



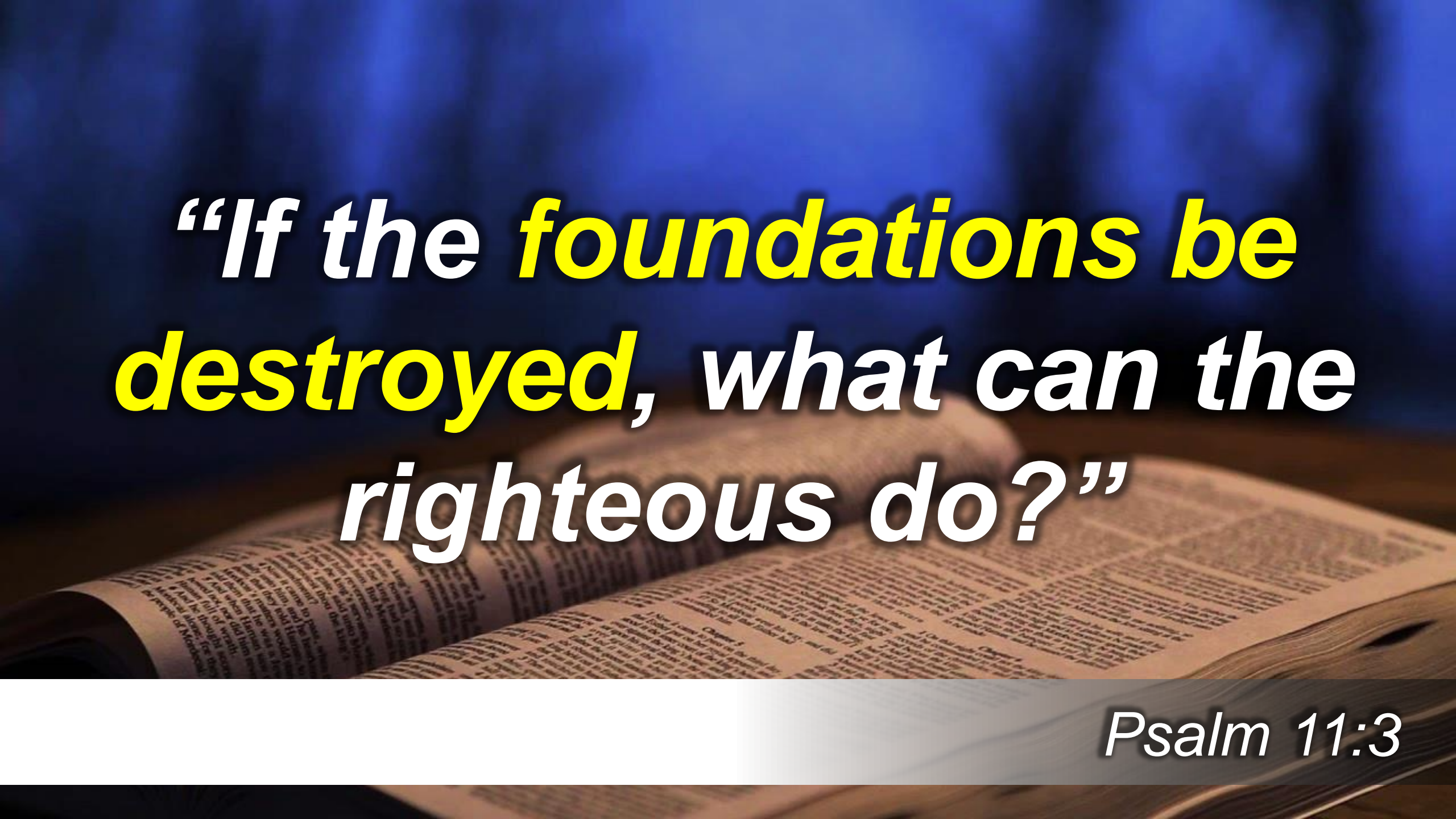
The Tower of Babel

*Evidence and Implications for the
Post-Flood World*

By Stephen Lawwell

Foundations of Genesis: Part 5



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“If the **foundations be destroyed**, what can the righteous do?”

Psalm 11:3



“And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.”

