

# BABEL -

Scattering - Gen 10-11

Part 1

IMPLICATION &  
EVIDENCE

# **BABEL - SIGNIFICANCE**

- 1. Intro & Context**
- 2. Origin of Nations - Gen 10**
- 3. Scattering - Gen 11**
- 4. Implications of Babel**
- 5. Evidence of Advanced Culture**

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**Nations - 193**  
**Languages - 6912**  
**94 families**



# VIEWS

➤ **Secular -  
evolution**

➤ **Biblical -  
Babel**

**I NEVER  
ARGUE**  
I JUST EXPLAIN WHY I'M RIGHT.

✧ **OBSERVATIONAL  
SCIENCE →**

Observations in **Present**

✧ **HISTORICAL  
SCIENCE →**

**Traces** of Past

✧ **DATA =**

Traces left by Event

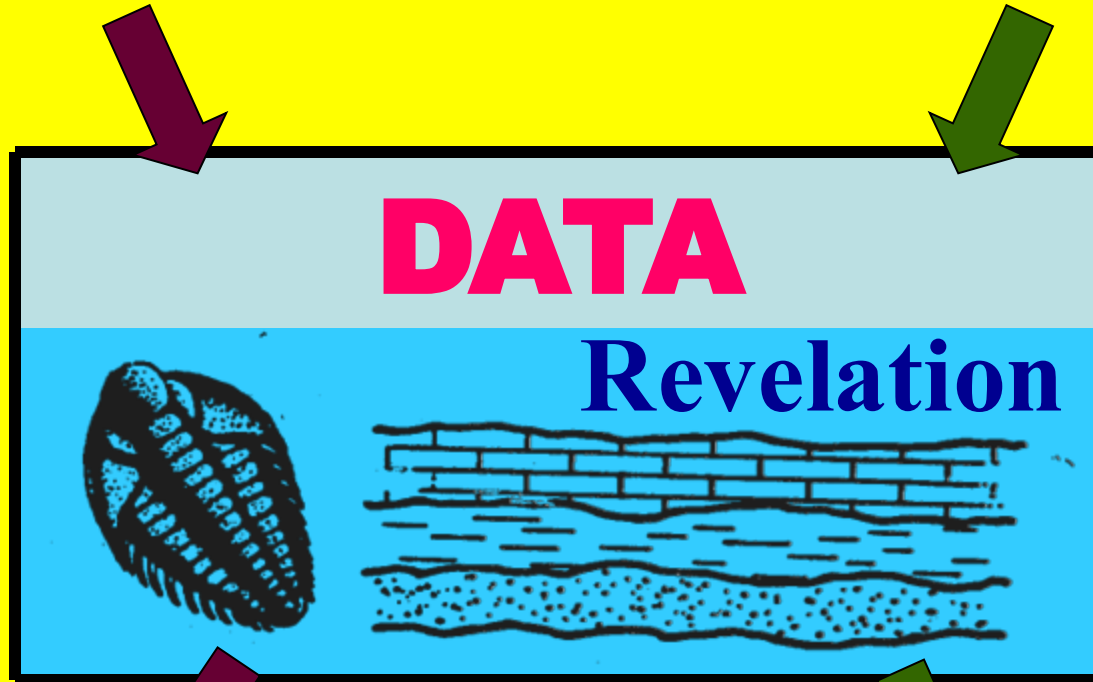


✧ **HISTORICAL FACT =**

Data + **Interpretation**

**Presupposition A**

**Presupposition B**



**Interpretation A**

**Interpretation B**

**“Where were you when I  
laid the foundations of the  
earth? ...”**

**Job 38:4**



# WORLD HISTORY

SCATTERING

FLOOD

FALL

CREATION

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# GENESIS Outline

- I. Primeval History** **1:1-11:26**
  - A. History of the Creation** **1:1-2:3**
  - B. Early History of Mankind** **2:4-3:24**
  - C. Early History of Civilization** **4-9**
  - D. Early History of the Nations** **10-11**
    - 1. Origin of the Nations** **10**

# **IMPORTANCE**

- 1. Noah's Fulfillment**
- 2. Authoritative Source**
- 3. National Distribution**
- 4. One Family**
- 5. Historicity**

10:1-2



**10:1 Now these are the records  
of the generations of Shem,  
Ham, and Japheth, the sons of  
Noah; and sons were born to  
them after the flood.**

