

# 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 =**

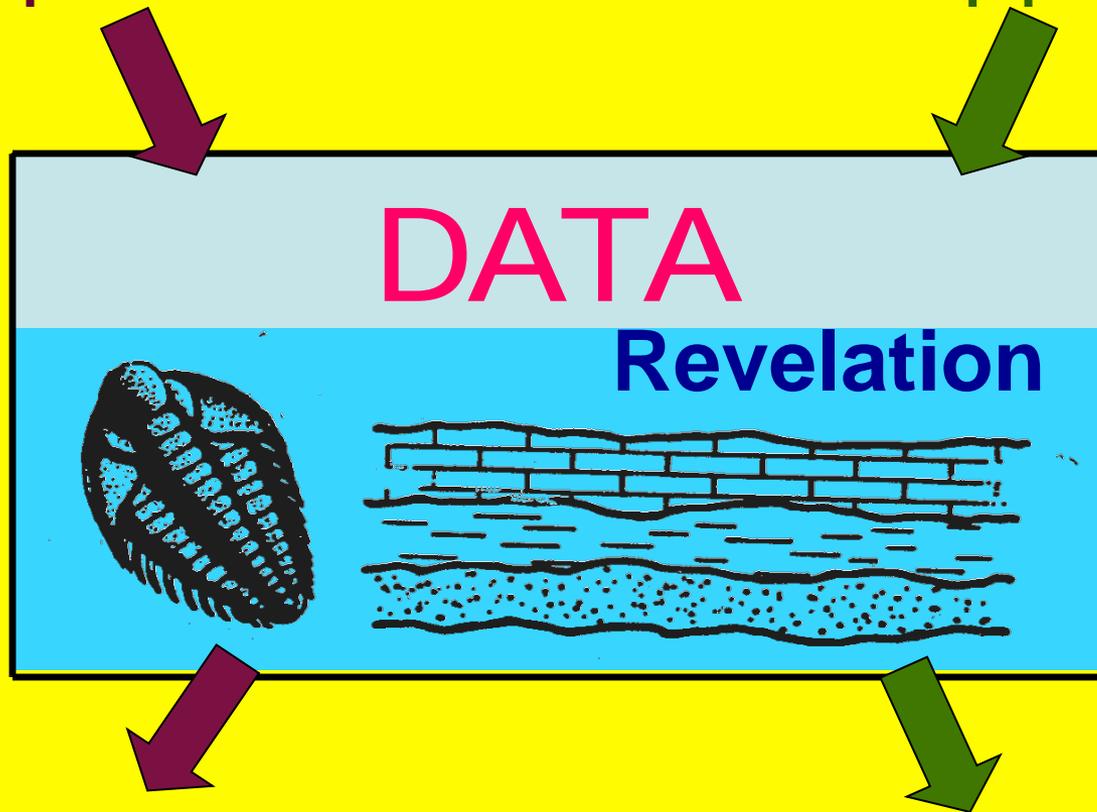
Traces left by Event

✧ **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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| <b>A. Origin of Nations</b>               | <b>10</b>       |

