

BABEL -

Scattering - Gen 10-11

Part 1

IMPLICATION &
EVIDENCE

Nations - 193
Languages - 6912
94 families



VIEWS

➤ **Secular -
evolution**

➤ **Biblical -
Babel**

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

BABEL - SCATTERING

1. Intro & Context

2. Exposition of Genesis 11

Andromeda

3. Implications of Babel

4. Evidence of Advanced Culture

✧ **OBSERVATIONAL SCIENCE →**

Observations in Present

✧ **HISTORICAL SCIENCE →**

Traces of Past

✧ **DATA =**

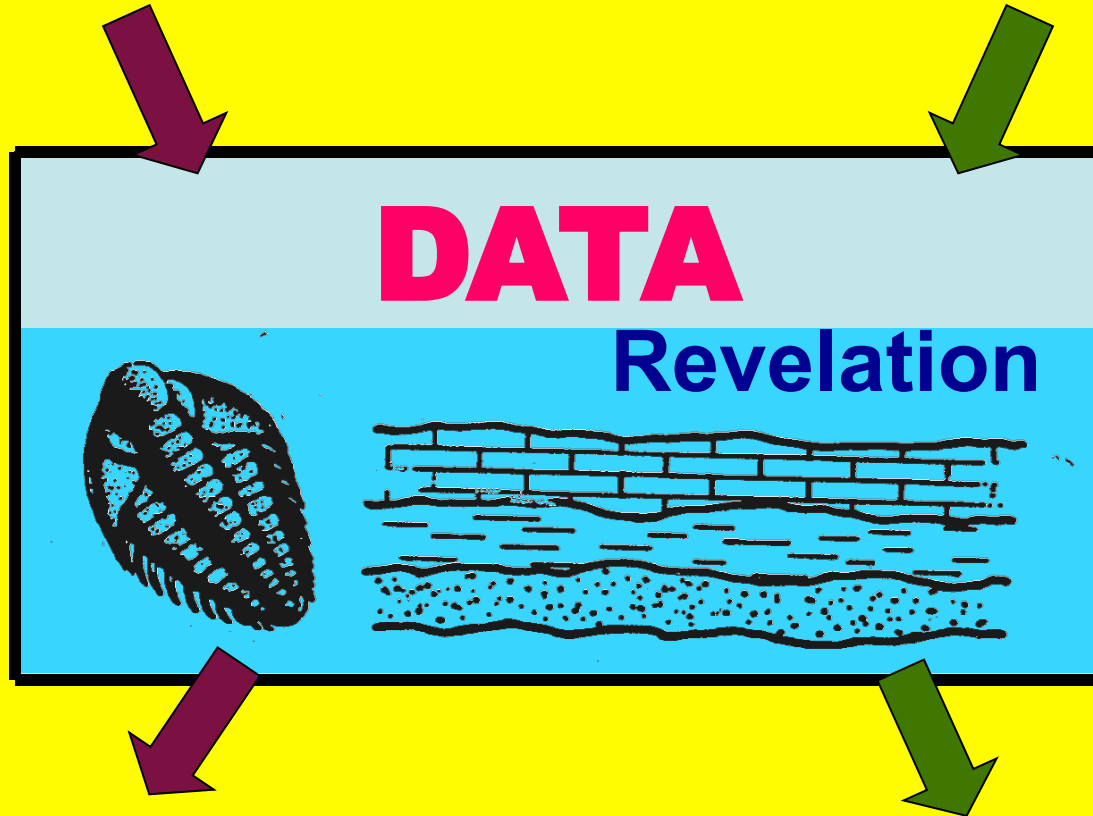
Traces left by Event

✧ **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

PRIMEVAL HISTORY

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| II. Early History of Mankind | 2:4-3:24 |
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10:1-2



