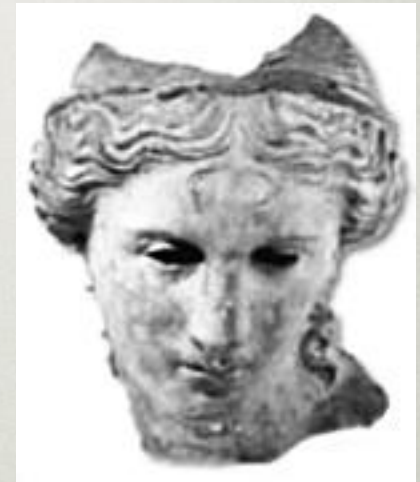
- King Argishti I
- Erebuni Fortress
- 'Arin Berd'



# What were the Armenians like?

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- Mixture of Nairi, Urartu and Indo-European “Armens”
- Hellenistic people - pagans
- Aramazd: father of all ‘gods’
- Anahit: ‘goddess of birth’
- Vahagn: ‘god’ of thunder, slaying dragons and displaying courage



# Artaxiad Dynasty

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- Successor of Alexander the Great's empire
- Artaxias I and Zariadres
- Unification of Armenian Highlands
- Capital Artaxata



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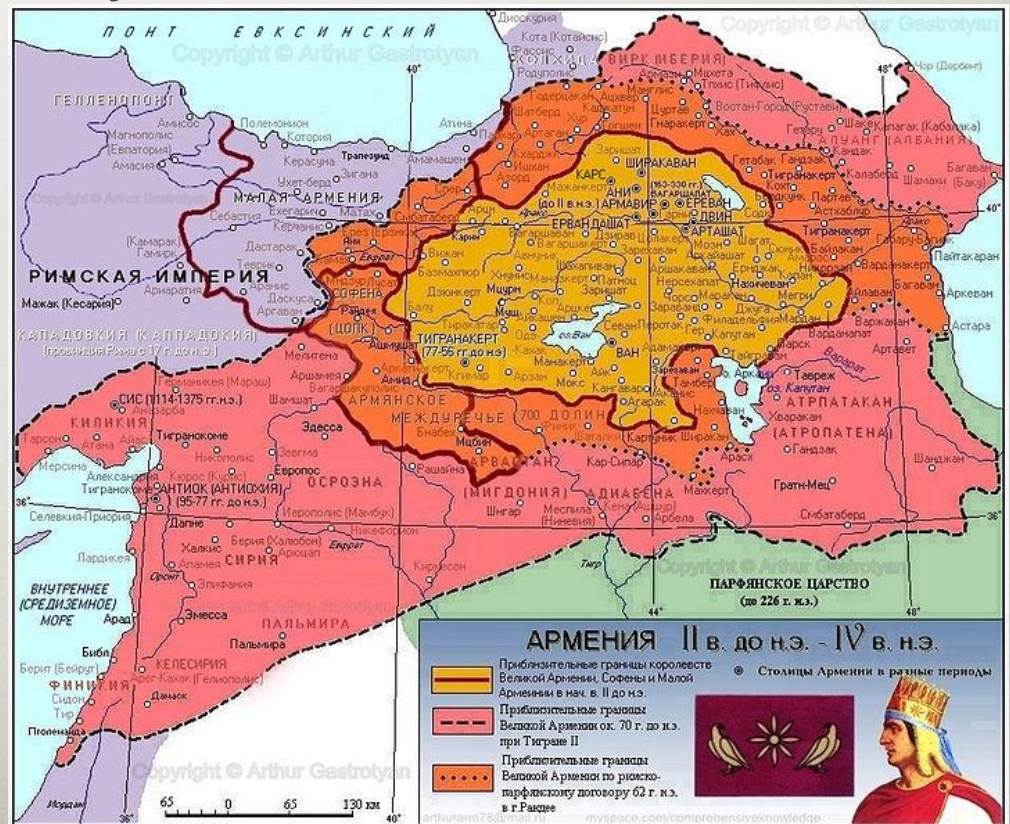
- King Tigran signed treaty with King Mithridates of Pontus
- Married his sister Cleopatra



# Tigranes the Great

- The most powerful Armenian empire
- Land governed by nakhararars
- Caspian to Mediterranean