10:1-2



# TABLE OF NATIONS

➤ **Japheth - Oldest**

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



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

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**Ararat**



**Shinar**



**Babel**

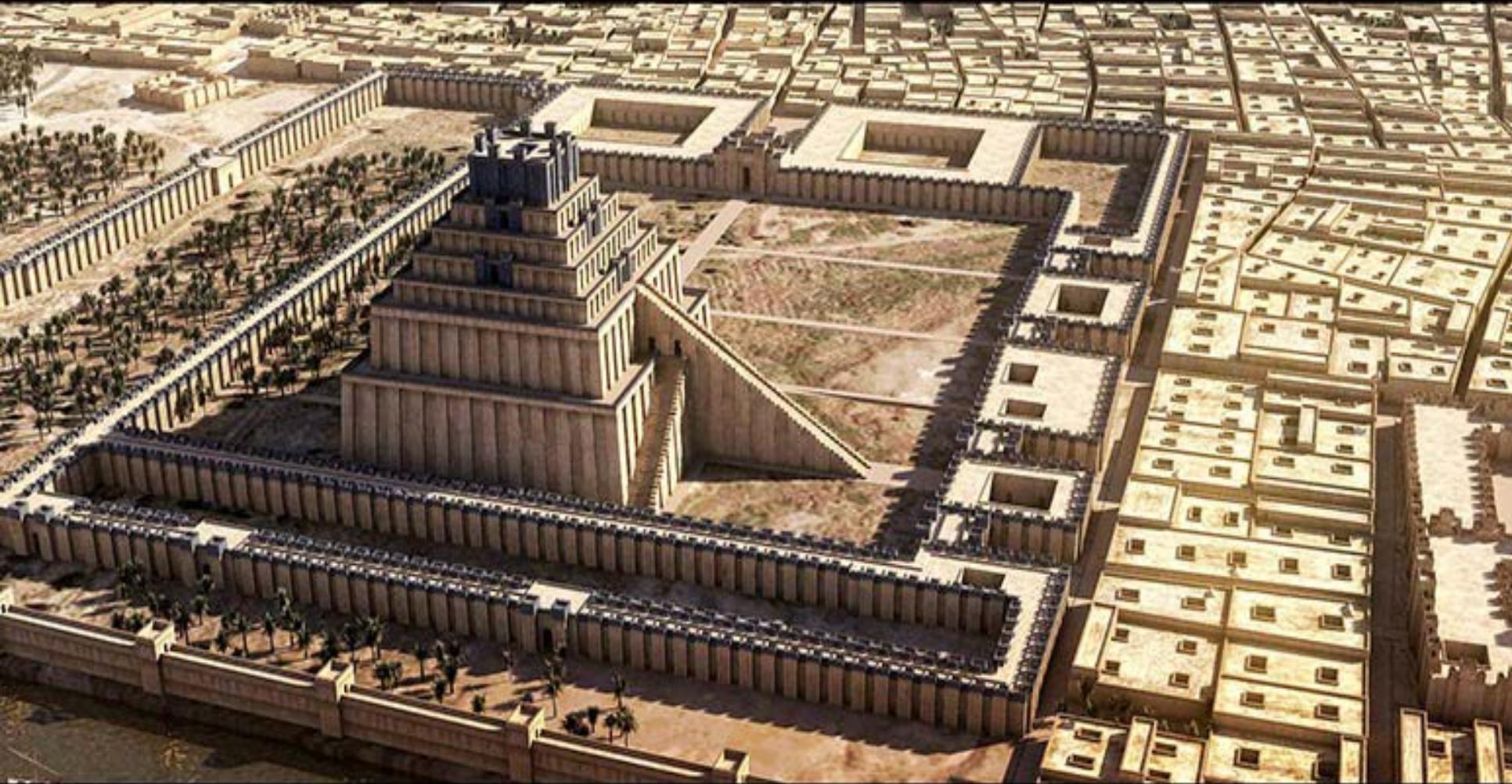
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  - b. Defiance of Peoples** **11:3-4**