TABLE OF NATIONS

➤ **Japheth - Oldest**

➤ **Ham - Youngest**

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



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➤ **Shem - Chosen**



Gomer

Tubal

Javan

Tiras

Magog

Mesheck

Madai



Put

Canaan

Mizraim

Cush

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO



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PURPOSE

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

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IMPORTANCE

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

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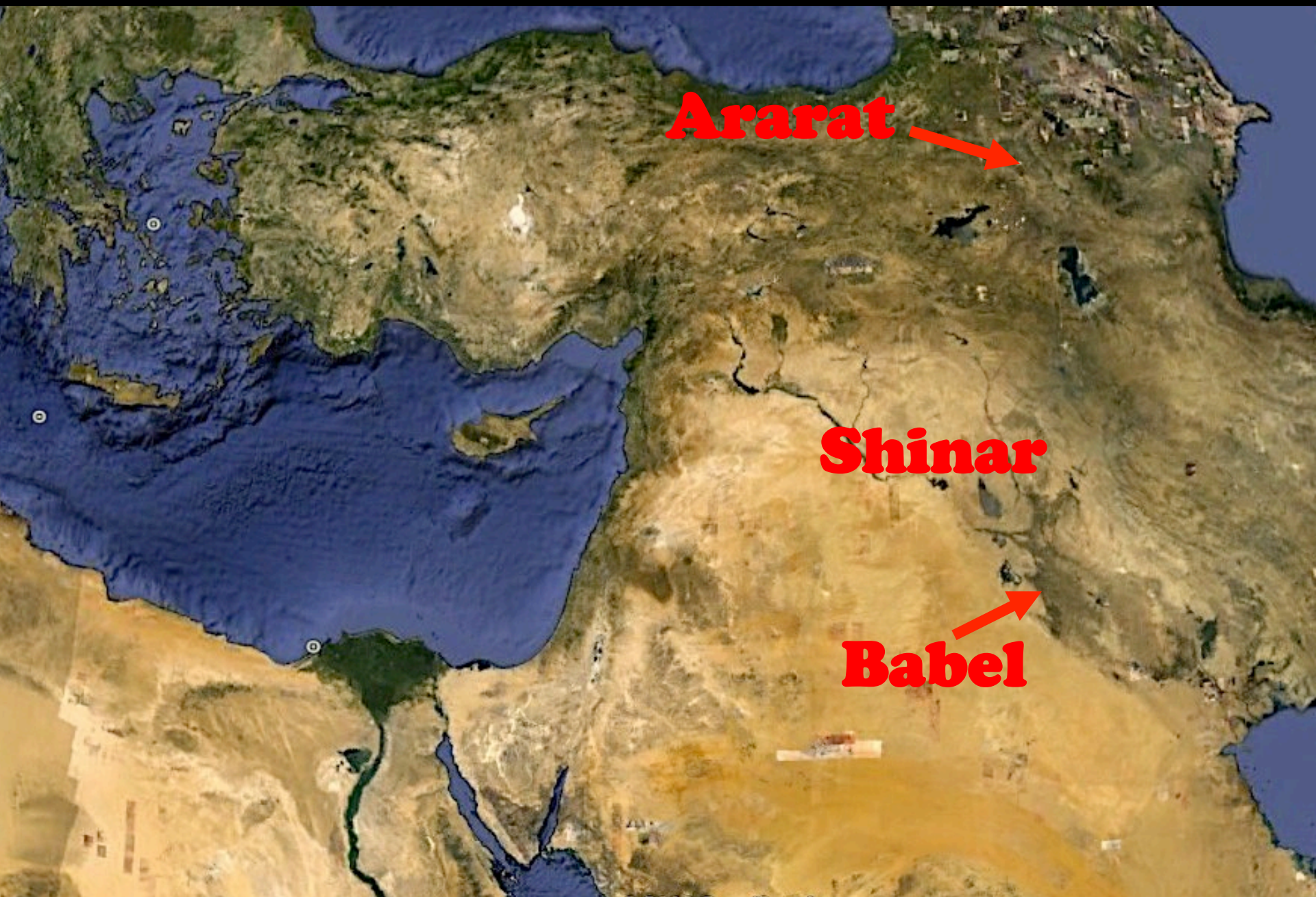
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1. Rebellion of Peoples **11:1-4**

a. Unity of Peoples **11:1-2**

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

11:1-2 Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. 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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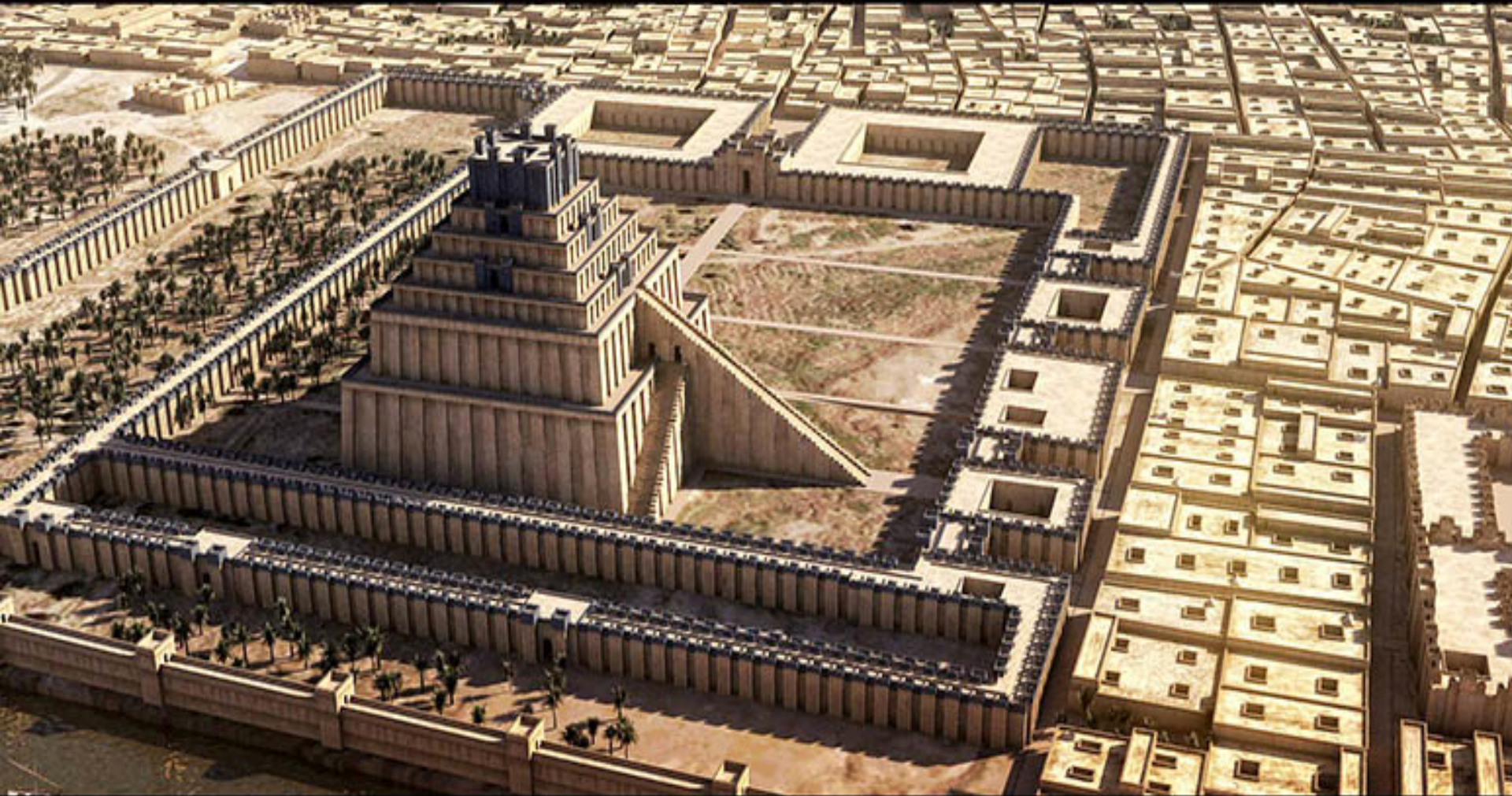
a. Unity of Peoples **11:1-2**

