

The Genius of **ANCIENT MAN**

Evolution's Nightmare

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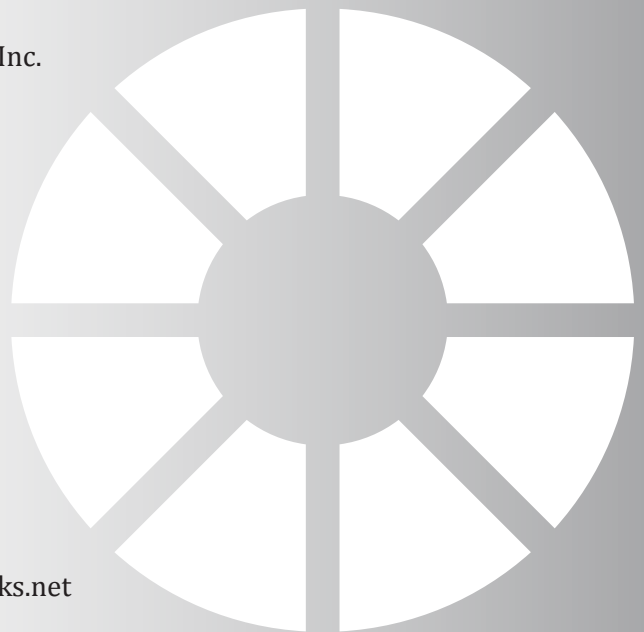
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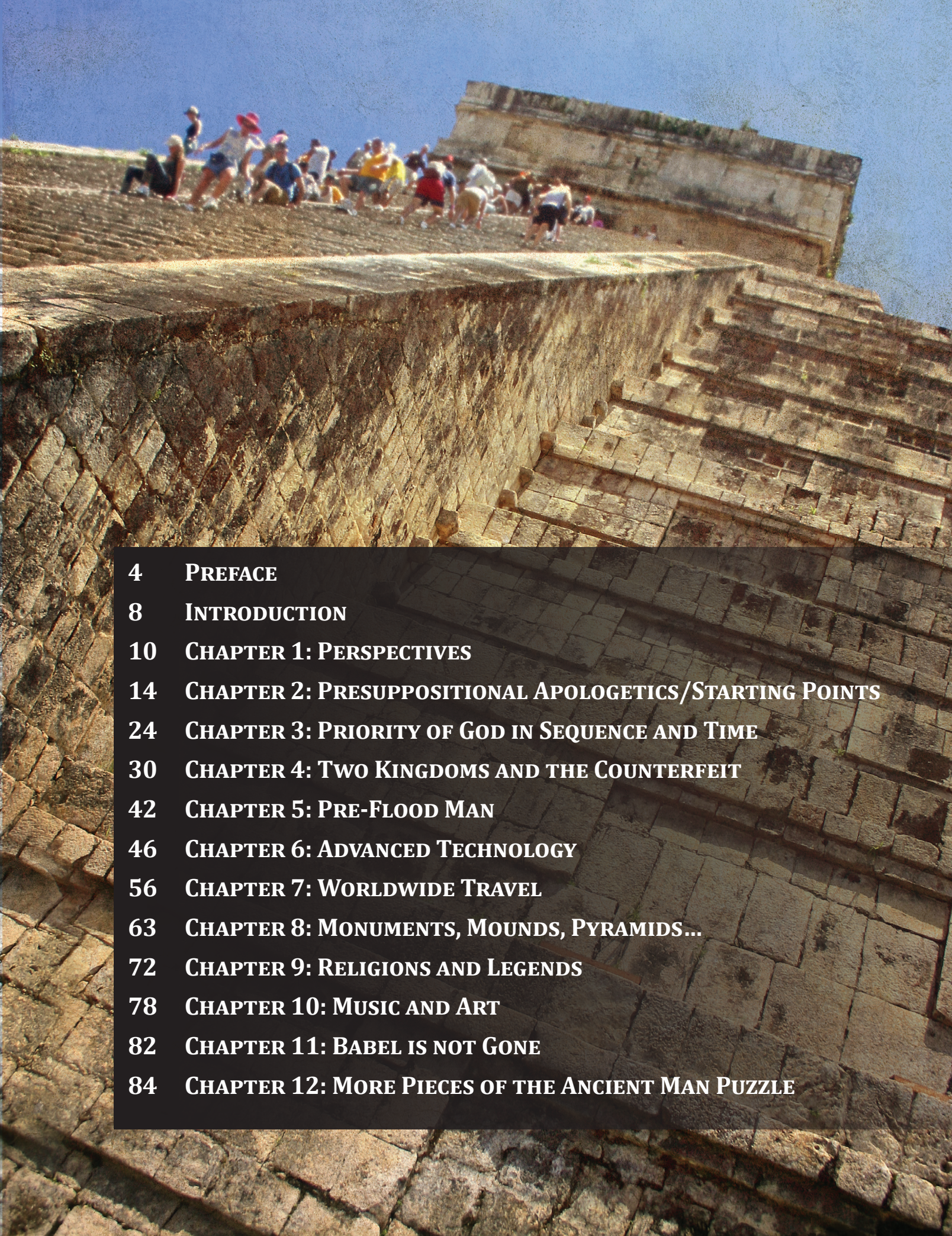
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The Pyramid of the Magician
- Uxmal Mexico

PREFACE

Research and studies of ancient man have long been the focus and expertise of the secular world. From evolutionary depictions of cavemen discovering the secrets of fire to New Age shamans proposing mystical alien contact in the distant past, the unbiblical versions of history are many. Meanwhile, the Church has, for the most part, been content to sit back and take no stand on the issue. Accordingly, without any biblical guidance to the contrary, the average churchgoer either accepts evolution as scientific and historical fact or hides sheepishly behind weakly supported Bible stories. But they don't have to be weak; the Church can stand firm on the biblical record if only they will step up and learn the facts.

"science" claims? What if man did not evolve slowly out of slime, completely ignorant and brutish, but rather was created in God's image with a likeness of His intellect? What if Satan is real and actively perverting God's plan? What if man really did gather at Babel, build a tower, form a religion, and instigate a worldwide government? And what if God really did confuse man's languages, forcing the people to scatter across the earth, taking their religion and practices with them? In other words, what if the Bible really is true?

If we read the Genesis account literally, with a consistent hermeneutic³ (and we believe in the God who wrote it), then we should find evidence demonstrating a history of



OOPArts
Out-of-place artifacts
Lake Winnepesaukee
mystery stone (left);
one of the controversial
Ica Stones, Peru (right)



There is real data, and many new archaeological discoveries are presenting evidence for an intelligent ancient man, not one that fits the evolutionary "monkey to caveman" paradigm. All over the world there are similar findings of ancient religions, cities and towers, world travel, advanced astronomy, and civilized government. One can find out-of-place artifacts (OOPArts)¹ and other anomalies² that can only be explained by intelligent ancient man. For centuries, these finds have been unknown and unheralded. The Church has since ignored the artifacts, being influenced by an evolutionary mindset that does not allow for advanced ancient technology because it seems impossible to explain.

It is time for Christians to wake up and be instructed. What if mankind is not as ancient as

intelligent ancient man, descended from Adam. In accordance with the scriptural account of Babel, there should be similar building styles and cultural practices all over the earth. These technologies are exactly what is being discovered, and more each day. A jumble of anomalies and magnificent structures continue to confound evolutionary-focused archeology and anthropology today. Yet, as the dots are connected, an incredible picture appears, one that perfectly illustrates history as it is described in the Bible.

Christians, what if your beliefs are actually true? Do you know what it is that your faith actually claims? Do you understand that having a correct interpretation of the Bible influences how you view history and how you should anticipate the future? Did you know that the evidence in the world around you confirms everything you read in the book you call God's Word?

¹ OOPArts is a term referring to an object that has historical or archaeological significance but exists in an unusual or seemingly impossible context.
² An anomaly is something that appears to be inconsistent or deviates from the norm; something peculiar or out of place.

³ Hermeneutics refers to the rules used in interpreting Scripture. It is important that the rules one employs remain consistent in interpreting the whole of Scripture, not just certain sections.



Jackson Hole Bible College Ancient Man Cruise to Mexico in December 2010.

Well, it's time you knew the answers to those questions and more. This book delves into the fascinating world of ancient civilizations. Discover a time when men could move megalithic stones and build structures beyond imagining, a culture where a new religion was formed and men aspired to be gods, and a world was thrown into confusion by the birth of languages, tribes, and nations.

Over the course of two years, a team of researchers from Jackson Hole Bible College has worked to bring together the different pieces of this convoluted puzzle. Hours of researching, trips to various sites around North and Central America, visits to museums, and meetings with experts have provided the team with an overwhelming amount of evidence for intelligent ancient man. Our goal, to compile information that verifies the accuracy of the text of Scripture, has exceeded our expectations and we have found more than enough evidence supporting our position. Surprisingly, studies by New Age groups have provided much of the data for us. Although our goals and premises greatly differ from these groups, we are able to use the evidence they have discovered to back up our own conclusions. For instance, the New Age groups support the advanced technology and intelligence of supposed

ancient civilizations such as "Atlantis" or Lemuria. We find that these legendary coastal cities and islands fit into a biblical post-Flood era. However, the New Age groups view the demise of these empires as part of the cyclic pattern of world ages whereas we would view the "sinking" of "Atlantis" and the disappearance of other civilizations as evidence of rising ocean levels after the Ice Age.