**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'**



ADR

Marduk Temple

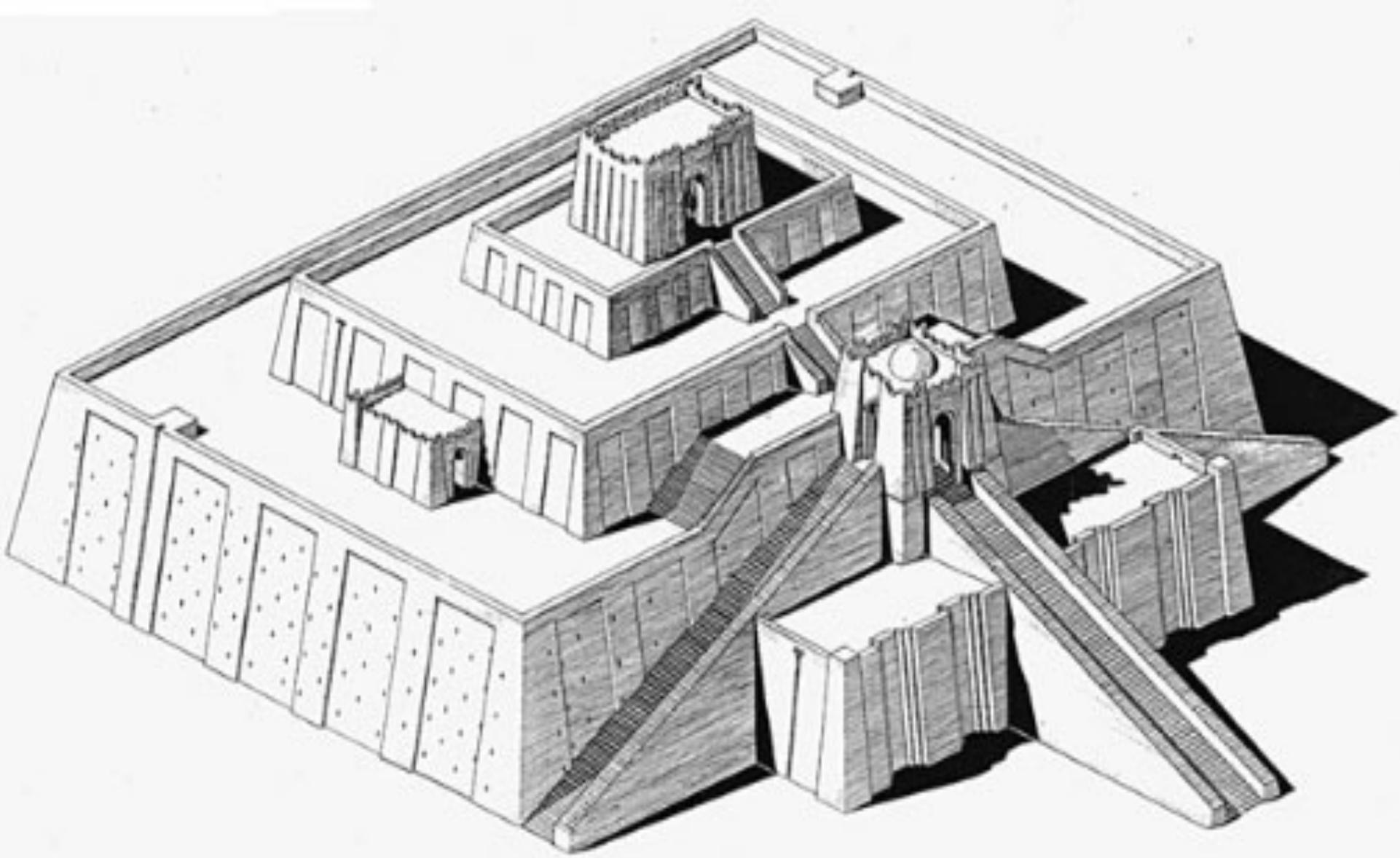


**Pieter Bruegel**



# Gustave Dore

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**Leonard Woolley reconstruction**