**10:2 The sons of Japheth were  
Gomer and Magog and Madai  
and Javan and Tubal and  
Meshech and Tiras.**

**Gomer**

**Tubal  
Meshech**

**Javan Tiras**

**Magog**

**Madai**



# TABLE OF NATIONS

➤ **Japheth - Oldest**

➤ **Ham - Youngest**

**10:1-2, 6, 8-11, 21, 25, 31-32**



**10:6 The sons of Ham were Cush  
and Mizraim and Put and  
Canaan.**



**Put**

**Canaan**

**Mizraim**

**Cush**

# TABLE OF NATIONS

➤ **Japheth - Oldest (10:21)**

➤ **Ham - Youngest (9:24)**

➤ **Shem - Chosen**

**10:21 Also to Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, and the older brother of Japheth, children were born. The sons of Shem were Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram.**



**Lud**

**Aram**

**Assur**

**Elam**

**Arpachshad**



**Gomer**

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Mesheck**

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**Put**

**Canaan**

**Mizraim**

**Cush**

# **PURPOSE**

- 1. Origin of Nations**
- 2. Ethnic Affiliation**
- 3. Origin of Israel**
- 4. Unity of Humanity**

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- a. Rebellion of Peoples** **11:1-4**
  - 1) Unity of Peoples** **11:1-2**

**11:1 Now the whole earth used  
the same language and the same  
words.**

**11:2 It came about as they  
journeyed east, that they found  
a plain in the land of Shinar and  
settled there.**





**Ararat** →

**Shinar**

↗  
**Babel**

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    - 2) Defiance of Peoples** **11:3-4**

**11:3 They said to one another,  
“Come, let us make bricks and  
burn them thoroughly.” And  
they used brick for stone, and  
they used tar for mortar.**