Through an apologetic method of presuppositions, openly claiming to believe the historical record of the Bible, fully embracing a bias in which we start with a Creator God, this book provides the only plausible explanation of ancient man and his intelligence. The journey has been an exhilarating and enlightening experience for everyone involved. We were continually astounded by the exciting discoveries that continued to provide more evidence confirming our faith. It brings us much joy to complete the final step in our project and present our findings to you.

God has richly blessed us through the Ancient Man Project and has continually provided for us along the way, making each step possible. Now we are thrilled to have this opportunity to invite you to join us and study history as never before.

A WORD OF CAUTION

This book seeks to provide evidence that supports the truth of God's Word and confirmation to your Christian faith. However, because of the nature of the subject and the connections that can be made to the occult, we want to warn you to study the information carefully, as the Bereans (Acts 17:11) were instructed, taking everything back to the Bible. For just as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 10:5, we want to encourage you to destroy "speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God" and be careful to take "every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." Some of the data presented includes ancient legends, religions, and cultural practices that we are not promoting, only using them to display further evidence that supports our presuppositions. We would like to caution you as you search deeper into such things, for though they can be used to confirm biblical accounts, such things are not necessarily of God.

As we begin this investigation of ancient man, it is important to always keep in mind the axiom⁴ that Satan cannot create, he can only pervert. He must use God's designs and distort them to fit his own plan. We cannot ignore his influence in history and present times. Moreover, we must remember that above all things, Satan longs to be like God (Isaiah 14:14) and hates everything that God does. Satan is actively involved in assuring that God's plan isn't discovered.

Satan distorts everything that God does, inventing an alternate storyline for people to discover, enticing them with lies that seem like the truth. His counterfeits are continuously awarded attention and praise from our culture. Therefore, it is imperative for Christians to be constantly on the lookout for Satan's fabrications, because they can be subtly close to the truth. Often when we discover such a counterfeit, it makes

it easier to understand and refute the perversion. Throughout this book you will be introduced to some of the ways that Satan has succeeded in deceiving mankind with a counterfeit in the past and how he is still actively attempting to do so today. (More on Satan's counterfeits in chapter 4.)

We hope you will take great care as you read our material, taking time to allow the truth to seep into your soul and mind. Let yourself question past assumptions. We encourage you to search out the truth for yourself, always relying on Scripture as your starting point and basing your conclusions off of its truth. The Bible is the inerrant Word of God and the complete authority over man: past, present, and future. Therefore, though man does not have all the answers and Satan seeks to confuse us and distort God's plan, he will not succeed. In the end, it is God who has the ultimate victory.

Remember, since the Bible says all men suppress the truth in unrighteousness (Romans 1:18), it is not a question of if there is evidence confirming the existence of God and the authority of His Word. Rather the world knows that God exists — it is only a matter of reminding mankind of the evidence of God's work and the truth of His Word.



JHBC students at Colorado National Monument, examining evidence for the global Flood.

⁴ At Jackson Hole Bible College, we use the term "axiom" to refer to biblical truths that should be well understood and widely accepted facts in the Christian arena. Please see Chapter 12, page 98 ff for more information and a list of other important axioms.

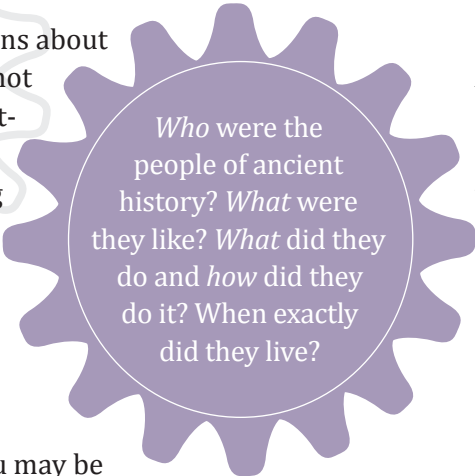
“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. . . . Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being’”

—Genesis 1:26, 2:7



INTRODUCTION

Like most questions about history, these do not have easy, straightforward answers. In fact, depending on whom you ask, you could get multiple answers from people all equally passionate about their position. You may be tempted to write this book off as “just another theory” and not worth your time, but let us convince you otherwise. This book is different and attempts to explore the topic of ancient man in a whole new light — giving answers based on the Bible.



Who were the people of ancient history? What were they like? What did they do and how did they do it? When exactly did they live?

God's Word is the ultimate starting point for all knowledge and therefore the first place we should be looking for answers to any of our questions (Proverbs 1:7). From the very beginning of Genesis to the last pages of Revelation, the Bible is authoritative in all that it records. The history of mankind and the universe he inhabits is clearly described in the verses of Scripture.

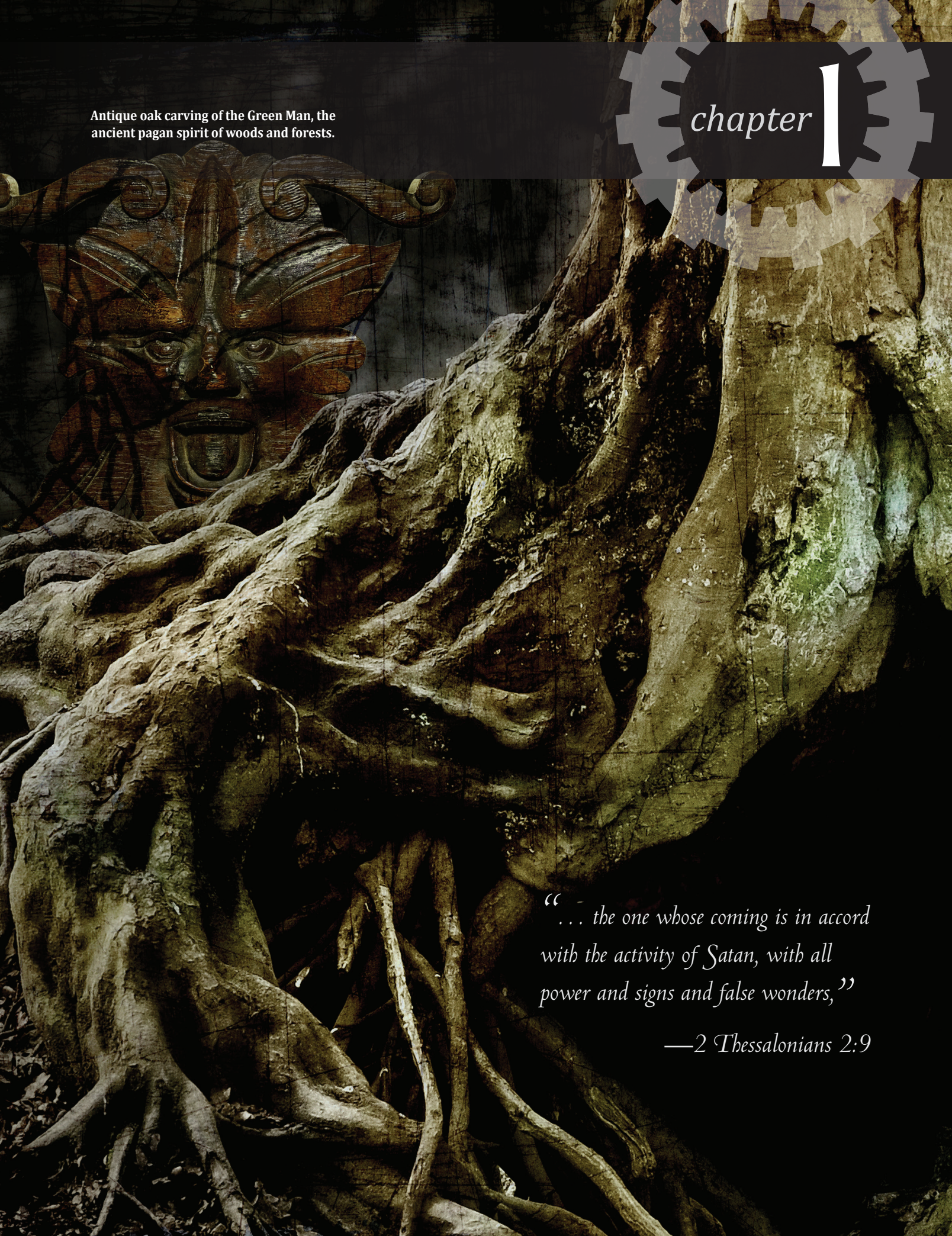
So when it comes to ancient man, we start at the beginning: “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. . . . Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being’” (Genesis 1:26, 2:7). Adam: the very first human being, fully formed and intelligent, designed to perfection, created with a purpose, destined for a future. With this starting point, in contrast to the evolutionary view of man evolving slowly from slime, these facts are interpreted much differently than secular historical science would lead you to believe.