**Great Ziggurat - Ur**

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# **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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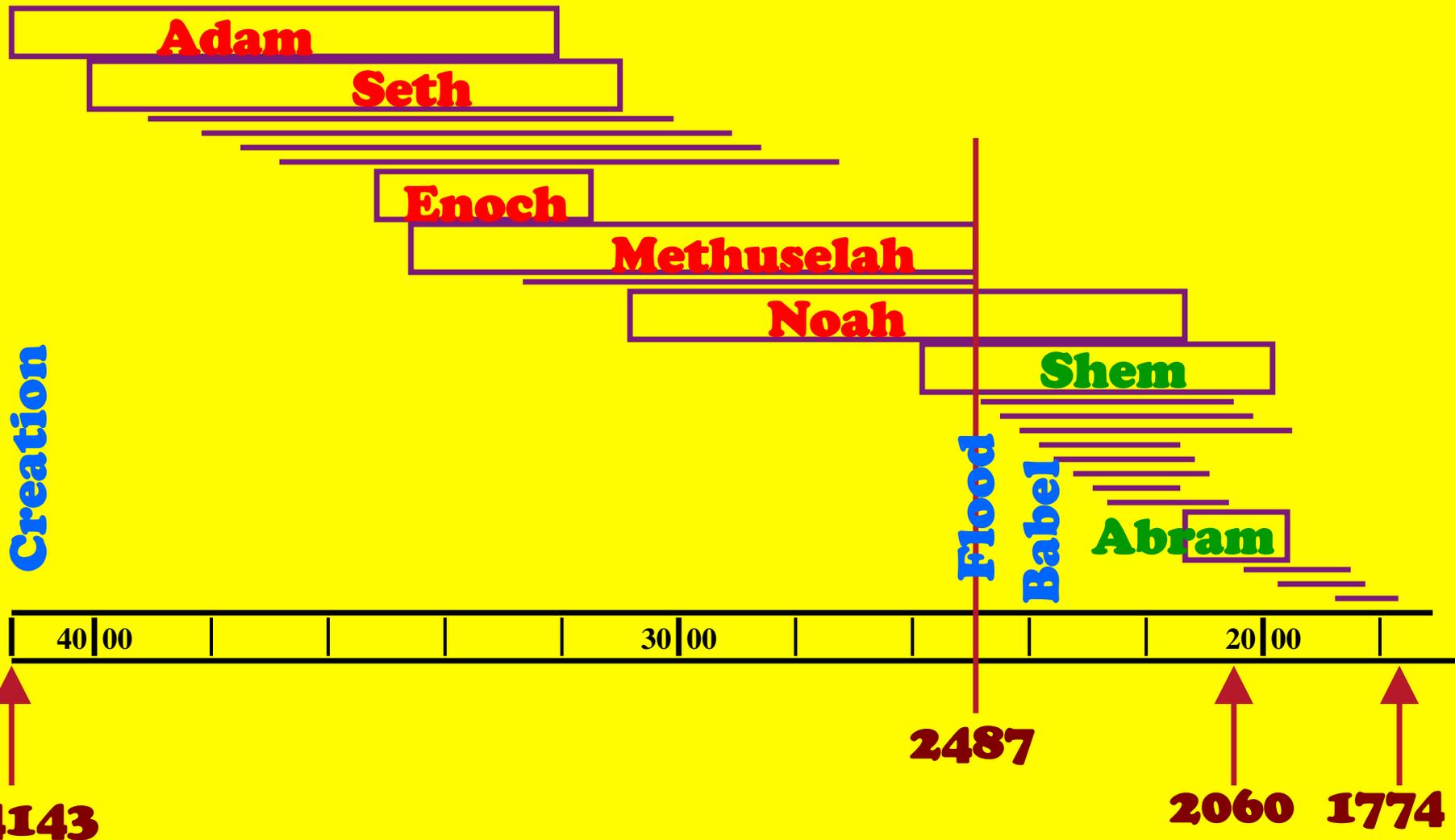
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- **Named Babel (9)**
- **Whole Earth (9)**

# 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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# 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

