

# THE ASSYRIAN WOMAN

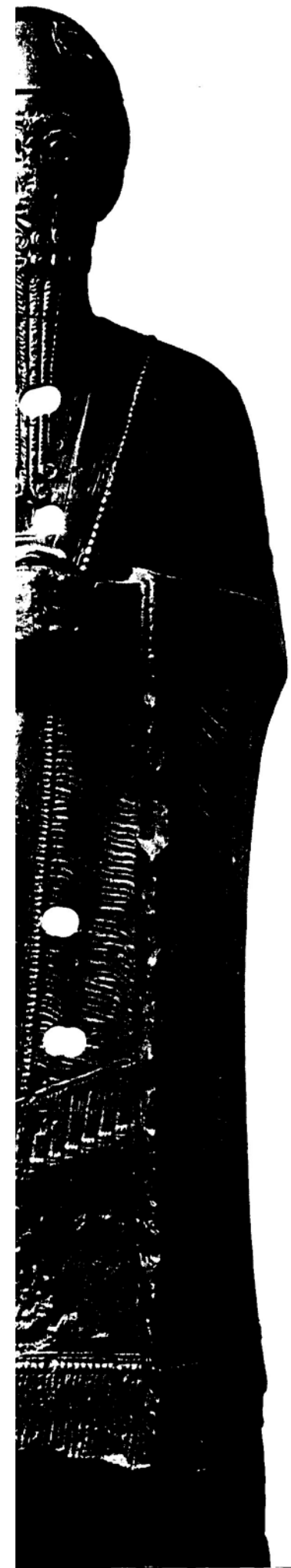
From Ishtar 6000 BC to Elishbah 1995

A Workshop about the assyrian people  
from the time of the dawn of civilization  
to the refugee situation of today.

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And so I begin with the queen Semiramis.

Semiramis was the daughter of a goddess who was worshipped in Assyrian and who was said to have the head of a woman on the body of a fish

After the girl's birth, her mother had left her stranded in the desert among the rocks. However she was discovered by some doves whose nests were nearby and who looked after the abandoned child; they covered her with their wings to keep her warm, bringing her milk in their bills from a sheeppen, and feeding it into her mouth, drop by drop, later they stole cheese for her to eat. Eventually, the shepherds noticed the doves activity, followed the and discovered a superb young girl, nestling among the boulders.

They took her with them to the official in charge of Ninus domains who adopted her and named her Semiramis ( it's mens dove ) when she grew up, Semiramis married a governor and went with him when he set off, in Ninus army, to fight the Bactrians.

At one point they were lying, siege to a fortress where the enemy king ha taken refuge. Ninus troop were facing stiff resistance; Semiramis, disguised as a soldier, scaled the ramparts and enabled the attacking force to enter the city.

Ninus was so enchanted by her bravery that he married her, after which her husband hanged himself in despair.

Shortly afterwards, Ninus died and was buried underneath a pyramid 3.000 feet high.

Semiramis was his successor.

She built a capital city for herself on the lower Euphrates which was even more splendid than Ninveh; that city was Babylon. Around it she built ramparts 40 miles long wide enough to accomodate six chariots abreast. She erected a dam across the Euphrates and built a huge temple. She then visted the different regions of her far-flung empire, building roads and cities, cutting passes through the mountains and erecting monuments in honor of her dead generals.

She went to Egypt and consulted the oracle of amon, which told her that she would disippreur miraculonsky and be venerated as a goddess. She also conguered Ethiopia. Hoping to win glory as agreate congweror, she set on an expedition to India and crossed the hindus hisoverwhelming elephant-powerrepel her adwence. After this set hade; she remained confrnd to her own kingdom, and once were began buildings munuments:

Nature has given body of a woman but my deeds have made me the equal of the brafest of men. Onlearning here son Ninyas was conspriting to bring about her downfall, she chose to abdicate in his favor ratter than punish him them she was turned into a dore and flow away. The Assyrians worshipped her us a goddess in the form of a dove.