Following the time line of the Bible, a fascinating world appears out of the past. In this world, men lived for hundreds of years (Genesis 5), and a catastrophic worldwide Flood actually happened,

cleansing the planet of corruption (Genesis 6–8). Ancient architects built a tower in rebellion to the one, true God, and languages were introduced into the world for the first time, initiating the scattering of the nations (Genesis 11). In the biblical version of history, ancient men were intelligent, building cities, discovering sciences, and exploring the world. With biblical presuppositions in place, the evidence in the physical world around us makes sense and clearly supports this history. The monuments and artifacts that have been discovered today cannot be properly explained by any non-biblical ideas. Ancient architecture around the world testifies to creativity, intelligence, and worldwide communication. The similarities evident in cultures, legends, and building techniques point back to the dispersion of Babel. Such things are a great confirmation of the Bible's truthfulness.

Yet Satan has also made it his purpose to pervert God's truth. His counterfeit storyline has deceived people since those very first days of history and he will not give up until the end of time. He is the “father of lies” (John 8:44), and he is good at it. He has not left history free of his deceptive touch and so we must always be on guard, discerning the counterfeit and standing firm on the truth of God's Word.

The topic of ancient man does not have to be complicated or frightening. In contrast, the truth about ancient man can be both intriguing and encouraging. With the right starting point — presuppositions based on the Word of God — ancient history comes alive with truth. At Jackson Hole Bible College we have a passion for God's Word and the truth it presents. We earnestly desire our fellow Christians to have an understanding not only of ancient times and peoples but to have a foundation upon which to build their entire lives. That foundation for their lives should be the Bible and God's authority in all matters. It starts with reading the very words He wrote for us. Please take the step, turn the pages, and enjoy discovering more about God's plan for man, starting at the beginning. . . .

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a large, gnarled tree trunk with thick, exposed roots. In the upper left corner, there is a detailed antique oak carving of a face, known as the Green Man, which is partially obscured by the tree's roots. The carving features a face with a wide, open mouth and a crown of leaves.

Antique oak carving of the Green Man, the
ancient pagan spirit of woods and forests.

A large, stylized gear graphic is positioned in the upper right corner of the page. It is a dark grey color with a white number '1' in the center. The gear has a complex, multi-toothed design.

chapter 1

*“... the one whose coming is in accord
with the activity of Satan, with all
power and signs and false wonders,”*

—2 Thessalonians 2:9

PERSPECTIVES

At a time not as long ago as many people claim (approximately 6,000 years ago), in the beginning, God created. He spoke the sun, moon, and stars into existence. He formed the earth and all that lives and moves upon it. He created the entire universe, and then He made man. Fashioned from the dust of the earth, mankind was created in the image and likeness of God and given the breath of life. That first man rebelled against God, causing the whole universe to be cursed. God Himself placed the curse of death, decay and sin on the whole of creation. Mankind continued to rebel and God judged the earth through a catastrophic worldwide Flood, preserving only eight people. Still men refused to obey, and in response to their collective rebellion at Babel, God confused man's language, forcing the people to leave the security they had with one other as they were scattered over the earth.

A simple story — ancient history in several short sentences — yet it contains the foundational truths that set human history on its present course and will continue to influence the future to its final conclusion. *If man was made in God's image, then he was created intelligent. If intelligent, then there should be evidence of this intelligence. If man gathered at Babel and God confused man's language as a tool to scatter mankind over the earth, then commonalities and a connectedness will be found in all areas of the planet.* These commonalities will be displayed in religion, construction, and purpose. Aspects of Genesis 1–11, including those at Babel, will be found all over the world: towers, solstice alignments, sun worship, stargazing, sacrifice, and human-centered empire building.

This is exactly what is found. All over the earth one finds anomalies testifying to ancient man's intelligence. The evidence of similarities grows almost daily. It has not gone completely unnoticed.

NEW-AGE BELIEFS

The New Age community, with its extremes of occult and shamanism, has been working on the data for some time. They have been amassing information and presenting it to promote their premises and conclusions. Theorizing in mysticism and aliens, these premises and conclusions are diametrically opposed to those of the Christian faith.

The New Age and shaman community does not follow the usual evolutionary time scale, which has man evolving many thousands of years ago; rather, they believe evolution occurred much further back, perhaps a million or more years ago. Their premise promotes the idea that there were previous civilizations on the earth, very old and ancient, before ours. In fact, some teach that mankind goes through cycles or ages along with the earth. Each age rises from the ruins of the last, progressing to great heights in discovery and technology only to be catastrophically destroyed, and the cycle continues.

Their purpose is partly driven by the idea that the ancient men of previous periods left behind the truths and histories of their age for future civilizations of mankind to find. Included in these "secrets" is information that could help in dealing with the future and the end of the present age. The cultic New Age gurus begin with the idea of history going through cycles and as such are preparing for the coming end of their own age. If one goes by the ancient Mayan writings, this will occur December 21, 2012, at which time the earth will be destroyed by fire. The present new-age occultists research ancient legends and histories, tracking these ideas and gathering information. They prognosticate that as the end of this age draws nearer, people need to come together, seek out more data, get in touch with the spiritual world, and thus save themselves.



Make no mistake about it, these New Agers do not deny evolution; they simply push it back millions of years into the past. In cases such as Erich von Däniken,¹ they claim evolution of our species did not happen on this planet at all but on another and humans were “seeded” here long ago. In Von Däniken’s *Chariot of the Gods*, he theorized that mankind was placed here by a highly evolved human species from another world. From a secular standpoint, where man suppresses the truth in unrighteousness (Romans 1:18) and erases God from human history, it is easy to see how some might come up with such erroneous conclusions. After studying all the commonalities of ancient man and his incredible intelligence, it is hard to fault such a fantastic theory. It seems at least slightly more plausible than unintelligent human evolution on earth.

These types of theories make sense to a lot of people today and catch a lot of attention from television channels such as Discovery, National Geographic, and History 2. They are able to gain and maintain a following because there is, in fact, data to back up their ideas. Evidence showing the brilliance of ancient man and the commonality of ancient civilizations



The Nazca lines in southern Peru are believed by some to be landing zones for alien ships.

doesn’t fit with the evolutionary model, so many people will latch on to any arguable explanation. Unfortunately, the Church has not offered an explanation at all. Believers have let it escape their attention that the raw archeological, anthropological, and historical data exists and must be addressed from a biblical standpoint. Just as in all areas of science, both believers and the unbelieving world have access to the same data. Regrettably, this specific data has, for several reasons, been ignored, and in some cases rejected outright by Christians. Just as mainstream evolutionists have ignored the data because it does not fit their uniformitarian paradigm, the Church has avoided it because it looks strange and meaningless to the truth of the gospel message. Moreover, Christians tend to reject the information out of fear because it is often linked to the cultic expressions of past heritages.

¹ Erich von Däniken is an avid researcher and successful non-fiction writer pursuing the theory that extraterrestrials visited the earth in the ancient past.

SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION FROM A BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	
Gen. 1:1-5	Gen. 1:6-7	Gen. 1: 9-13	
Earth, Space, Time & Light	Atmosphere and separation of waters	Dry Land & Plants	

However, the sad fact that this data has been studied almost solely in the realm of the occult and New Age movement should not keep Christians from discovering the truth. The secular world has their theories according to their paradigms and presuppositions, but their explanations are not the only ones. Christians do not need to fear the accumulation of data that seems to support secular,

mystical theories because the Bible provides the truth. The Christian paradigm is different. The biblical starting point is different. Thus there are alternate conclusions in contrast to the mystical ideas. Christians cannot run from this topic because the raw data is real and cannot be ignored; however, it is important that the evidence is studied from the right perspective in order to discover truth.

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Now put on a different pair of glasses — biblical glasses: the earth is young; history is young. Yet man is indeed moving to an end of this age, a point in time that will not bring on another cycle but rather the end of the entire world. The biblical paradigm rests on the truth of the short narrative related at the beginning of this section. God is real and exists in eternity. He created a beginning of the universe, formed mankind, judged man, and offers a way of salvation. This same God promises a final conclusion of judgment by fire in which this present earth, sun, and universe are destroyed and replaced (2 Peter 3:10–13). Then begins a state that will continue forevermore — no cycles, no ages: eternity. While the history of mankind can be described in short cycles of repeating rebellion against God, judgment, repentance, and restoration, there is only one age of this earth. God has written the story of mankind, both past and future, tracking the “cycles” of man’s mistakes and accomplishments. Satan, also a real and active participant influencing mankind, has perverted this idea of cycles and has offered the world an explanation involving millions

of years, aliens, and mystical forces. Even though there seem to be hundreds of theories regarding human origins, there are really only two options: God’s truth or Satan’s lie. Everyone believes one whether they admit to it or not. It is only at the end, when this world is finally judged and utterly destroyed, that everyone will know the truth.



Temple of the Inscriptions, Mexico; design may relate to the departure of the soul at death.