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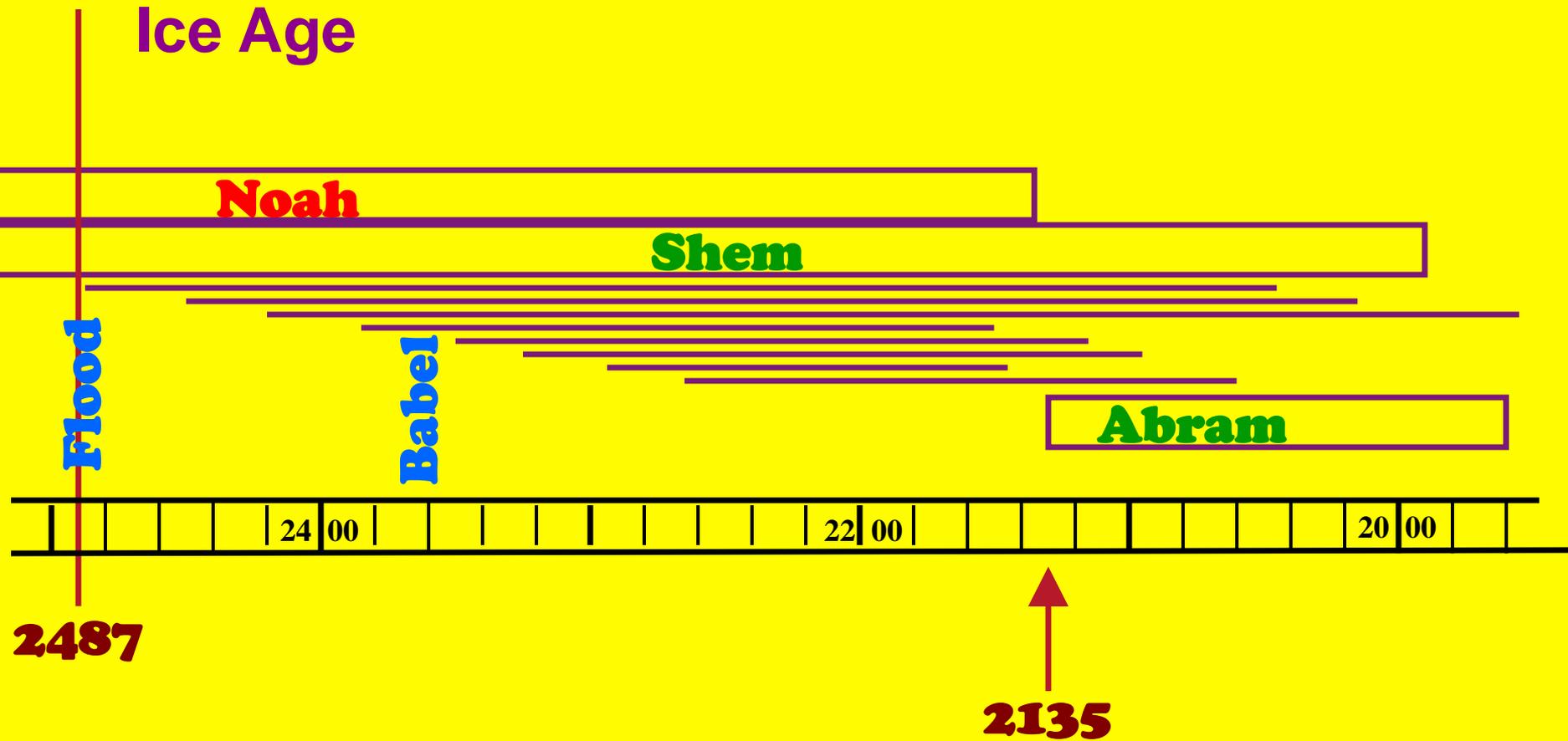
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# FLOOD to ABRAHAM