**11:4 They said, “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.”**

# Etemenanki at Babylon



**270'x270'x 297'**



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Marduk Temple

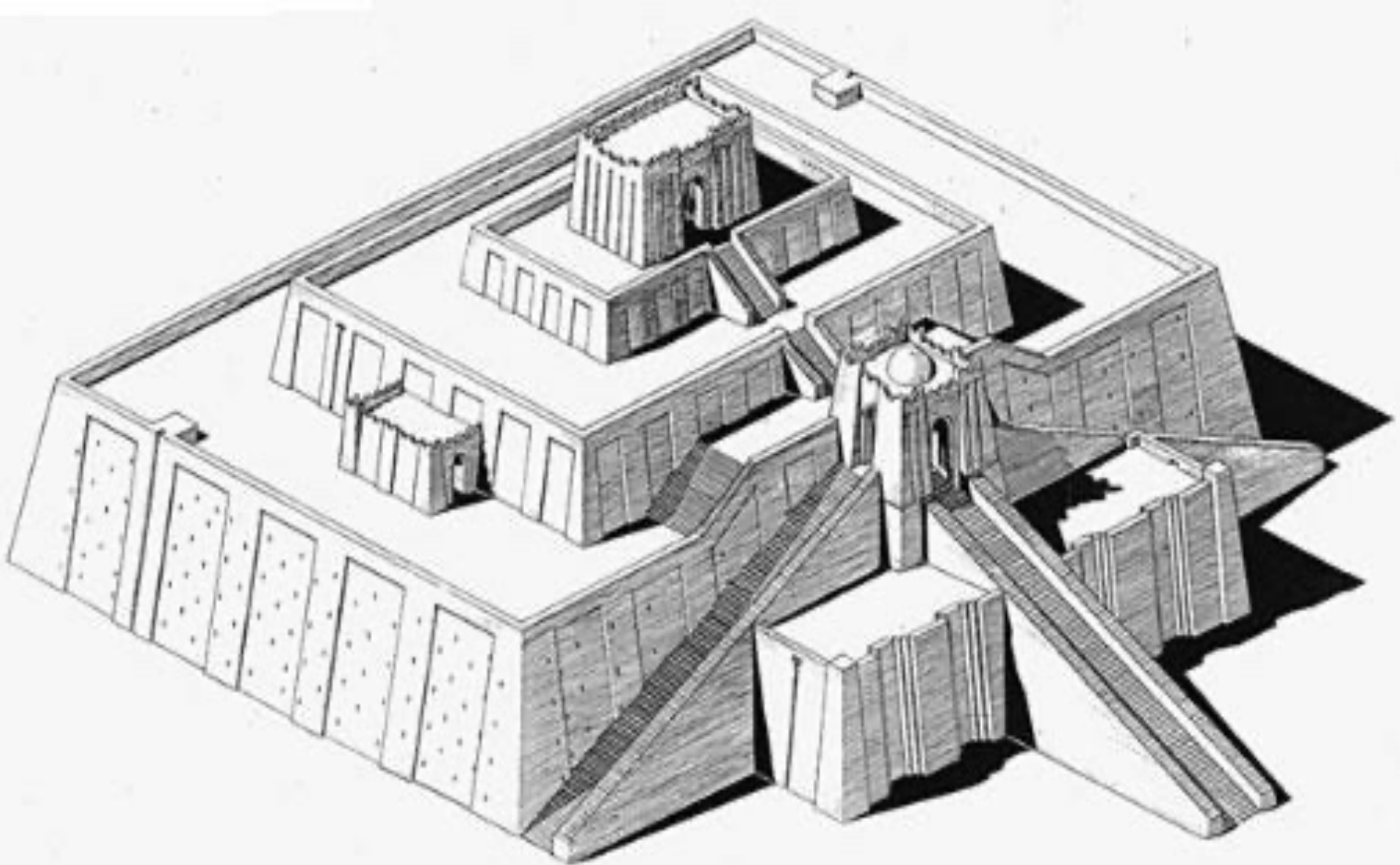


**Pieter Bruegel**



# Gustave Dore





**Leonard Woolley reconstruction**



**Great Ziggurat - Ur**



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one another's speech.”**

**11:7-8** “Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech.” 8 So the **LORD** scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.

# CONTRASTS

- **Plans of Man (1-4)**
- **1 Language (1)**
- **Come ... (3, 4)**
- **Spoke to each (3)**
- **Human action (3-4)**
- **Reach Heaven (4)**
- **Will of God (5-9)**
- **Confused (7, 9)**
- **Come ... (7)**
- **No understanding (7)**
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- **Down from H. (5)**

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    - 3) Results of Judgment** **11:9**

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- Make name (4)
- Named Babel (9)
- Lest scattering (4)
- Lord Scattered (8, 9)



