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**Ch-4-The First Cities(History) Revision**

**Script:-**Harappan needed to write. They had to keep accounts and write down laws, rules and regulations. The script has been found engraved on seals. The Harappan script was pictographic. It had pictures like signs representing ideas, Objects and words. However, the script has not yet been deciphered. So, We have limited information regarding this civilisation.

**Religion:-** It is believed that the Harappans may have worshipped Mother Goddess. Clay images of women figures have been found in Harappa. In some seals, a male God is shown surrounded by animals like rhinoceros, Buffalo and the elephant. The earliest images of Shiva or Pashupati found in India. Pashupati means the Lord of animals. Even today, Indians consider the Peepal tree to be sacred. Many seals have been found depicting the Peepal tree, which Perhaps, was worshipped. Amulets or Tavij have been found in many places indicating that people wore them to bring food fortune or to avert bad luck. Graves and burial sites have also found.

**Decline of Civilisation:-** The civilisation flourished between 2500 BC and 1500 BC. Around 1500 BC, There were various trouble. People left many of the cities. Raw materials being brought from outside. The unique drainage system broke down.

Some historians' suggest that rivers were drying up. Some think deforestation had started. Some feel that a final blow to the civilisation was given by the invasion of the Aryans. Another belief is that the decline was due to natural calamities like earthquake, floods, droughts or epidemics.

In Iraq in the same time two rivers the Tigris and the Euphrates where Mesopotamian civilisation flourished which traded with Indus Valley civilisation.

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