Sumerians – 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

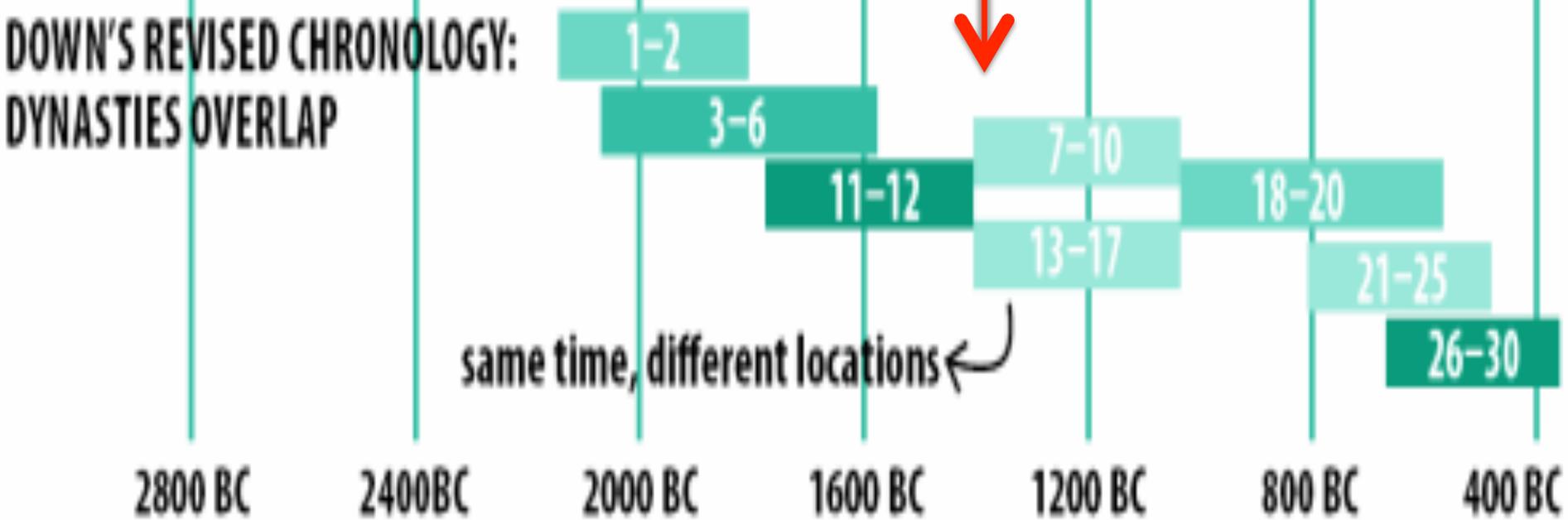
**Sumer**

# TRADITIONAL CHRONOLOGY: DYNASTIES IN SEQUENCE



BIBLICAL EVENT: Flood ○ ○ Babel **Exodus**

# DOWN'S REVISED CHRONOLOGY: DYNASTIES OVERLAP



# 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**

**Flood**

**Babel**

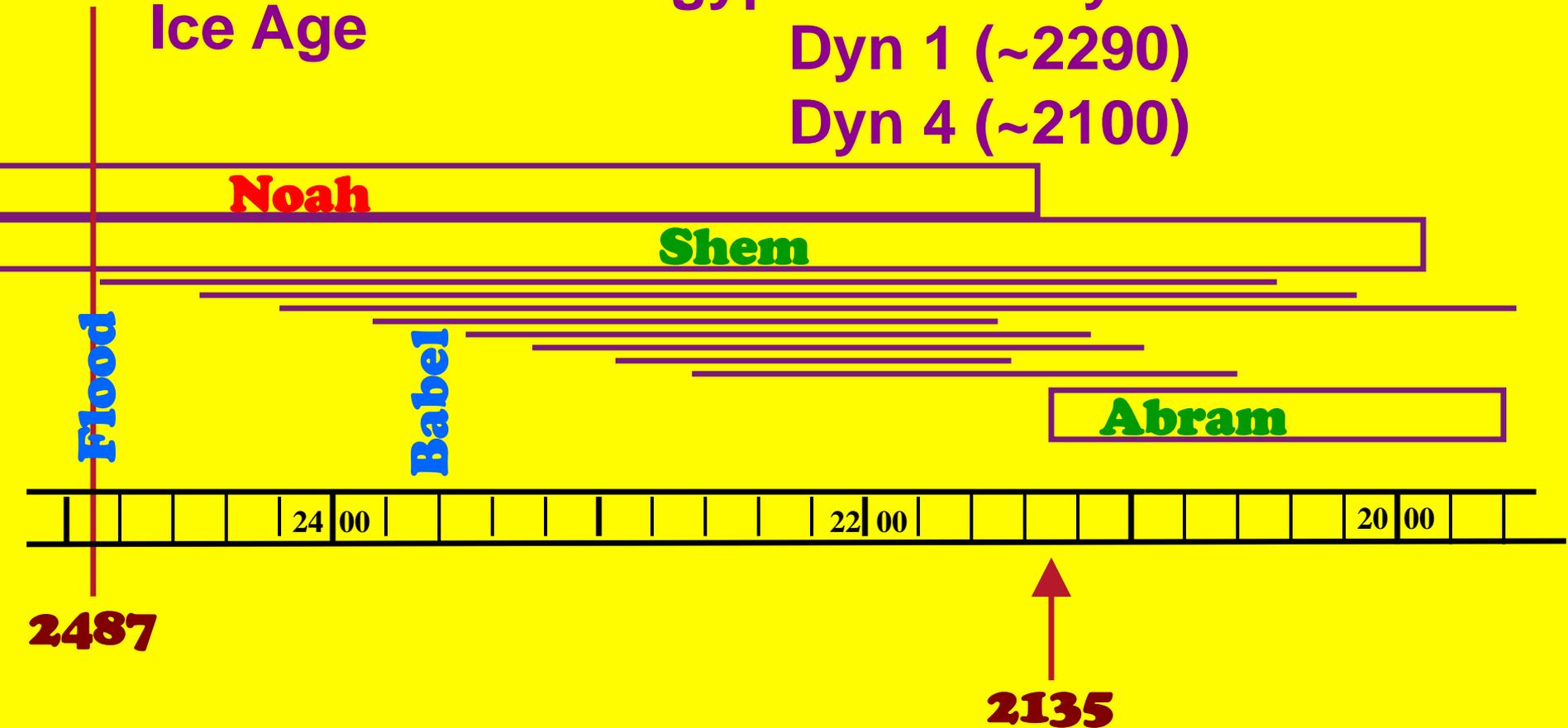
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Temple Mount