	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	
	Gen. 1:14-19	Gen. 1:24-25	Gen. 1:26-31	Gen. 2:1-3 Col. 1:17	
	Sun, Moon, & Stars	Sea & Flying Creatures	Land Animals & Man	God ‘rests’ His work of creation Now He upholds His Creation.	

chapter 2

*“ . . . be like God,
knowing good and evil.”*

—Genesis 3:5



PRESUPPOSITIONAL APOLOGETICS/STARTING POINTS

At Jackson Hole Bible College, just as at Answers in Genesis, the method of presuppositional apologetics is employed in evangelism and defense of the Bible. This method assumes a starting point for all beliefs. Every person has a bias, whether they realize it or not; an assumption that influences everything they believe to be true. The ultimate starting point, the bias present in this book, is that God, the Creator of the universe, is real and His Word, the Bible, is entirely true and accurate.

By starting with God, one discovers with great satisfaction that the physical world confirms the truth of His Word. Daily life displays countless verifications of the Bible such as:

Gen. 3:15–19; James 1:14–15	We find that man’s sin and its consequence, as taught in the Scriptures, answers the question of pain, suffering, and evil in the world
Gen. 3; Rom. 8:21–22	Everywhere we look, the death, disease, and chaos inherent to our world testifies to God’s Curse on the planet and the introduction of entropy
Gen. 6–8; 2 Pet.	The Flood of Noah’s day is confirmed by the fossil record and geologic features of the earth
Eccles.3:11; Rom. 1:25	We find that the universal need for religion confirms that God has set “eternity” in man’s heart
Gen. 3–6; Rom. 7:18	Just as the Bible indicates, man, left alone and starting with himself, self-destructs along with his culture and empires
Gen. 6:9; Ruth 1:16–17; Acts 9:18–22; 2 Cor. 5:17	We see in the lives of believers down through the centuries the effects of the regeneration brought by the power and Spirit of God, as men trust in Christ and His work on the Cross



Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden of Eden after rebelling against God.

And so it becomes clear that with the right starting point, all the pieces fall into place. Ultimately, the existence of God and the truth of the Bible, interpreted *literally, historically, grammatically, and contextually*, provide the key to explaining the past, how to function in the present, and how to prepare for the future. From this ultimate presupposition come other presuppositions, some of which deal directly with the study of ancient man.

This book is founded on and seeks to confirm three specific presuppositions that support the accuracy and authority of the Scriptures as they relate to ancient man and his practices:

- 1. Authorship and authority of the Bible**
- 2. Man created intelligently in God’s image**
- 3. Babel as the origin of similarities, counterfeits**

These three presuppositions provide the outline for this book as each one is expounded upon and supported. Each is a distinct point, yet the three are interlocked and inseparable, overlapping each other, and each is essential for the study of ancient man. The following pages describe the presuppositions separately in hopes to provide a clear understanding of their importance and to emphasize their influence on history.

1. AUTHORSHIP & AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

Since God revealed the text of the Scriptures, then it does not matter when He delivered the text to the men who scribed it. The Bible is the authority, no matter when it was written or who penned it, because God is and has the ultimate priority in sequence and time.

This first presupposition is founded on the ultimate starting point of the eternal, Creator God.

The belief in creation sets forth a sequence in which God exists, dwelling in eternity past. He created all things, including time. This earthly time is limited and prescribed by His ultimate plan, starting with creation and ending with judgment, a new heavens and new earth. After this, eternity continues without time. This is a very important concept, so please read carefully and take time to reread and meditate on this idea.

Again, note carefully the sequence that unfolds based on the biblical presupposition:

God Exists	He Creates	Adam & Eve	They Rebel	God Judges	Babel	Dispersed	One World
—dwelling in eternity past (Isa. 43:13) is the beginning and end (Rev. 21:6)	He creates the entire universe in six literal, twenty-four hour days (Gen. 1-2:3)	He forms Adam and Eve, intelligent & perfect, on the sixth day (Gen. 1:26-30)	They rebel (entropy is introduced into creation) & all succeeding generations pass their now sinful nature on to their children (Gen. 3)	God judges the whole world with a flood, preserving only eight chosen people: Noah & his family (Gen. 6-8)	After several generations, mankind collectively rebels at Babel; begins a one-world religion & government in opposition to God (Gen. 11:3-4)	As judgment, God confuses their languages, scattering them over the face of the earth. (Gen. 11:5-9); mankind takes their form of rebellion with them	One-world government & religion spreads globally, will rise again in the last days to face final judgment from God. (Rev. 16:19, 18:2, 10)

From the beginning, the stories of the original man and woman, their sin, the Flood of Noah's day, and the gathering at Babel were all pieces of history passed down from generation to generation. As each father related the events to his sons and daughters, it would not take long for the story to become distorted, exaggerated, and perverted. The stories spread over the entire globe with the dispersion of the peoples, surviving through the changing civilizations, taking on different cultural twists, becoming the lore of the ancients. Thus, today there are hundreds of legends describing a worldwide flood as well as many creation legends (see chapter 9). From the ancient Mayan civilizations to the aborigines in Australia,

cultures all over the earth have similar stories about history. Why? Because they all came from a common source, the original itself! The distortions in legends do not deny the biblical account but rather confirm it with their similarities.

Unfortunately, the secular world does not see the biblical account as the original. Without a presupposition starting with the Creator God, there is no reason to choose one legend over another. Historians throughout the years readily latch on to any one particular story and claim it as the truth. For example Hammurabi,¹ in very early times, set forth one of the

¹ Hammurabi was the first ruler of Babylonia and was very successful in restoring order and justice to the land of ancient Mesopotamia. The "Code of Hammurabi" was written about 1786 B.C., and some speculate that Moses only revised this code to come up with the Levitical laws.

first organized systems of law. His “code” contains many of the biblical elements of justice that God sets forth in the Mosaic Law, but it also lists many biased, unfair, and even mystical distortions. Yet the secular world sees these first laws of Hammurabi as having more significance than the accounts of the Bible. Why is this? Because Hammurabi wrote his code before Moses penned God’s account of the creation, Flood, and the laws by which to govern Israel. With all historical accounts there is this problem — the older a text, the more authority, truth, and viability it has. The older accounts are more enamoring and enticing to the mind. In contrast, the writings of Moses are seen as a sophisticated version of older legends, a revised copy of older accounts.

Yet starting with the paradigm that God was there first, all of these ancient accounts are discredited. Records and documents

such as Hammurabi’s code unquestionably come from legends and practices passed down through the generations, but the biblical account comes from the source. Moses may have been the hand that wrote Genesis, but a God who created the universe had no trouble conveying that information, without error, to the patriarch. God, as the original author, is the ultimate authority — more reliable than ancients like Hammurabi. As such, Moses’ work can be considered the original, free from the errors and distortions that arise from centuries of tradition and story telling.

It is important to understand the priority of God’s Word for several reasons. First, if a Christian does not consciously remember and believe the truth of the Bible when he watches a television presentation of ancient civilizations, or reads a magazine article about ancient religions, then he unconsciously begins to assume that these reports have authority. He may inadvertently place this history and research over the biblical account and thus he undermines the authority of Scripture without

knowing it. Over time, this has a devastating effect on his trust in the reliability of Scripture. A struggle takes place in his mind as he tries to adjust what the Bible teaches to what secular history claims.

Another important benefit to a proper understanding of the priority of God in sequence and time is the discovery that the historical data and ancient legends actually verify the truth of Scripture. The distortions that may lead people astray from the truth, when seen as the perversions they are, can provide confidence to Christians because there are clear connections to the real story. God’s Word can be trusted as the original, undisputed, and perfectly correct version of history.

Thirdly, there is value for the future as well. If God has written this masterwork of history with a planned beginning and purposeful plot, then it has

a resolute conclusion. God’s conclusion will be the outworking and fulfillment of His purpose in contrast to the counterfeited purpose of Satan and mankind. Thus, by understanding the past, the core concepts and lies of Babel, one can better understand what to expect at the end of time. This

final chapter cannot be ignored, for Jesus revealed the conclusion in Revelation 17. When He returns, the religion and world government of Babel will have risen once more. There will be a world system called Babylon (the fulfillment and completion of the purposes of ancient Babel), known as the mother of abominations and all false religion (Revelation 17:5). The rebellion that began in the early days of Babel will reach its climax in the last days, days like those in the time of Noah (Matthew 24:37–39). And just as in those ancient days, the last days will come to a catastrophic end as God judges the earth for the final time.

This presupposition will be further supported in chapter 4, which gives examples of and insight into Satan’s counterfeit of God’s plan.



Code of Hammurabi/10 Commandments

2. MAN CREATED INTELLIGENTLY IN GOD'S IMAGE

Since the Bible is true, God created Adam and Eve in His likeness; therefore they were very intelligent, lived many years, and had great abilities in science, architecture, music, chemistry, spiritual insight, etc. They would pass this intelligence on to their children, creating many generations of very intelligent people.

If this presupposition is true, then evidence that shows the intelligence of ancient man will be discovered all over the earth. It should be impossible to deny the data that will point to ancient civilizations with magnificent capabilities and advanced cultures. If this presupposition is true, then secular ancient history needs to be rewritten.