b. Defiance of Peoples **11:3-4**

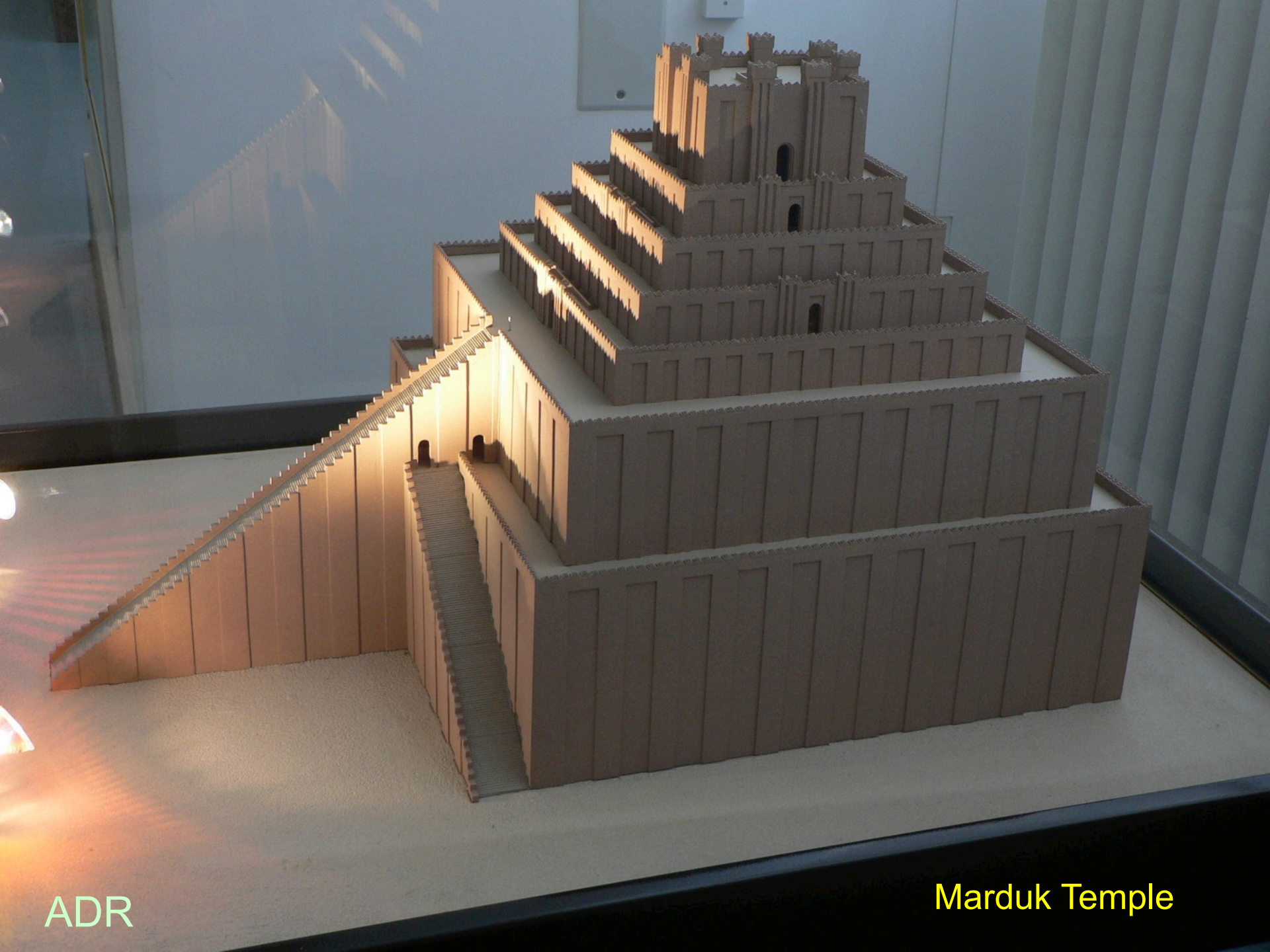
**11:3 They said to one another,
“Come, let us make bricks and
burn them thoroughly.” And
they used brick for stone, and
they used tar for mortar.**