Genesis 11:1-9

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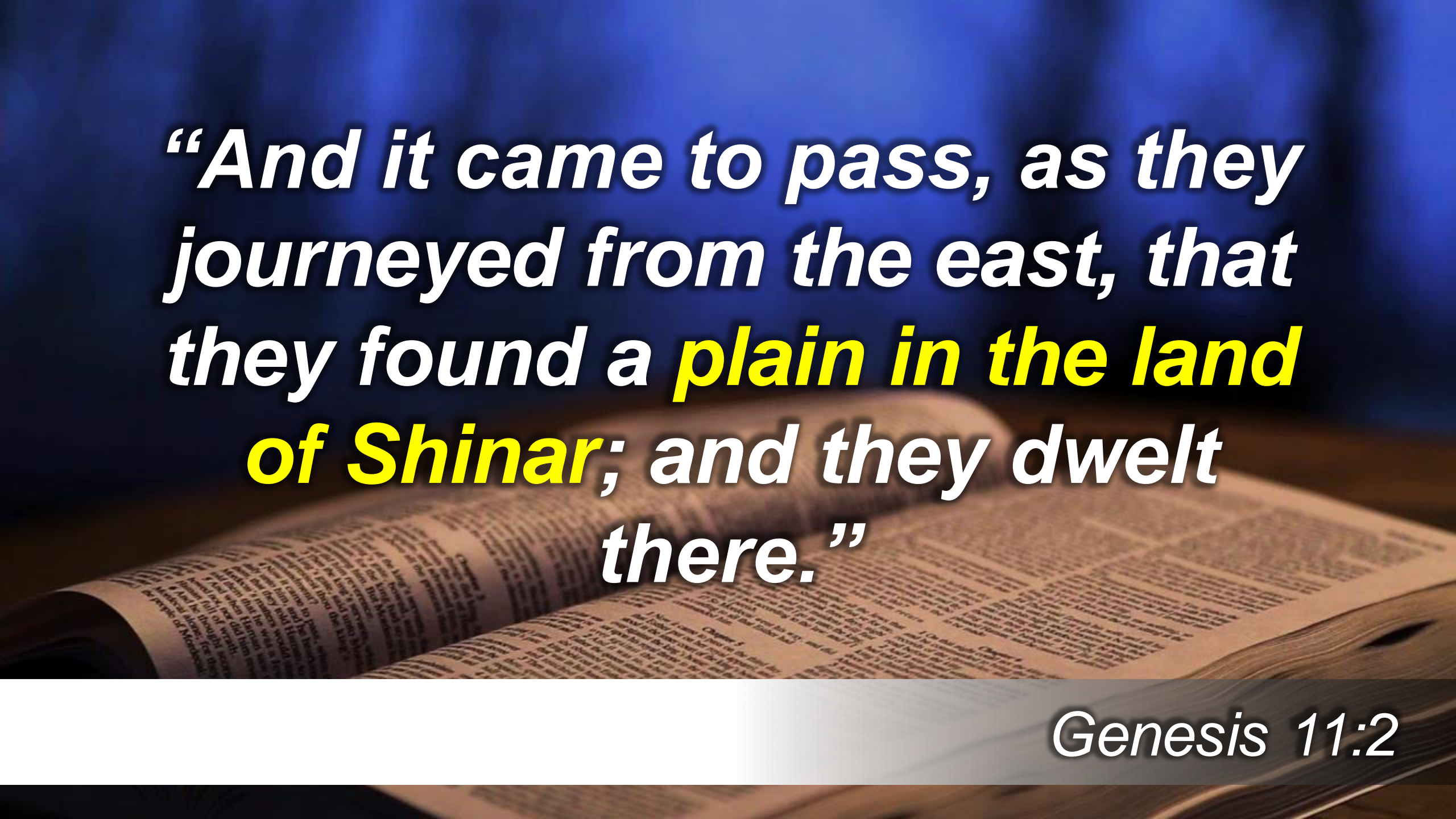
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The Tower of Babel

- The Tower's Location



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*“And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a **plain in the land of Shinar**; and they dwelt there.”*

Genesis 11:2

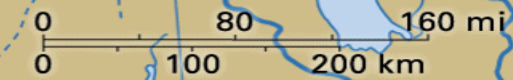
“...as they journeyed from the east...”



Key to Provinces
(Shown by number on map)

- 1 KOCAELİ
- 2 SAKARYA
- 3 AFYONKARAHİSAR
- 4 İCEL
- 5 HATAY

For all other provinces, the name of the province is the same as the name of its capital city.



“And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth... And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah, And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same is a great city.”

Genesis 10:8-12



Accad ●

Erech
(Uruk)

Calneh?