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness . . .’” (Genesis 1:26). This paradigm stands in stark contrast to the evolutionary premise of early man. The naturalistic model² depicts the first humanoid beings as brutish creatures evolving out of slime, looking more like apes than humans. Their behavior would be only slightly advanced above the rest of the animal world from which they were evolving. These advancements could include a slowly developing system of communication, living in caves struggling to discover the secrets of fire, and laboring to move and build things before finally inventing the wheel. Thus, the further back into history, the more the evidence should support unsophisticated ancient civilizations with little to no culture, refinement, architecture, or advanced skills. By going to the Word of God, Christians are able to refute this claim of primitive man with truth that coincides with the physical evidence. The Bible makes a number of claims signifying the intelligence of early man:

- ▶ He was made in God's image: “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth . . .’” (Genesis 1:26). Man was the only part of creation that was made in the image of God and therefore

he has qualities that no other created thing can boast. Man carries the “likeness” of God which accords him intelligence, emotions, communication, etc. Further, God states man was to rule over the animals and the earth, therefore giving him a powerful role in creation, requiring a level of intelligence that nothing else was capable of.

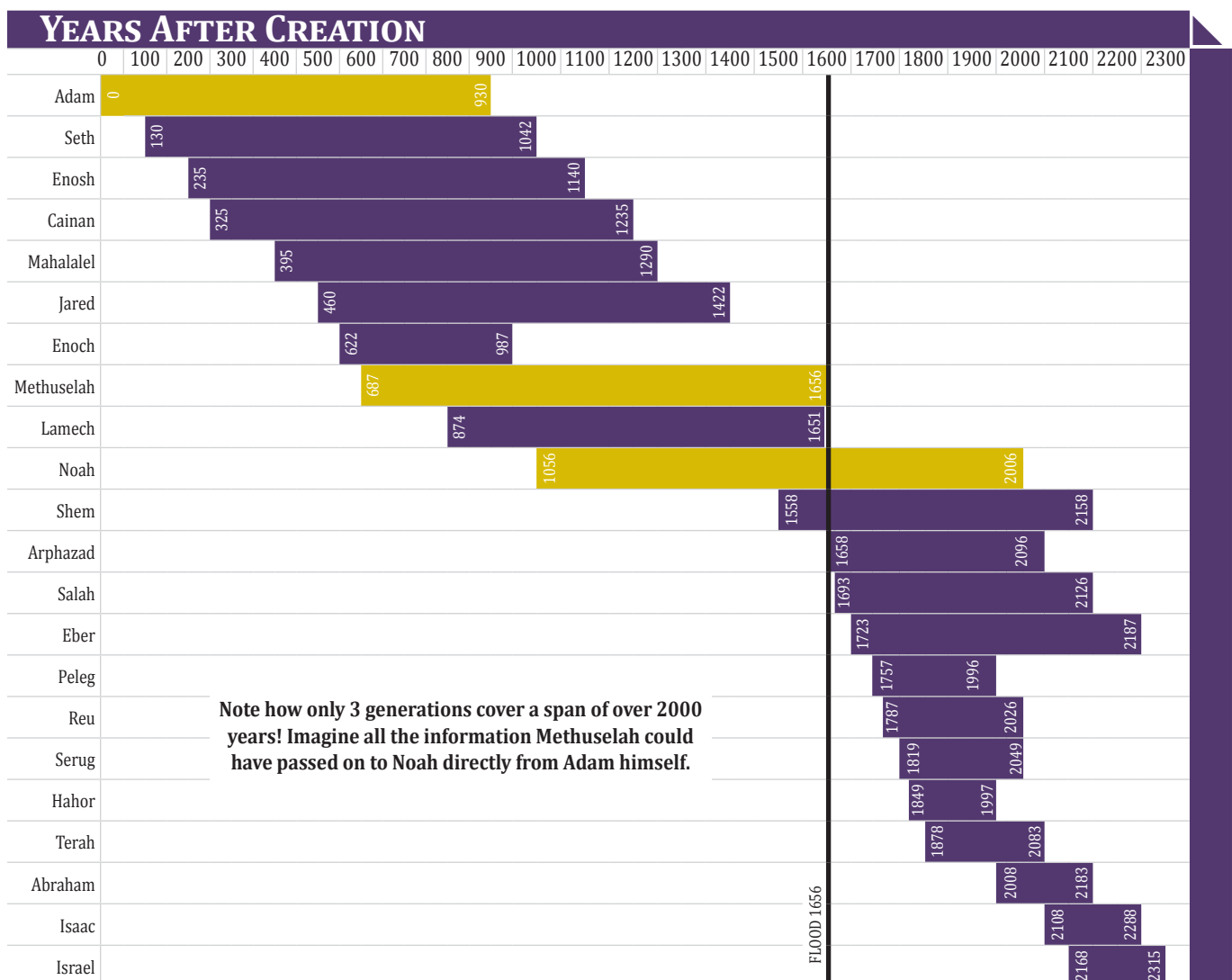
- ▶ He was able to name all the animals: Intelligence is illustrated in Adam's first assignment: naming the animals. “And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field” (Genesis 2:20). Adam was evidently formed with a creative and efficient mind in order to complete such a task.
- ▶ He was able to communicate with God: Both Adam and Eve display their intelligence in their ability to hold a conversation with God. Genesis 3:8 says, “They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden . . .” indicating that this was a regular occurrence. When God converses with Adam and Eve, they prove to be completely fluent in speech (Genesis 3:9–12). Evidently God did not create man with the need to learn such things slowly as a child would today.
- ▶ He demonstrates conscience and knowledge of right and wrong: God gave Adam and Eve a choice right at the beginning: “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die” (Genesis 2:16–17). They were given the opportunity to obey or rebel. Eve also demonstrates that she had the ability to reason and when she “saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also her husband with her, and he ate” (Genesis 3:6). Immediately, however, they become aware that they have made a mistake and they cover themselves and hide from God (Genesis 3:10). This indicates that they had a conscience and a sense of morality that places them above that of plants or animals.

² Naturalism is an evolutionary theory stating that everything came about by natural processes not allowing for any supernatural influence.

- Early on we find occupational abilities: farming, animal husbandry, music, metallurgy, etc.: It was not only the original two humans who were created intelligent. The first children of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, show skill and occupational abilities: “Abel was a keeper of flocks [and] Cain was a tiller of the ground” (Genesis 4:2). These early people were quick to make a living for themselves. They had intelligence that helped them in the physical world. Moreover, there were early musicians such as Jubal, “the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe” (Genesis 4:21), proving they had an appreciation for art and beauty. Some were skilled in metallurgy such as Tubal-cain (Genesis 4:22), while some, like Cain, had the incredible skill to design and build cities (Genesis 4:17). These early, ancient men were not dense, dull-witted creatures, but perfectly designed, intellectual beings.

Moreover, due to their long lives (as recorded in Genesis 5), they would have been able to share their discoveries down throughout the ages and work together for long periods of time. If indeed Adam was the most intelligent man to live, then the succeeding generations who lived during his 930 years would have been able to benefit from his teaching and wisdom.

In later chapters of this book, some of the evidences that proclaim the intelligence of ancient man are presented, evidences found all over the earth. The apparent advanced construction, science, religion, and technology baffles modern man today. Viewed from an evolutionary starting point, the evidence does not fit. In contrast, the extraordinary artifacts confirm the presuppositions of the biblical model.



3. BABEL AS THE ORIGIN OF SIMILARITIES, COUNTERFEITS

Since the Bible is true, the rebellion and judgment at Babel did indeed occur and is the source of languages, the reason for the dispersion of ancient man, and explanation for all the similarities in the architecture, religion, and culture around the world.

Just as the second presupposition stands in stark contrast to the natural flow of an evolving world, this presupposition contradicts the idea that each world culture evolved slowly and primarily without influence from other civilizations. It also rests heavily on the truth of early man's intelligence; so much of this specific study of Babel verifies the second presupposition as well. Ancient cultures all over the world show links of intelligence in areas of architecture, religion, mathematical abilities, and astronomical understandings.

Writers and researchers in the secular field marvel at the commonality and similarities of ancient civilizations worldwide. Confirming the biblical account, our research has shown commonalities in everything from construction and calendars to communication and travel. There is even evidence of navigational abilities that were lost for centuries until more recent times. An in-depth study of Genesis and the account of Babel provide a perfect basis for how these commonalities occurred.

BEGINNING WITH EDEN

It is important to note that the rebellion at Babel did not begin with the building of the tower. It was really set in motion in Genesis 3 with the serpent's first attack on God's Word. Satan deceived man, cast doubt on God's truth, and tempted man with independence; that disobedient bite of fruit was man's first attempt to "be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5). Babel was simply the next step in Satan's plan to undermine God's authority and to become like Him.