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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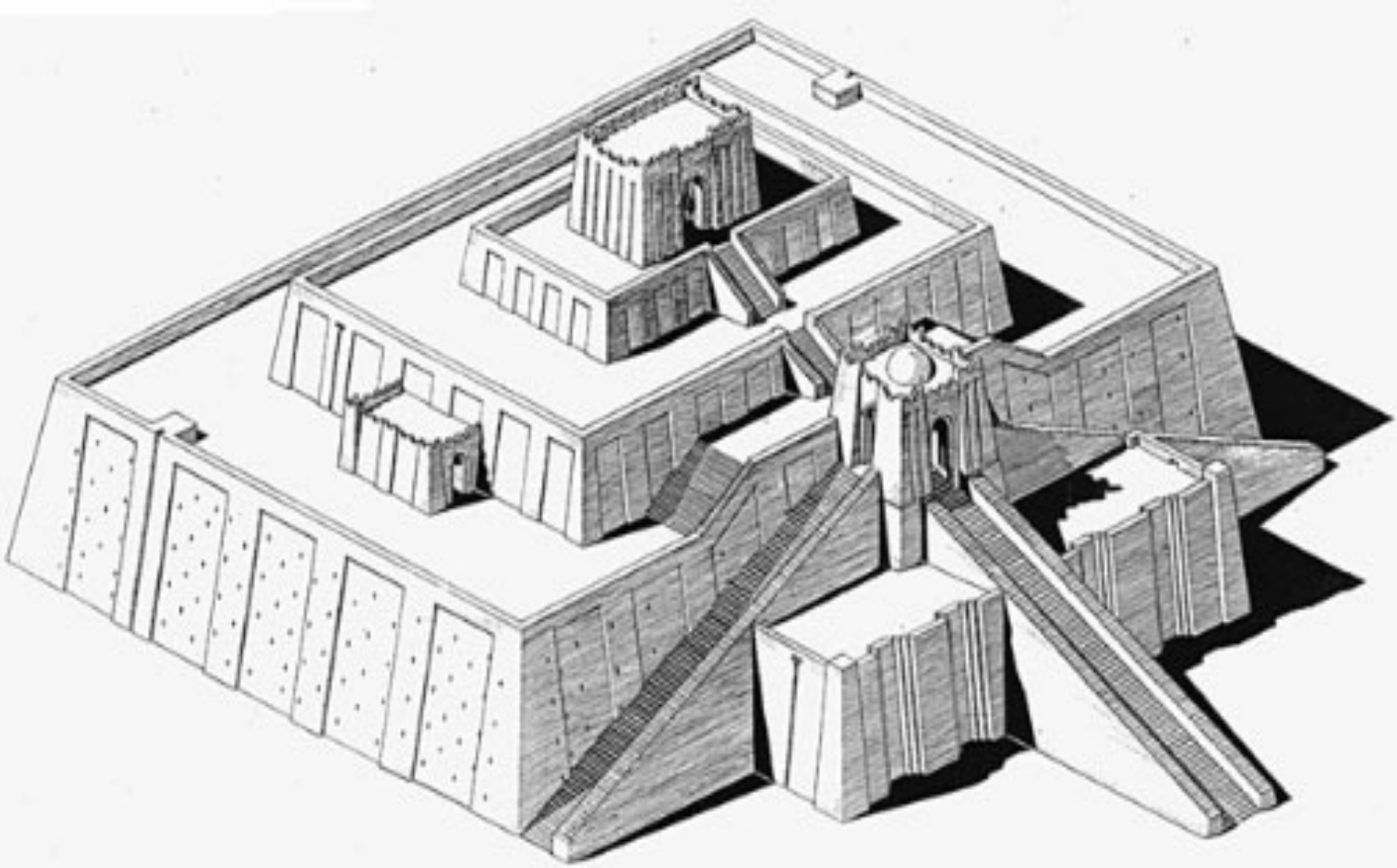
Marduk Temple



Pieter Bruegel



Gustave Dore



Leonard Woolley reconstruction



Great Ziggurat - Ur

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one another's speech.” 8 So the
LORD scattered them abroad
from there over the face of the
whole earth; and they stopped
building the city.**

CONTRASTS

- **Reach Heaven (4)**
- **Come ... (3, 4)**
- **1 Language (1)**
- **Spoke to each (3)**
- **Human action (3-4)**
- **Lest scattering (4)**
- **Down from H. (5)**
- **Come ... (7)**
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- **Named Babel (9)**
- **Whole Earth (9)**