# SCATTERING

**1. Essence -**

**Rebellion**

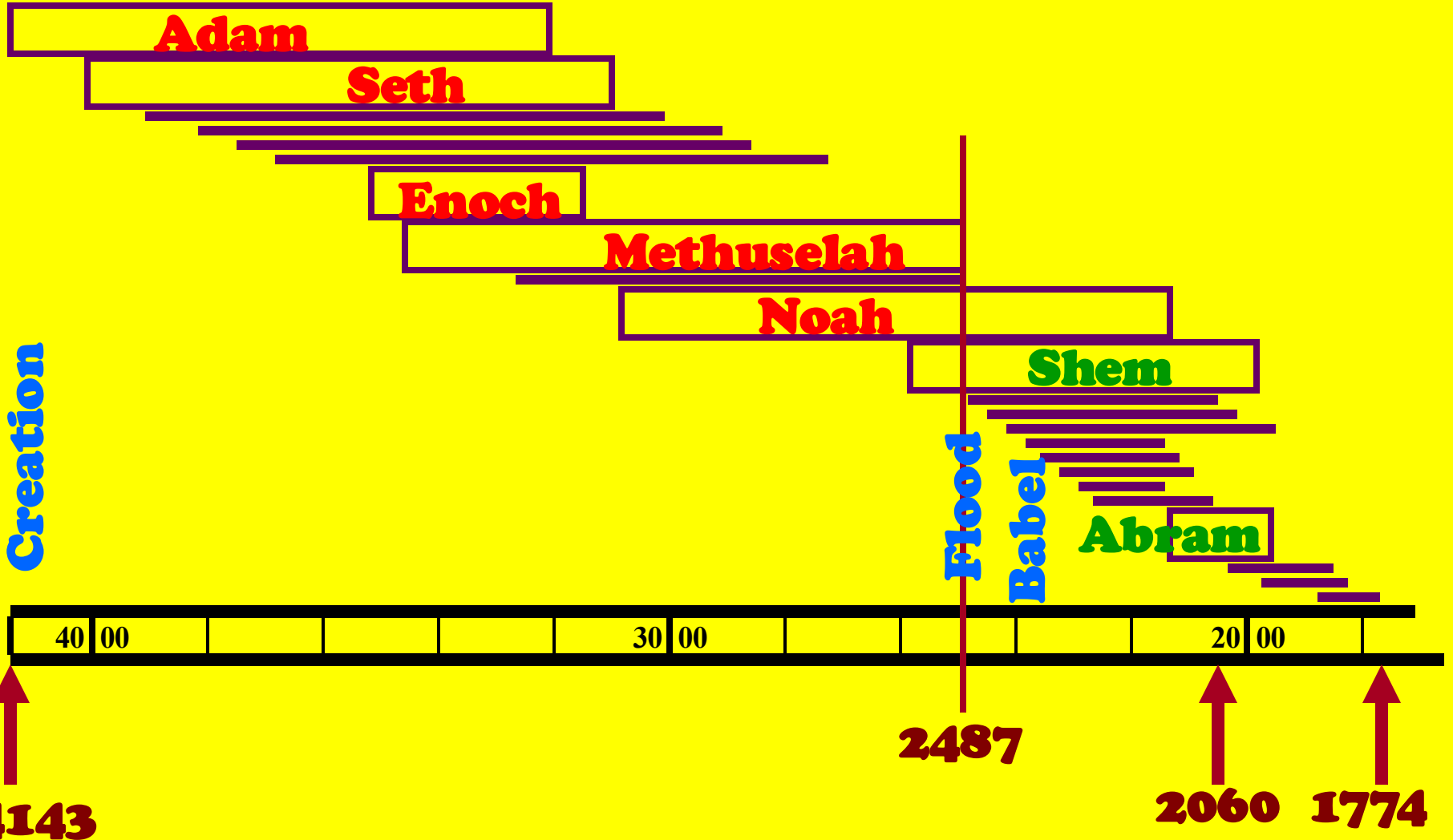
**Judgment & Grace**

**2. Time -**

**~ 100-300 years**

**10:25 Two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.**

# GENESIS CHRONOLOGY



# SCATTERING

- 1. Essence -** Rebellion  
Judgment & Grace
- 2. Time -** ~ 100-300 years
- 3. Nations -** Cause
- 4. Pivot -** Blessing
- 5. Background -** Babylon

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of God

2. Origin

of languages



# **LANGUAGE - Foundation**

- 1. God Communicates - not silent**
- 2. Means of Creation - not trivial**
- 3. Origin in God - not man**
- 4. God Names - not linguists**
- 5. Built into Man - not evolution**
- 6. Perverted by Sin - not neutral**
- 7. Judged at Babel - not evolving**
- 8. Multiplied after Babel - not culture**

**Temple Mount**

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# FLOOD to ABRAHAM

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Ice Age

Noah

Shem

Flood

Babel

Abram

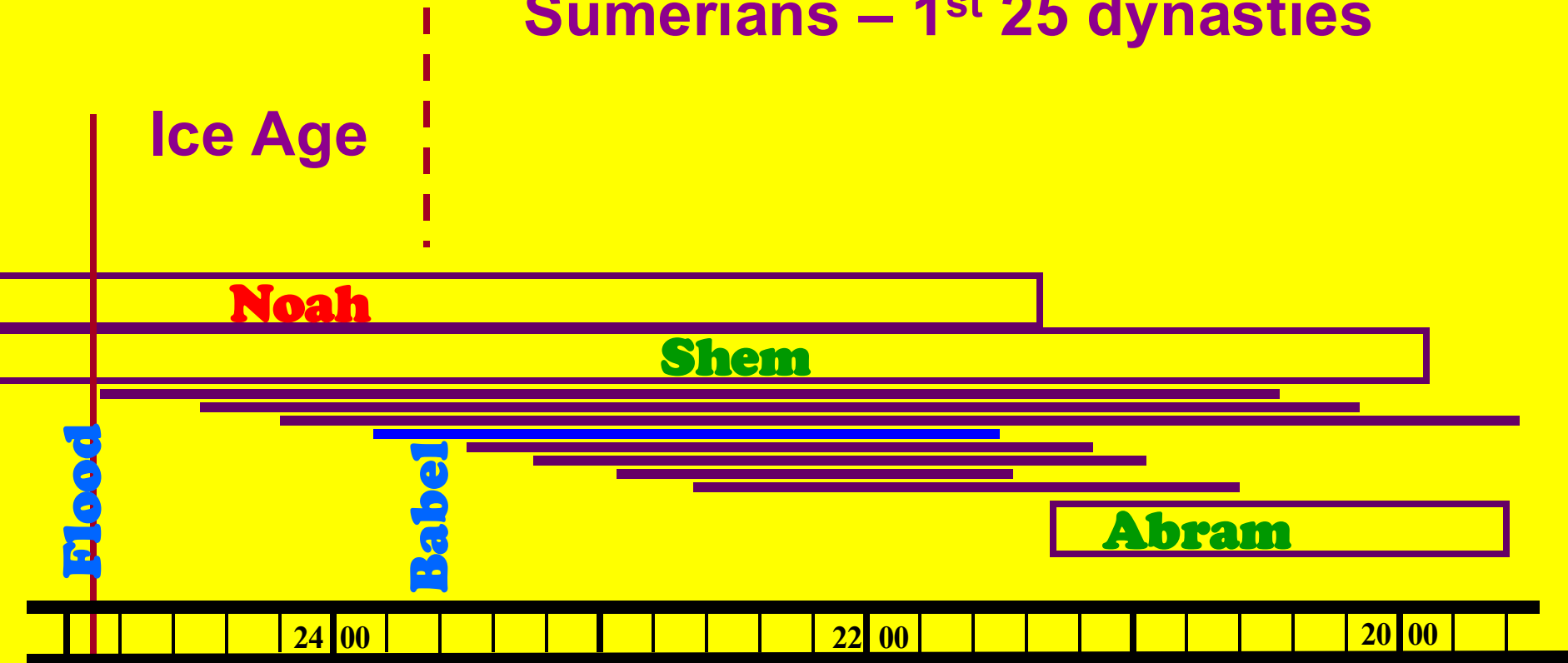
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**“The high longevities of Noah's immediate family combined with the gentile Pentecost of human government to make that family the most astounding aristocracy the world has known. ... During this period, all but one of the 25 dynasties of the Sumerian King list and the first 12 dynasties of Egypt ran their course. ...**