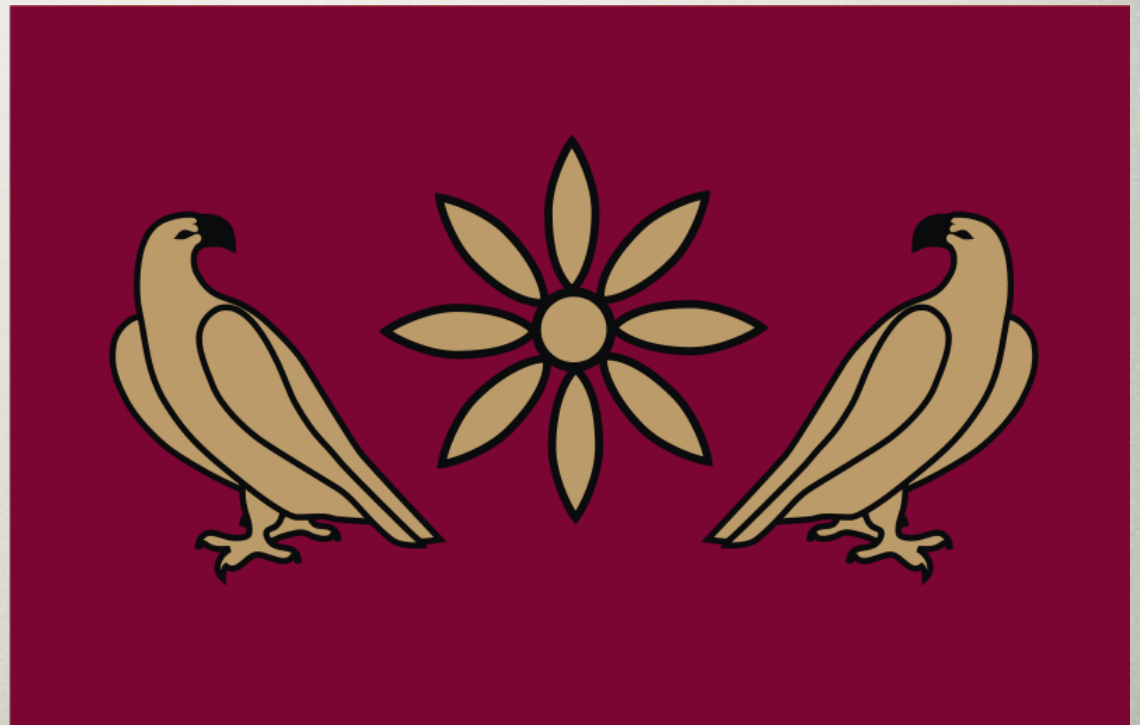
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# Artaxiad Dynasty

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- Coat of Arms



# Tigranes the Great

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- Present day countries of Armenia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Syria, Iran, Georgia, Israel, Lebanon
- “Ayrudzi” horsemen
- Armies of 70,000
- 88BC took over Parthia
- “King of Kings”



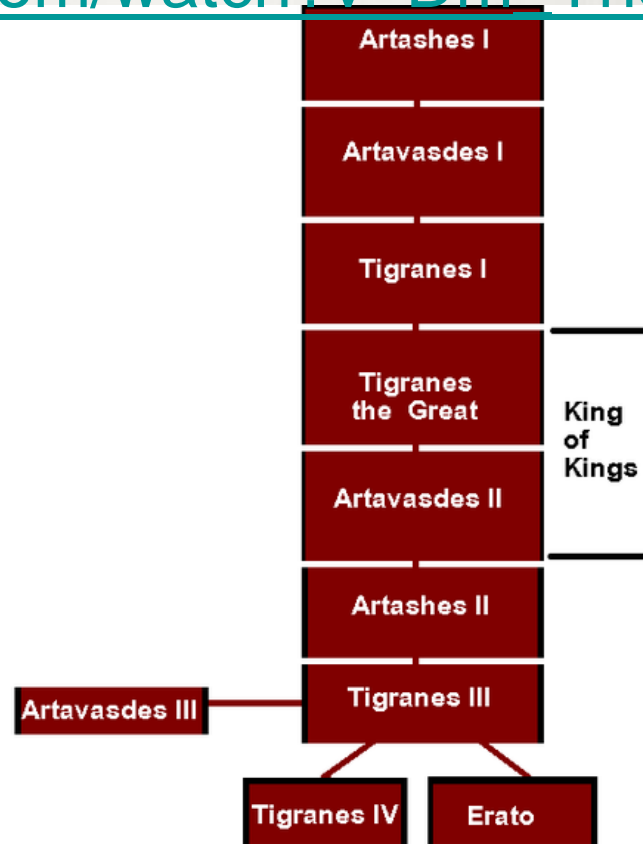
# Ayrudzi

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# Tigranes the Great

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# Fall of Artaxiad Dynasty

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- Pompey and the Romans advanced into Armenian land 66BC
- King Tigran at age 75 surrendered: death in 55BC
- Armenia existed until the next dynasty