SCATTERING

1. Essence -

Rebellion

Judgment

2. Pivot -

Blessing

3. Nations -

Cause

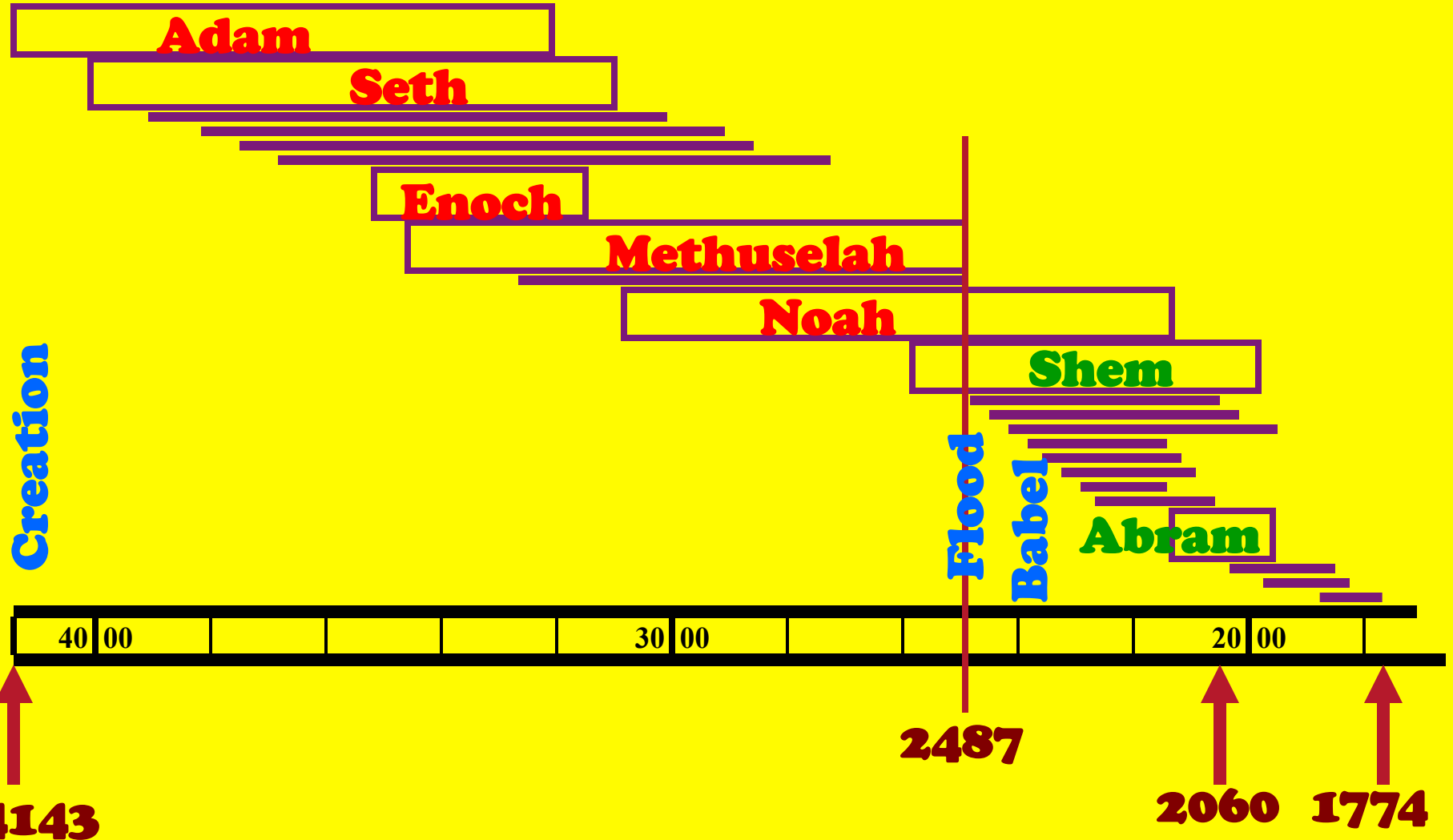
4. Background -

Babylon

5. Time -

~ 100-300 years

GENESIS CHRONOLOGY



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of God

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LANGUAGE - Foundation

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. God Communicates - | not silent |
| 2. Means of Creation - | not trivial |
| 3. Origin in God - | not man |
| 4. Built into Man - | not evolution |
| 5. Fully functional - | not linguists |
| 6. Perverted by Sin - | not neutral |
| 7. Judged at Babel - | not culture |