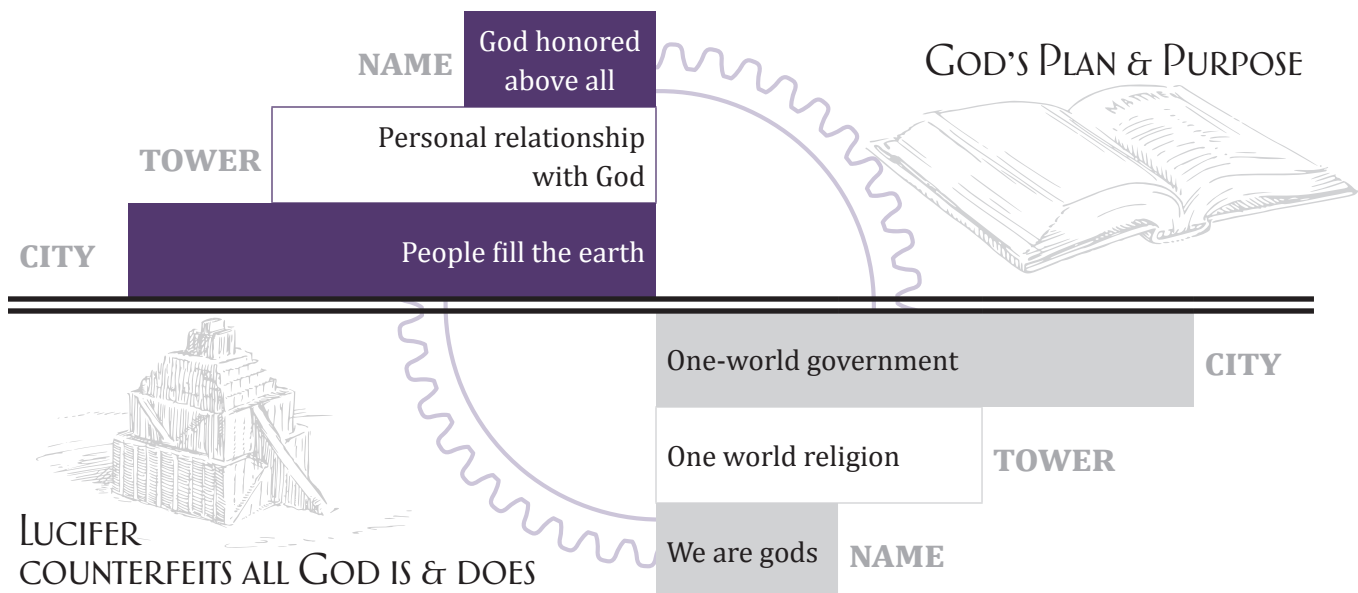
One can hardly imagine what it would have been like for Noah's family to step off the ark into a world completely changed and void of all other

human beings. It would be natural for this small group of people to travel together and, for the first number of years, remain a close-knit group. As children were born and grew up and bore more children, slowly expanding the world's population, it would be normal for the families to stay in touch, beginning to farm and settle in close proximity to one another. It would be difficult to imagine families breaking away to wander off great distances, despite God's command to fill the earth (Genesis 9:1). The Bible says this was the case and people generally settled in the land of Shinar. It is on this plain that a call is put forth, a call to gather together and build a city, a call to rebellion.

Seen as a simple Bible story, and generally not given much emphasis or study, the historical significance of Babel usually goes unremarked. Yet it is here in this short narrative that the study of ancient man really begins.

It is possible according to Genesis 10:10 that Nimrod was the founder of Babel. In Genesis 11: "Come, let us build for ourselves a **city**, and a **tower** whose top *will reach* into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a **name**, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth" (Genesis 11:4, emphasis added). The call indicates three goals: a city, a tower, and a name.

The first goal was the building of the city itself. The text also suggests that the motivation behind this project had a purpose beyond the three stated goals. Building the city was, in fact, a direct act of rebellion against God. God had instructed Noah to fill the earth, but builders of the tower determined to come together and unify lest they be scattered. This outright disobedience of God's command may seem surprising — after all, these new generations would have grown up hearing stories of the judgment which destroyed all of mankind when he previously rebelled. Yet as the years went by, believing the fantastic accounts of a worldwide Flood would require an increasing amount of faith. No doubt, Noah cautioned the people to stay close to God in their hearts and obey



Him with their actions but, as history has proven again and again, man prefers to make his own way, suppressing the truth in unrighteousness.

And so mankind rejected God and put his faith in the strength of unity. The call to build the city was a direct affront to the command and will of God. In it, man created his own place of safety and security without God. They could benefit from fellowship and pooled resources, be entertained by festivals, and plan for the future together. Man is a social creature, created for fellowship first with God and then with other men. Hermitism is not the norm. As history and culture worldwide demonstrate, there is a desire and a need that lures people to unity and the hope it offers. This desire for unity is not wrong, but the problem arises when man tries to be united while rejecting God. God has a plan in which men work together as part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-26). It is only when men follow God's original instructions that true unity can be achieved.

Remember, Satan cannot create but only pervert. It is certain that he was actively involved in the building of the city, and therefore his influence cannot be forgotten. Yet since only God can create, where did this idea of a city come from? One can trace throughout the Bible that the cities started with God. He has an ultimate plan for the city of

God (Psalm 46:4; Revelation 21:2) and a kingdom built on righteousness (Psalm 89:14). So knowing the importance of cities to God's plan, Satan, in his desire to be like God, perverts the idea and turns city building into a rebellion against God. With the building of that first city, the construction of Babel, the counterfeit began in earnest. Satan's forged story line continues to this day and will become exceedingly more evident as the last days draw near.

At Babel, Satan began the effort of world domination. From the concept of the unifying city comes the idea of one-world government. *This goal has been the underlying premise of countless world powers throughout history, but it began at Babel. Through this concept Satan implemented his next step in his attempt to overthrow the authority of God.*

The second goal at Babel was to build a tower. To understand this significance one must understand the purpose of the tower. The text says it was to be built "to heaven," signifying that it was religious in nature and purpose. It was to be the worship center, the crowning glory of the city. These people were, in fact, beginning something new: a collective, organized, one-world religious system. Of course, since Satan cannot create but can only pervert, the new religious system was only a counterfeit of God's original truth, which had been previously revealed to mankind. Indeed,



a study of the “Mystery of Babylon” will reveal a religion based around a false trinity, female and male cultic worship, sun worship, and numerous other fabrications that are distortions of the truth.

The tower was built to get information and progress the new religion. It was not built as some simplistic, evolving invention of worship. It was a sophisticated attempt, led by Satan himself, to unlock the heavens. The tower was to transport man into a higher realm, to discover and gain a collective understanding of how men could find their way to god-ness. It likely relied heavily on stargazing and astrology, a distortion of God’s original purpose for stars found in Genesis 1:14. (See chapter 4 for more information on stars and the horoscope.) Upon further study, it appears the tower was built as a counterfeit mountain (also found in more detail in chapter 4), so even these first ziggurats and pyramids were a distortion of God’s original design.

The tower was a call to begin a new system of religion, a system that erased the need for God. Builders of the tower added this goal of one-world religion to their goal for one-world government.

These two interwoven ideas would continue down through history, evident even in present times. Jesus says in Revelation 17 that this ancient religion will resurface in a future religious system that will be carried along by the future political system. As the ancient world order of Babel, to be called Babylon, rises in the last days, the ultimate goal of universal worship will finally be fulfilled under the rule of the Antichrist.

The third goal, making a name, often goes overlooked and unstudied. Builders of the tower knew they needed a core system, something that would be the glue to hold everyone together and motivate their efforts. The “name” would be a world philosophical system of belief in man and in his own ability to succeed. By coming together, mankind bolstered his faith in mere humanity, lifting himself up by his own efforts and uniting in order to build a hope for the future. Perhaps humanism best articulates this mindset, but these ideas can be discerned in many world philosophies. Founded in mankind’s abilities, his wisdom, his inventions, his understanding, his discovery, and his analysis, man proposes to find purpose, value, and meaning in life. By offering the people this philosophy, builders of the tower offered freedom from all restraint and secured their support.

With this threefold purpose encouraging them, mankind united and began to build. They worked, believing they could be rid of God Himself and His will and power over their lives. Never again would they have to fear the wrath or judgment of a God who destroyed their forefathers. Cutting themselves free, they pushed forward to determine their own future. Completely misguided and illogically believing they could overpower the Creator God, they pressed on without fear. But such is the result of man’s false conclusions when he suppresses the truth.

In response to this direct rebellion, God came down and judged mankind by confusing their language (Genesis 11:7). Ironically, in thinking they were finally establishing themselves above God, they provoked God into proving to them once again that He is in control. The introduction of languages split the people into small groups, and the resulting

confusion forced the groups to separate from each other. The Bible states that the Lord scattered the people across the whole earth. This included not only the rebellious builders but the God-fearers as well. Evidence of the truth they spread is apparent in the distorted myths and legends from around the world.

