

~ERECH (35)
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- One of the four cities constituting the beginning of Nimrod's kingdom in the land of Shinar.
- And the beginning of his kingdom came to be Babel and **Erech** and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (**Genesis 10:10**)
- **Erech** is today represented by a cluster of mounds at the site called Warka by the Arabs and known as Uruk to the ancient Akkadians of Mesopotamia. It is situated about 177 kilometers (110 miles) Southeast of Babylon on the West bank of the old bed of the Euphrates, the Shatt-ek-Kar, or some 6 kilometers (3.5 miles) East of the present course of that river.
- An ancient ziggurat has been uncovered there, along with many mounds and coffins that seem to indicate that **Erech** was once a burial ground of the Assyrian kings.
- Inhabitants of **Erech**, or **Archevites**, **KJ**, were among those peoples transported to Samaria by Assyrian Emperor Asenappar.
- Then Rehum the chief government official and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their colleagues, the judges and the lesser governor's across the River, the secretaries, the people of **Erech**, the Babylonians, the inhabitants of Susa, that is, the Elamites. (**Ezra 4:9**)
- And the rest of the nations whom the great and honorable Asenappar took into exile and settled in the cities of Samaria, and the rest beyond the River, and now (**Ezra 4:10**)