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# TIMES OF GENTILES



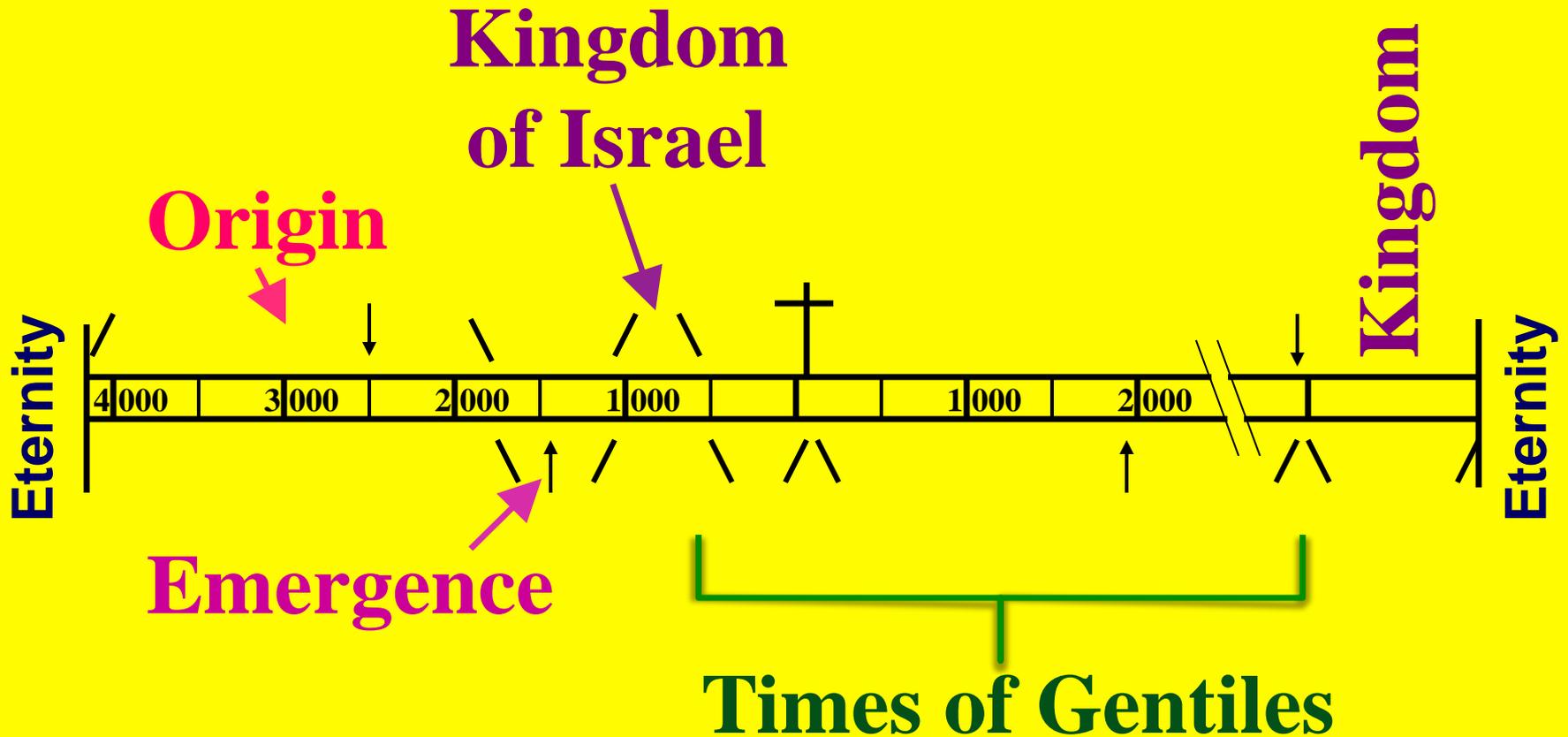
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**Gentiles = Nations**