Yet remember in the hearts of those who had rejected God, the early anti-God movement would not disappear with the introduction of languages and dispersion of the peoples. Rather, the involuntary termination of their building project and forced relocation only proceeded to spread their ideas around the world. Though God's judgment required that they cease the construction of their city, the text does not say the tower building stopped nor the faith in their new creed that man could become god. As the new language groups spread

BABEL

will be called
Babylon in the future.

out, they continued to pursue the three goals with the same fervor and effort as previously. These ideas were embedded in their being. It would not occur overnight, however — as the new civilizations grew in population and strength they would begin to build again. And they did! The various groups built their towers, pyramids, and mounds wherever they went, all linked to their foundation at Babel. As such, today there is evidence of towers built all around the world and a religious system of stargazing and the attempt to get to the heavens deeply entrenched in many cultures. The serpent from the Garden did not give up his plan, but continued to influence the coming generations, always ready to bring what he started at Babel to its ultimate conclusion.

The data proving commonalities of architecture and religion of early man is overwhelming. The extent of worldwide evidence and magnitude of data confirming the text of Scripture must be made known.

Without a doubt, the facts confirm that at the dispersion of Babel, men took their new religion and goals worldwide, resulting in the similarities found today. Many of the commonalities that resulted from the dispersion at Babel are described throughout the coming chapters where they are intricately connected with the evidence of ancient intelligence.

Most of the time, the Church and its theological leadership show little interest in this field. This lack of attention is somewhat understandable, yet a clear comprehension of the past is imperative to understanding what the future holds. Looking forward to the Second Coming of Christ requires studying the past to see what ancient man was doing at Babel. In order to identify the return of Babylon (as Babel will be called in the future), we

The Tower of Babel Stele, 604-562 BC; seems to indicate the Etemenanki ziggurat as the Tower of Babel.



need to study the first world religion formed by Satan and builders of the tower so long ago. So this book has a futuristic purpose, further enforcing the importance of this research. The Church needs to wake up and study its history. In order to prepare for the future, Christians need to know their Bibles, study with a consistent hermeneutic and stand firm on God's Word.

Now that you have an understanding of these three foundational presuppositions, each one will be further supported throughout the book. It is important to always keep all of them in mind while reading because they are so interwoven with each other and throughout the chapters. As you continue to read, prepare to be blown away, yet also comforted, by how much real data and evidence there is which confirms the Word of God.

With the context and understanding of the presuppositional points made in Chapter 2, when you review highlights of ancient and early history, it is easy to see commonalities in architecture, religion, and more. This chapter is a brief visual timeline from Creation to the 1600s that highlight some of the art, ruins, and cultural developments of mankind.

chapter 3

4004 BC

In the Beginning: God starts His plan and purpose of world/human history

- ▶ *Creation* ▶ *Adam, Eve* ▶ *Lucifer falls-rebels* ▶
- ▶ *Fall of Man - join Lucifer in Rebellion* ▶ *Cain, Abel*



3874 BC

Seth- beginning of animal husbandry, agriculture

Jubal, Tubal-cain- beginning of music, metallurgy

Noah born

2948 BC

Global Flood

Ice Age begins to build up

2347 BC

2242 BC

Tower of Babel, languages, dispersion

Satan initiates his organized earthly kingdom



Pottery jar from the Ubaid period in Mesopotamia in Southern Iraq



Painting of giant deer (Megaloceros giganteus) in the Lascaux caverns

2234 BC

Babylonian civilization forms

Statue of dancing girl from Mohenjodaro; early Indus Valley site like Meragah (which showed evidence of bitumen use for waterproofing & drills used in dentistry)



2188 BC

Egyptian civilization forms (Mizraim)

Zodiac "invented"

2089 BC

Grecian civilization forms

c.2070 BC

First Chinese dynasty

Civilizations form in India



PRIORITY OF GOD IN SEQUENCE AND TIME

c.2000 BC

Great Pyramid built

Other megalithic building
begins globally

1822 BC

Egyptian
letters
invented

1810 BC

First Assyrian
Empire
(Assur)

c.1790-1750 BC

Code of Hammurabi written

1715 BC

Joseph made governor
of Egypt



Harappan Civilization reveals advanced
engineering, agriculture, and sanitation

c.1650 BC

Ice Age ends, coastal cities
disappear in rising ocean levels.

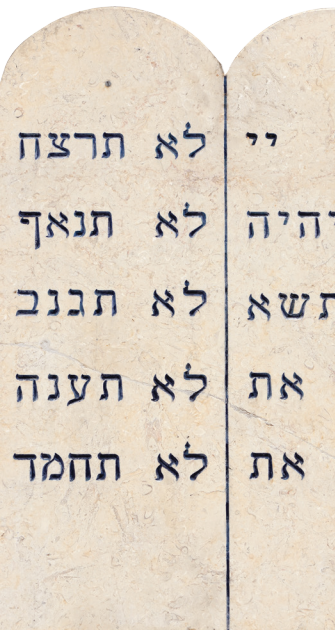
c.1500-500 BC

Book of Job is written

1491 BC

Exodus from Egypt

Moses receives
the Law from God
(Mt. Sinai)



c.1200 BC

Troy is destroyed



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A theater in
the ancient
Greek city-state
of Sparta

1096 BC

First king of
Israel (Saul)

1048 BC

David becomes
king of Israel

c.1000 BC

Sparta built





1000-600 BC
Phoenicians sail the seas,
possibly cross the Atlantic

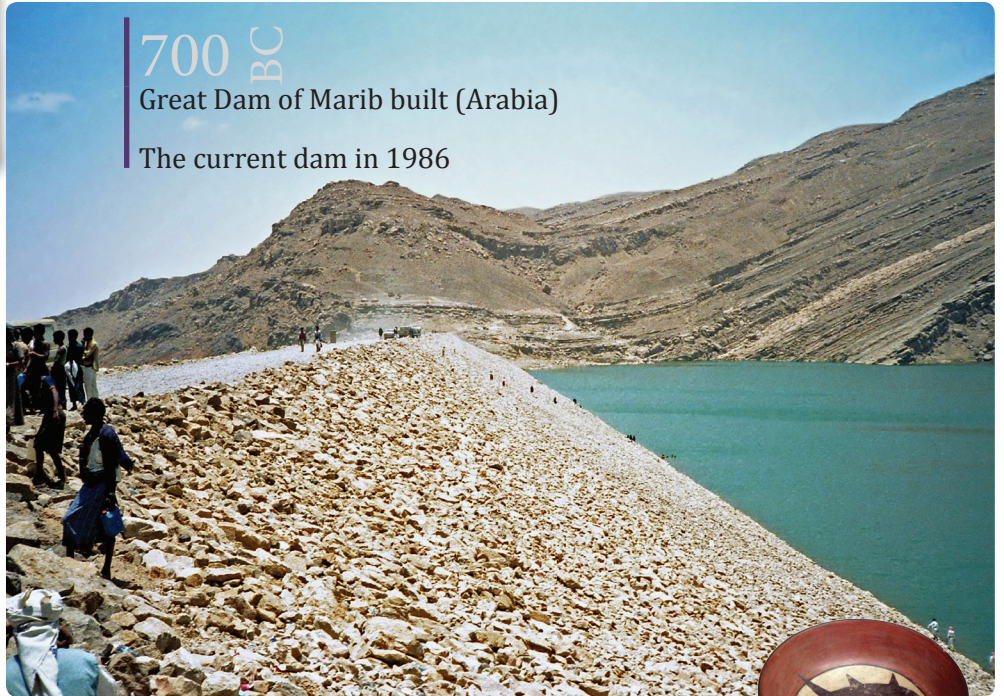
1004 BC
Solomon's Temple
built in Jerusalem

931 BC
Israel and
Judah split

c800 BC
Homer writes;
alludes to Atlantis

748 BC
Rome founded

700 BC
Great Dam of Marib built (Arabia)
The current dam in 1986



721 BC
Israel scattered



586 BC
Temple destroyed,
Judah in captivity



A stone with Hebrew writing
"To the Trumpeting Place"
uncovered during archaeological
excavations by Benjamin
Mazar, believed to be a
part of the Second
Temple complex

c520 BC
Jewish Temple rebuilt

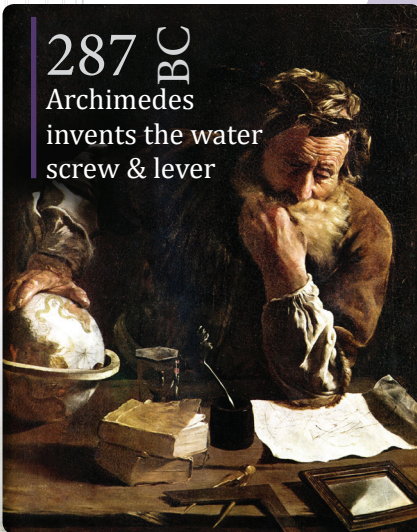
400 BC
Nazca civilization (Peru)