**John Pilkey**

**Shem outlived most of them ...  
This era of the cohabitation of the  
earth by men who were virtual ‘gods’  
alongside men of more obvious  
mortality parallels the future  
Millennial Kingdom when resurrected  
saints will coexist with mortal  
humanity in building the greatest  
civilization history has ever seen.”**

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**Egypt**

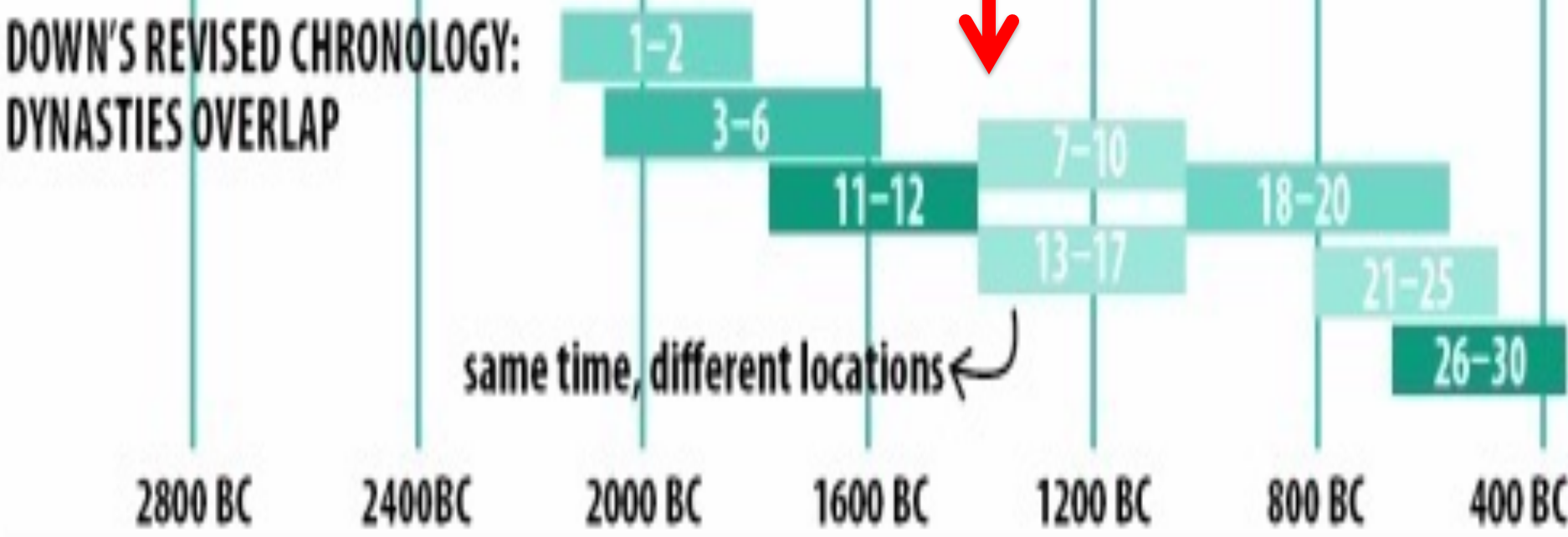
**Sumer**

# TRADITIONAL CHRONOLOGY: DYNASTIES IN SEQUENCE



BIBLICAL EVENT: Flood ○ ○ Babel Exodus

# DOWN'S REVISED CHRONOLOGY: DYNASTIES OVERLAP



same time, different locations

# FLOOD to ABRAHAM

Sumerians – 1<sup>st</sup> 25 dynasties

Egypt – 1<sup>st</sup> 12 dynasties

Dyn 1 (~2290)