Temple Mount

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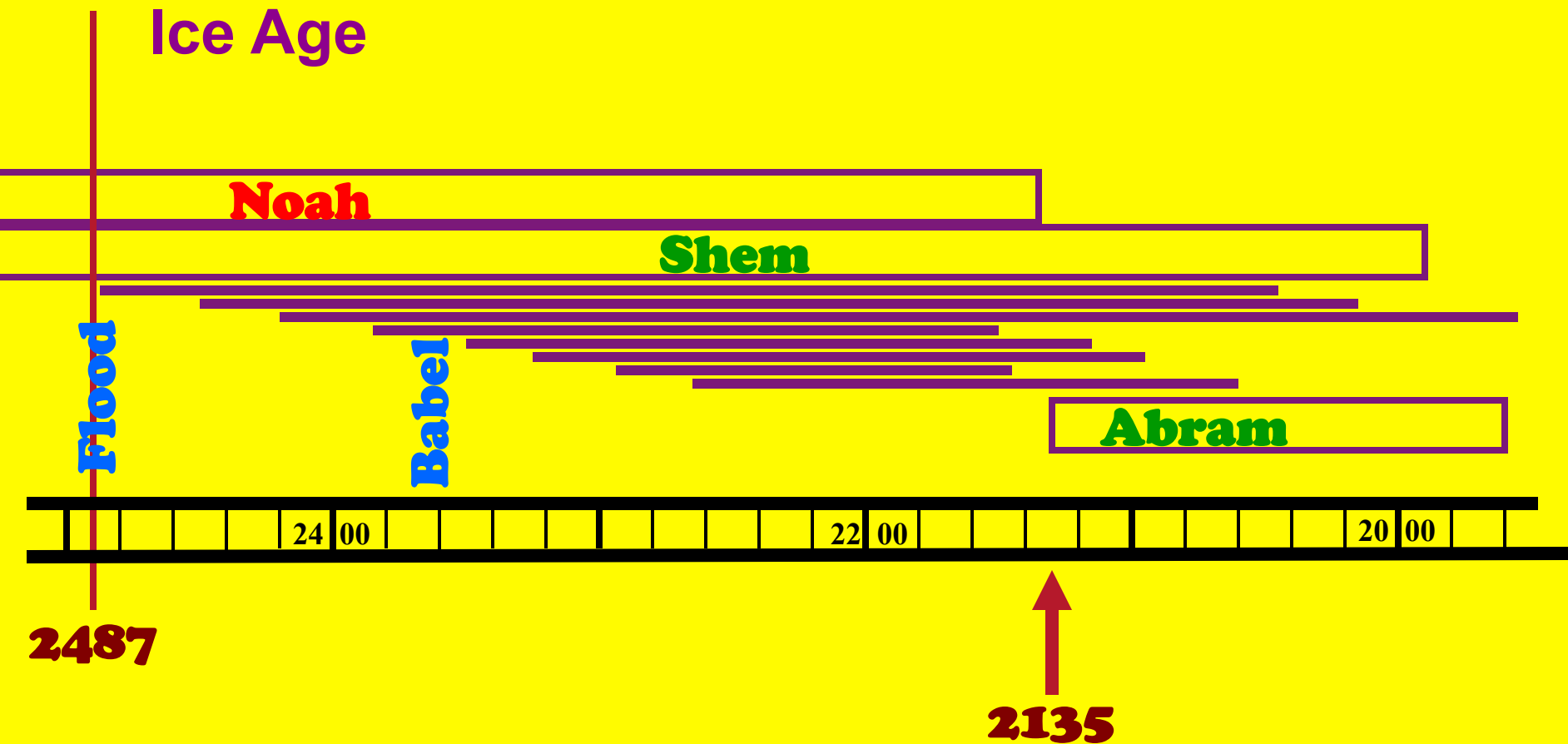
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FLOOD to ABRAHAM

Sumerians – 1st 25 dynasties



“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.”**

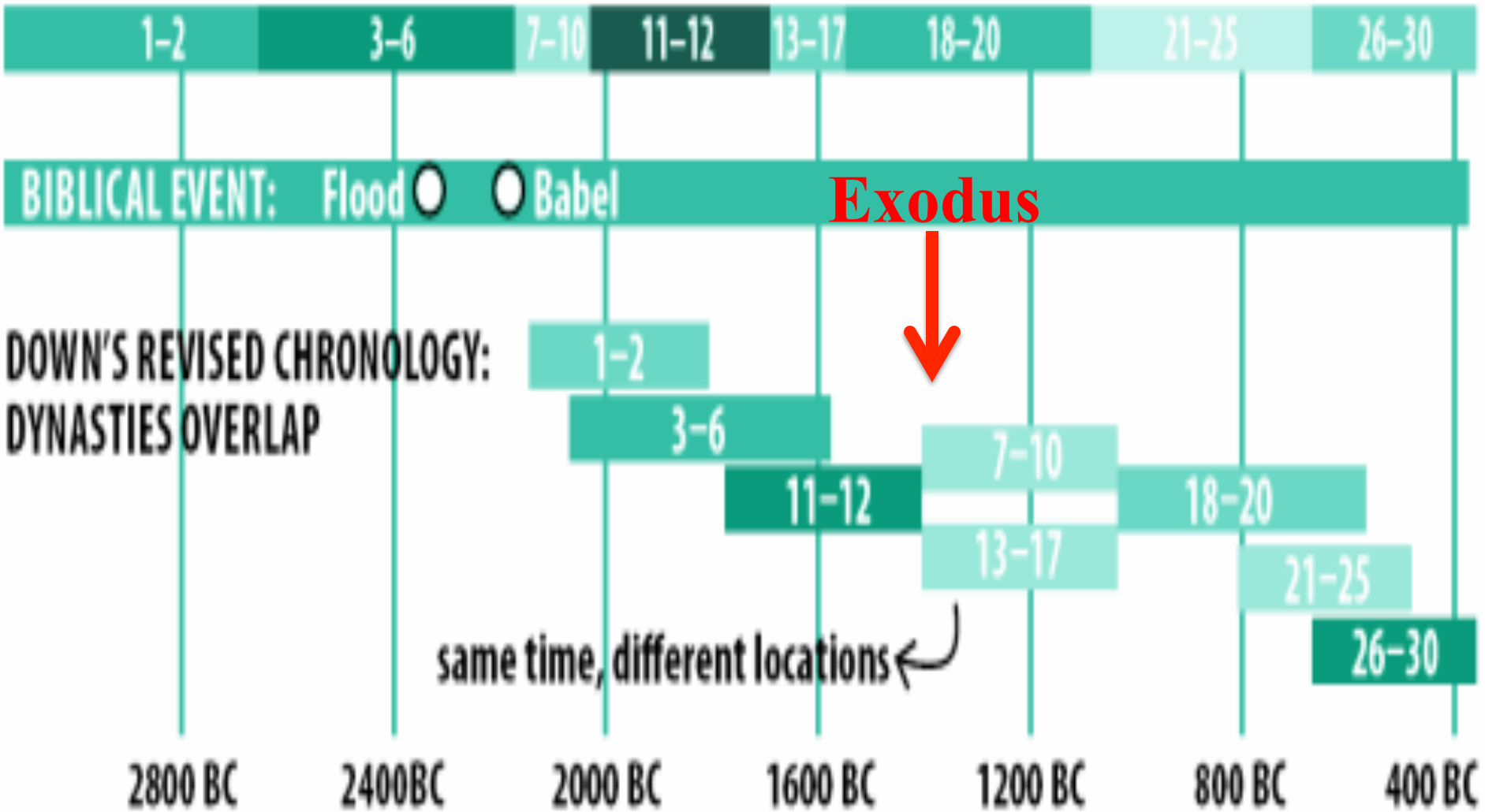
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Egypt