367 BC
Aristotle taught by Plato

c300 BC
Glass lenses invented

356 BC
Alexander the Great born

287 BC
Archimedes
invents the water
screw & lever



248 BC
Iraq batteries
constructed/in use

348 BC
Plato dies; wrote
about Atlantis

c220-206 BC
Great Wall of China construction

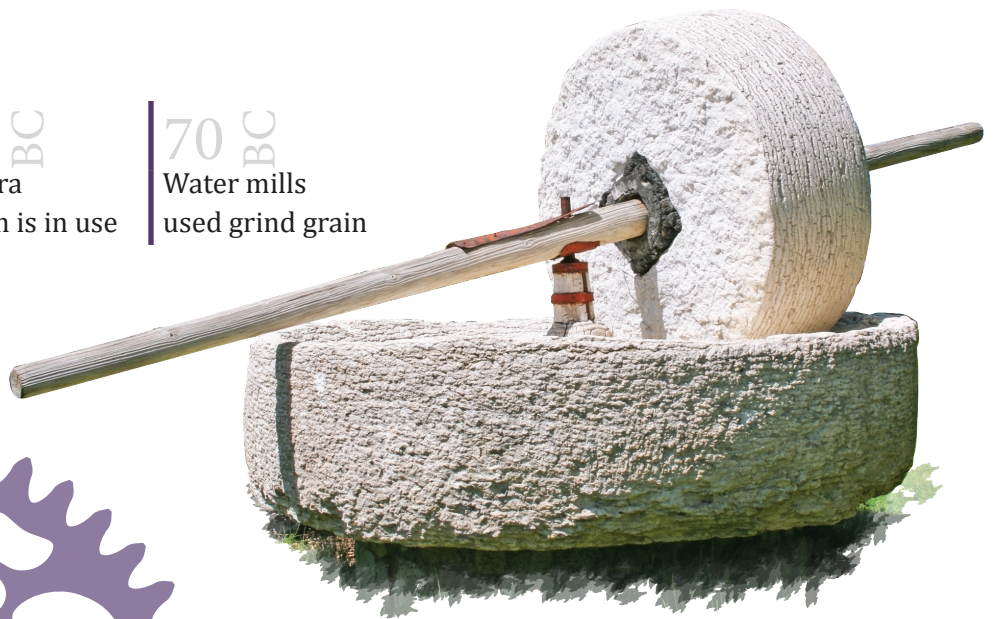


c150 BC

Antikythera
Mechanism is in use

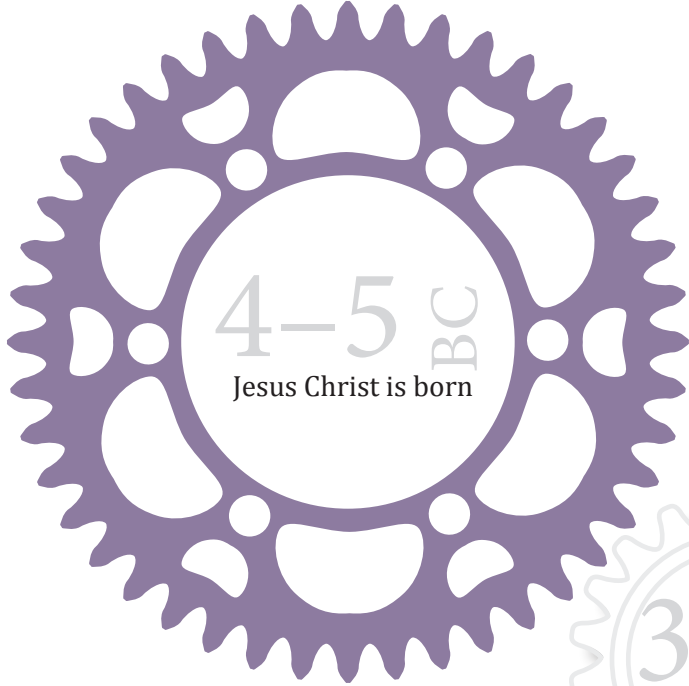
70 BC

Water mills
used grind grain



19 BC

Herod renovates
Jewish Temple



2 AD

Rice cultivation
starts in Japan



70 AD

Rome sacks
Jerusalem

100 AD

Paper invented
in China



30 AD

Christ's crucifixion
-resurrection

c100 AD

Aztec civilization thrive in Mexico
city of Teotihuacan built



122-128 AD

Hadrian's Wall
built (Britain)

132 AD

Seismograph is
invented (China)

220 AD

Gunpowder
made in China

250-900 AD

Mayan civilization - Chichen Itza
and other Mayan pyramids built



404 AD

Jerome's Latin
Vulgate – translates
Bible to Latin

570 AD

Muhammad
born, founder
of Islam

725 AD

Mechanical clocks
used in China

1045 AD

Movable type in China

1070 AD

Great Serpent Mound built

1097 AD

First Crusade

800–1300 AD

Mississippian culture flourishes
(Monk's Mound and Woodhenge)

1348 AD

Bubonic Plague kills
2/3 of Europe

1382 AD

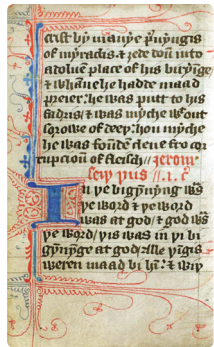
Wycliffe translates
Bible into English

1250–1500 AD

Moai of Easter Island formed

1400 AD

Machu Picchu in Peru



1440 AD

Gutenberg printing press



1492 AD

Columbus crosses the Atlantic

1513 AD

Piri Reis compiles his map, depicting part of Africa, South America & maybe Antarctica



1517 AD

Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses - Protestant Reformation begins

1531 AD

Oronteus Finaeus compiles his map, supposedly depicted Antarctica without ice caps

An early printing of Luther's hymn
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1600 AD

Early robotic dolls in Japan



1609 AD

Galileo uses telescope for astronomy

a replica of a telescope attributed to Galileo



1620 AD

Pilgrims arrive at Plymouth in America

1631 AD

Taj Mahal constructed (India)



1666 AD

Isaac Newton discovers law of gravity

SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE:

It appears according to Revelation 17:5-6 Jesus uses the name of Babylon to indicate a future fulfillment of what started at Babel.

END OF TIME:

Christ's kingdom comes to earth and history as a compilation of man-made events and governance ends.





chapter 4

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.”

—Ephesians 6:12–13

TWO KINGDOMS AND THE COUNTERFEIT

The history of man is not a catalog of random changes and events. It is a plan, set in motion by the God who created the universe. As He speaks through Isaiah: "I am God and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things which have not been done saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure' " (Isaiah 46:9–10). But the plan is not without opposition. Satan has been attacking God's original purposes since the very beginning. Remember, Satan is a part of God's created world; he was given a choice to follow God or not. He rebelled and has since enticed man to follow him. Satan is not infinite or all-powerful, but he wants to be; he desires to be like God. He cannot create, but he actively perverts God's plans and purposes, making them seem like his own. He tries to appear like God, but he is NOT and so those who follow him and his plans self-destruct. God's plan was to create man for fellowship, but Satan deceived man into rebellion and rejection of God.

There are only two religions in this world. One instigated by the true God, infinite, omnipotent Creator of the universe, and leads to eternal life. The other was started by a counterfeit god in opposition to the truth, and ultimately results in death. In Matthew 7, Jesus clearly outlines the two. Through symbols of the narrow and wide gate, the tree and its fruit, and two foundations, Jesus displays the differences between the choices.

The wide gate of Satan's rebellion leads to destruction, while the narrow gate leads to life. The bad tree, Satan's kingdom, can only produce bad fruit, whereas if you eat from the good tree of Christ, you will get only good fruit. Building on God's foundation of rock will allow you to stand firm, while a foundation of sand, based on Satan's weak promises, will fall in terrible destruction. *There are two opposing kingdoms being run here; everything in life is sourced in one of these two kingdoms; everyone must choose which kingdom to be a part*

of, to follow God or Satan. There is no in-between; all religions outside of the true faith in the real God have their basis in Satan and his counterfeit religion. There are only two choices: life or death.

Satan has learned to craftily portray his counterfeit kingdom in a way that people often do not recognize. Most of mankind has fallen into his ways and lives in his kingdom. They worship and serve him without even realizing it. The counterfeit plan of Satan has become so ingrained in society that it is heralded as "science" or "philosophy" and taught in schools around the world.

In the biblical worldview, because God created all things, everything starts with God; God has priority. All things originating from God would be good and holy, yet anyone will testify that the world is anything but good and holy! This is due to man's rebellion against God, the introduction of sin, and the curse placed on the world. Furthermore, Satan, in his desire to be like God, works to counterfeit all God is and does, influencing mankind to do the same. Nothing that God loves or uses for His purposes escapes Satan's perversion. Throughout the ages, Satan has attempted to twist, distort, and soil every original concept of God. Yet because these are all distortions, they will contain a seed of the truth; a core concept that is good but has been perverted. That is the nature of a lie; it is not independent but is the distortion of an original truth.

This chapter will describe several examples of how Satan has perverted something from God's plan and used it for his own purposes in his alternate kingdom. There are hundreds of these distortions and, as you learn to be on the lookout, you will begin to see them everywhere in the world around you. Never forget that there is a battle going on and forces from both sides are at work. God does not want His people to fall prey to Satan's lies. We are commanded to put on His armor, resist, and stand firm!