Dyn 4 (~2100)

Ice Age

Noah

Shem

Abram

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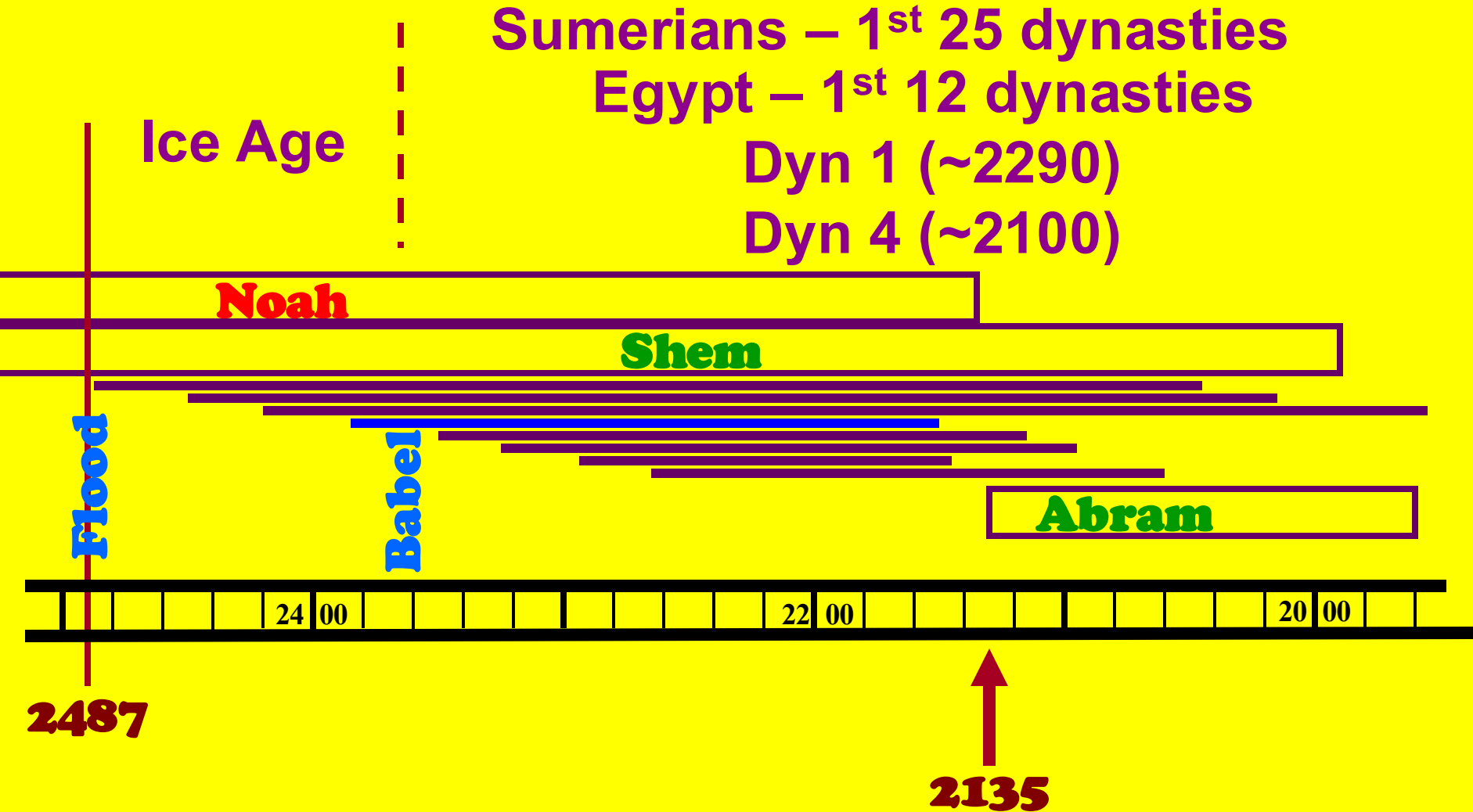
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# TIMES OF GENTILES