Sumer

TRADITIONAL CHRONOLOGY: DYNASTIES IN SEQUENCE



FLOOD to ABRAHAM

Sumerians – 1st 25 dynasties

Egypt – 1st 12 dynasties

Dyn 1 (~2290)

Dyn 4 (~2100)

Ice Age

Noah

Shem

Abram

Flood

Babel



2487

2135

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TIMES OF GENTILES



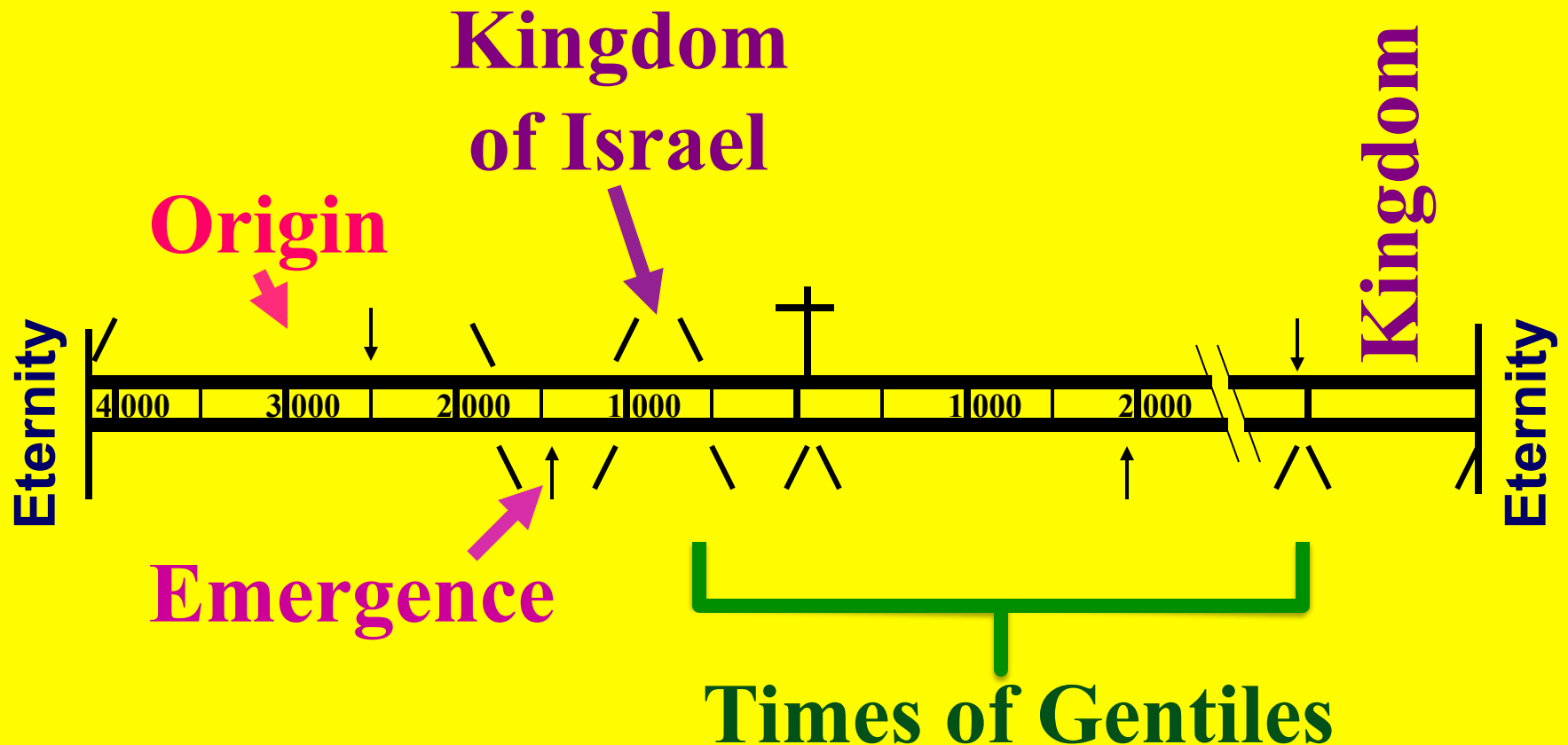
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Gentiles = Nations