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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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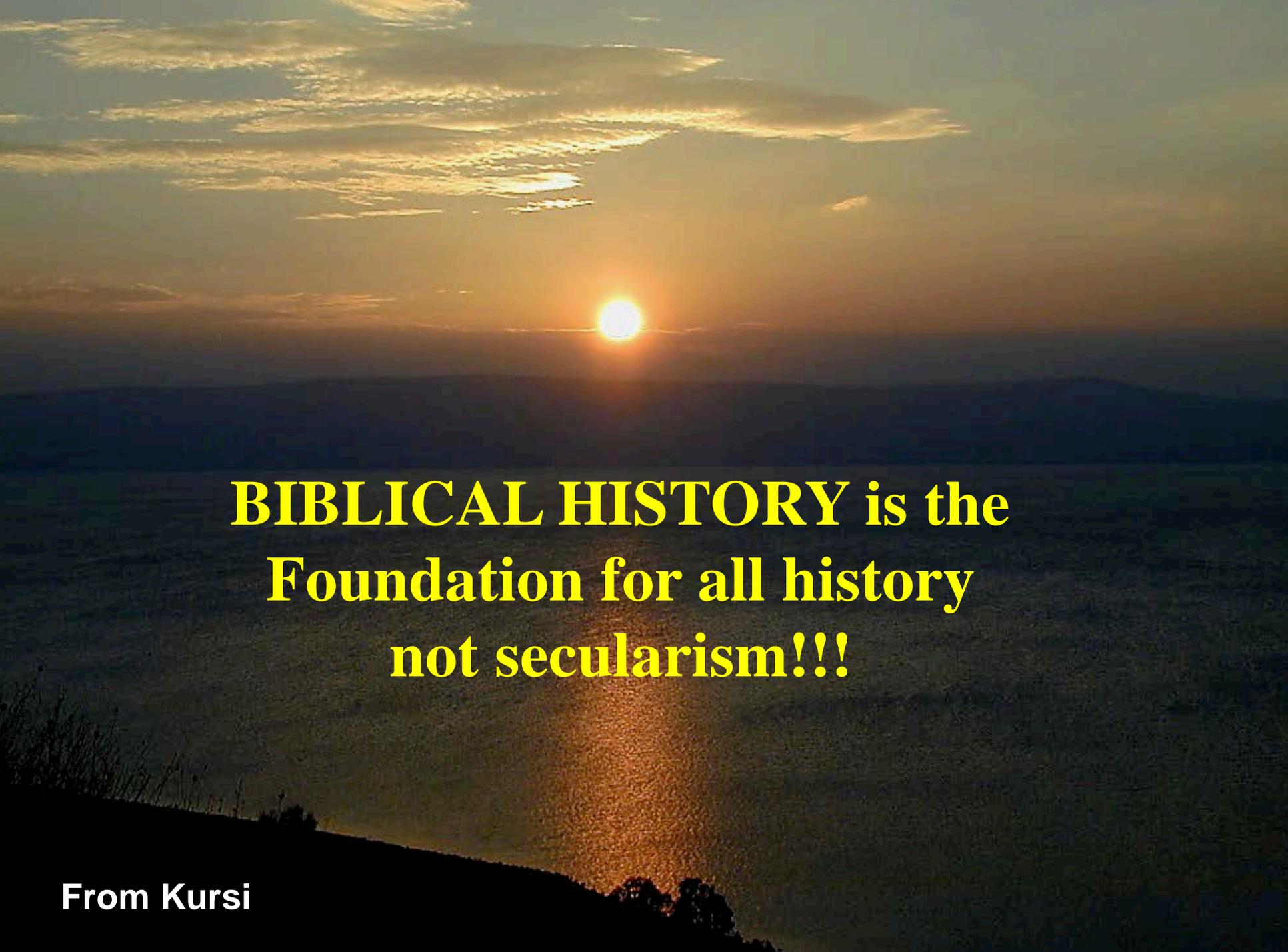
**4. Beginning**

**of world  
system**



# **BABYLONIANISM**

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



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

**From Kursi**