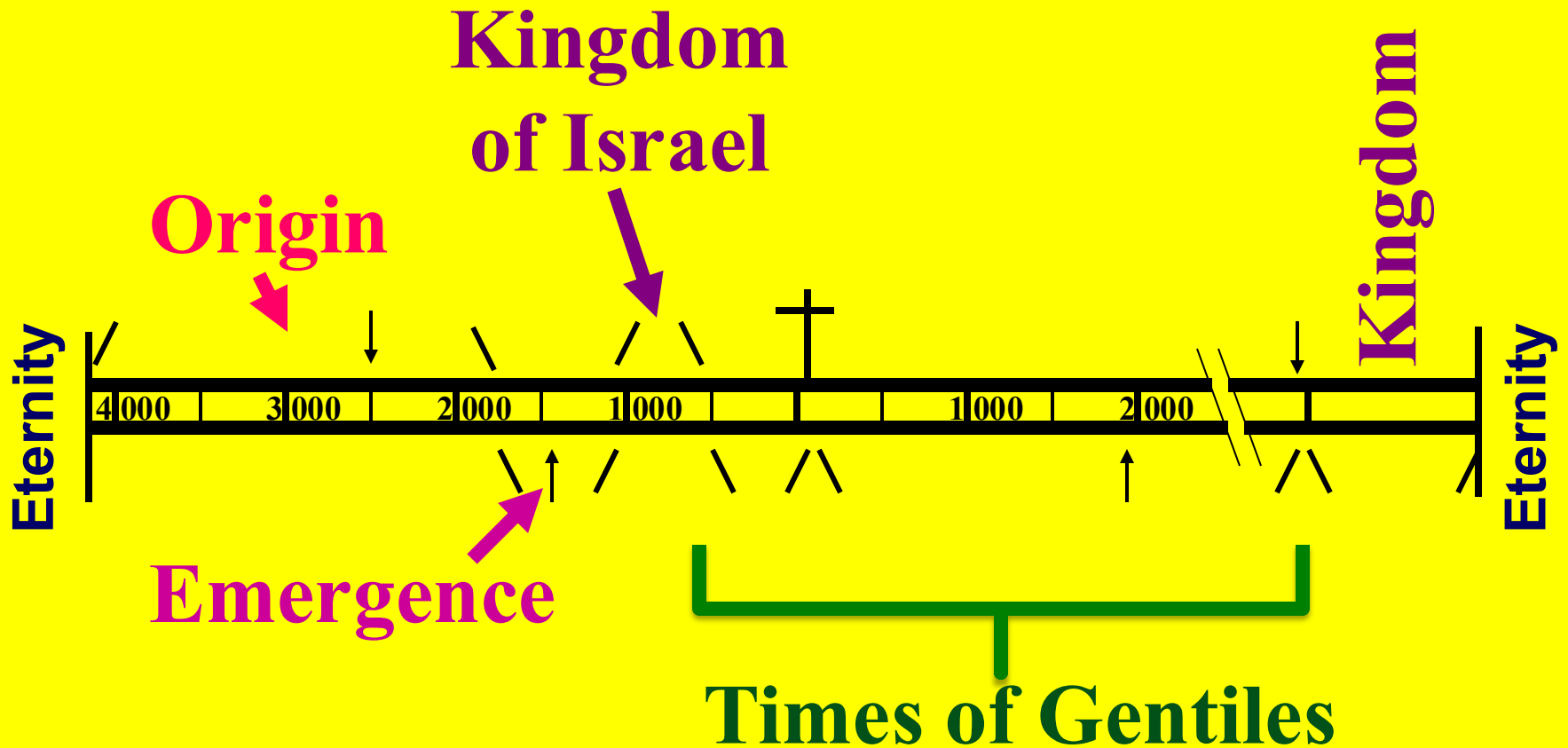


**mywiGo - Gentiles =**

**Nations**

**eqnos - Gentiles = Nations**

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- 7. Gospel Available - not rejected**
- 8. Participate in Kingdom - not globalism**
- 9. Glorified in Eternity - not destroyed**

# IMPLICATIONS

1. Sovereignty

of God

2. Origin

of languages

3. Origin

of nations

4. Beginning

of world  
system



# **BABYLONIANISM**

- **Origin - Babel**
- **Essence - world system**
- **History - persisted**
- **Future - Rev 17-18**




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**Khufu (Cheops) (~2100) & Khafre (1800)**  
**white limestone on top of 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The image shows the Great Pyramid of Khufu (Cheops) in Giza, Egypt. The pyramid is constructed from massive limestone blocks and is shown from a low angle, emphasizing its height and scale. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The pyramid's surface is composed of many layers of blocks, with some weathering visible at the top.