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

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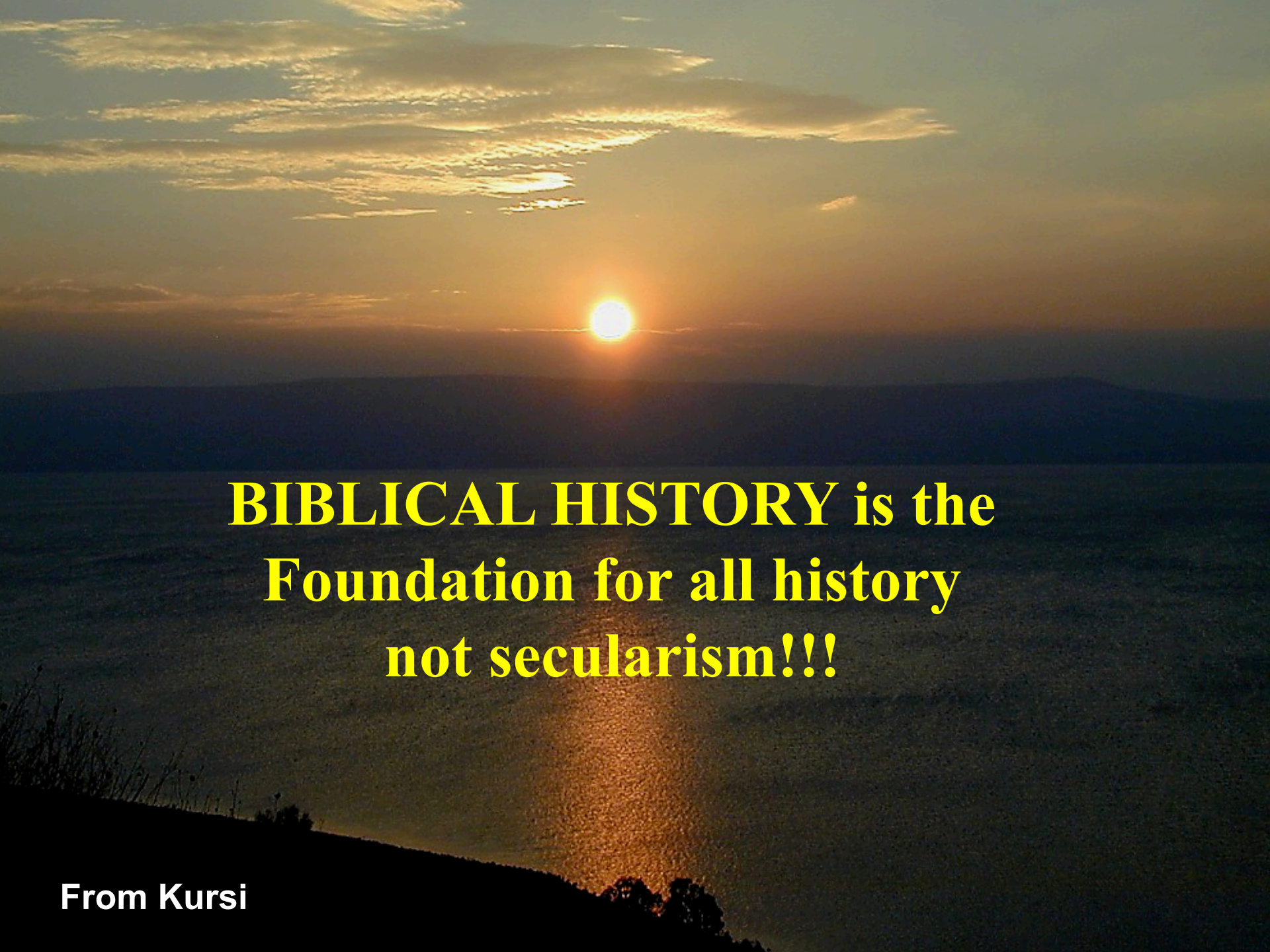
4. Beginning

**of world
system**



BABYLONIANISM

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

A sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is a bright orange circle on the horizon, with its light reflecting as a shimmering path on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, orange-tinted clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a hillside with some sparse vegetation is visible.

**BIBLICAL HISTORY is the
Foundation for all history
not secularism!!!**

From Kursi