**The Great  
Pyramid  
Khufu (Cheops)**

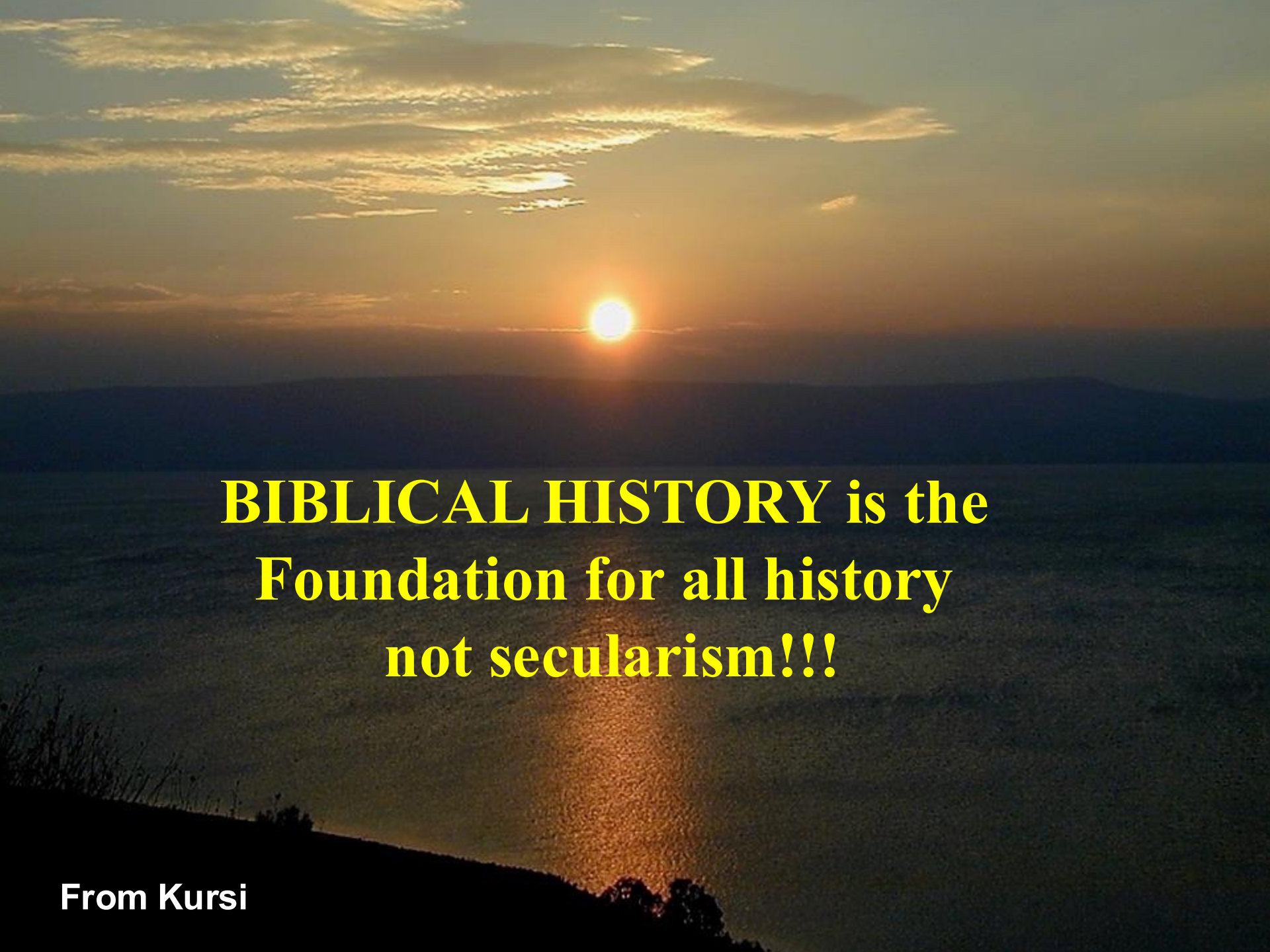
**Aligned to  
Constellation  
Orion**

**>3 Million limestone  
blocks - 2.5-15 tons**

**13 acres  
Level to 7/8"**



**3 million blocks -  
@72 hrs/wk, 40 yrs =  
20 blocks/hr**

A sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow and a shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a hillside with some trees is visible.

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