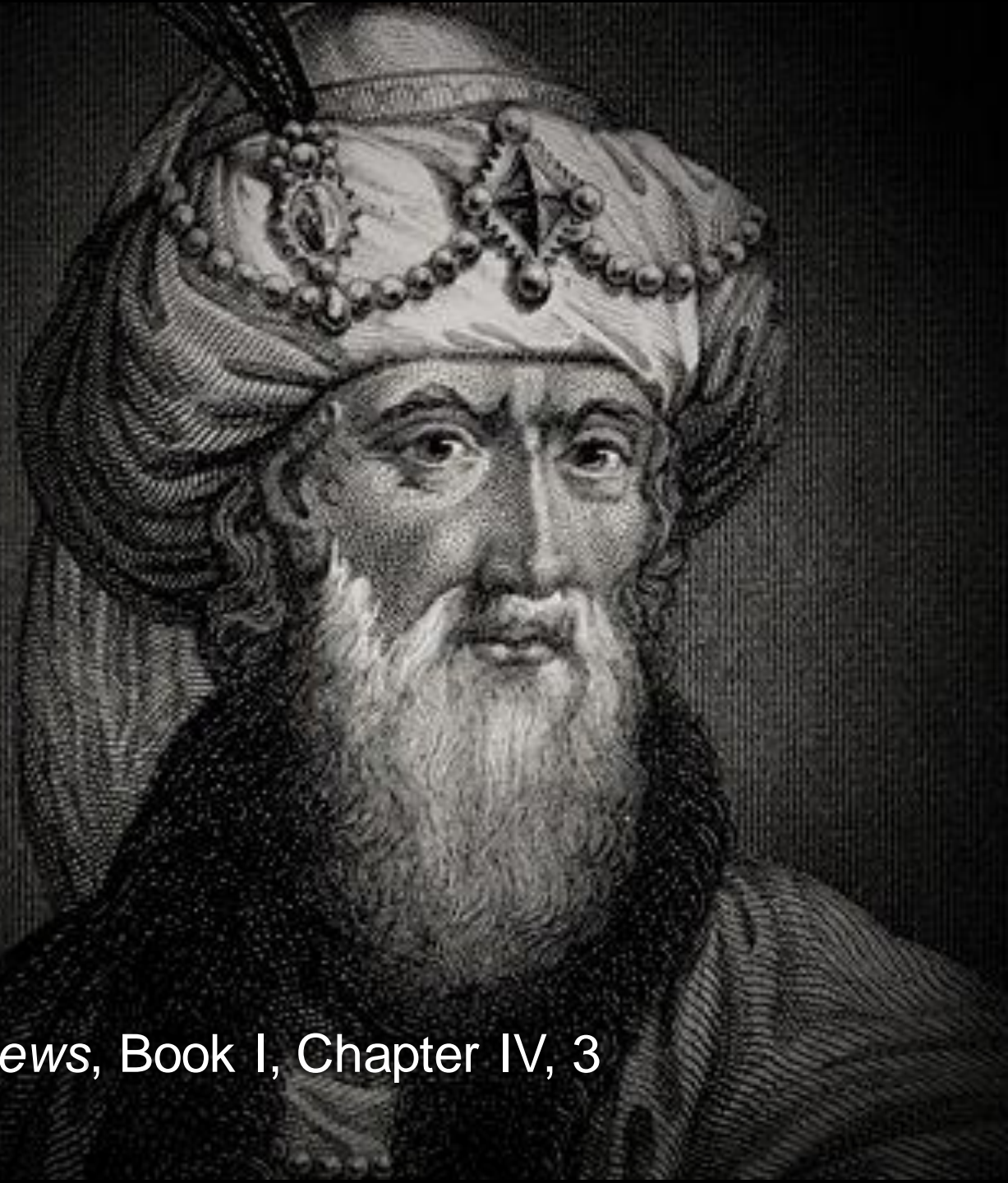
Babel?



Shinar

“But as to the plain of Shinar, in the country of Babylonia, Hestiaeus mentions it when he says thus: ‘Such of the priests as were saved took the sacred vessels of Jupiter Enyalius, and came to Shinar of Babylonia’”

Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book I, Chapter IV, 3



Possible Tower Locations

- Etemenanki



An aerial perspective of a detailed model of the Etemenanki ziggurat in Babylon. The ziggurat is a massive, stepped pyramid with a blue-tiled top. It is surrounded by a large, walled courtyard with a grid of walkways and palm trees. To the right, there are several large, rectangular buildings with multiple courtyards. The entire complex is enclosed within a high, crenelated wall. The scene is set in a desert-like environment with some greenery and a river visible in the background.

Etemenanki (Babylon)

Etemenanki

32°32'10"N 44°25'14"E



Etemenanki

- **Initial construction** *Unknown*
- **Destroyed by Sargon** *2350 BC*
- **Restored by Sharkalisharri** *2250 BC*
- **Restored by Esarhaddon** *681-655 BC*
- **Restored by Nebuchadnezzar II** *605-562 BC*
- **Destroyed by Xerxes** *472 BC*
- **Restored/Destroyed by Alexander** *323 BC*



Etemenanki

Possible Tower Locations

- Etemenanki

- Borsippa



A wide-angle photograph of the Borsippa archaeological site in Iraq. The central focus is a large, rocky mound with a prominent, jagged structure on top known as the 'Tongue Tower'. The surrounding landscape is a flat, arid plain with some sparse vegetation and a few utility poles. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text 'Borsippa' is written in large, bold, yellow letters, and '(“Tongue Tower”)' is written in smaller, white, italicized letters below it.

Borsippa


(*“Tongue Tower”*)



Birs Nimrud

(“Tower of Nimrod”)

Borsippa

 $32^{\circ} 23' 31.24''$ $44^{\circ} 20' 27.07''$



“A former king built the Temple of the Seven Lights of the Earth, but he did not complete its head. Since a remote time, people had abandoned it, without order expressing their words. Since that time earthquakes and lightning had dispersed its sun-dried clay; the bricks of the casing had split, and the earth of the interior had been scattered in heaps.”

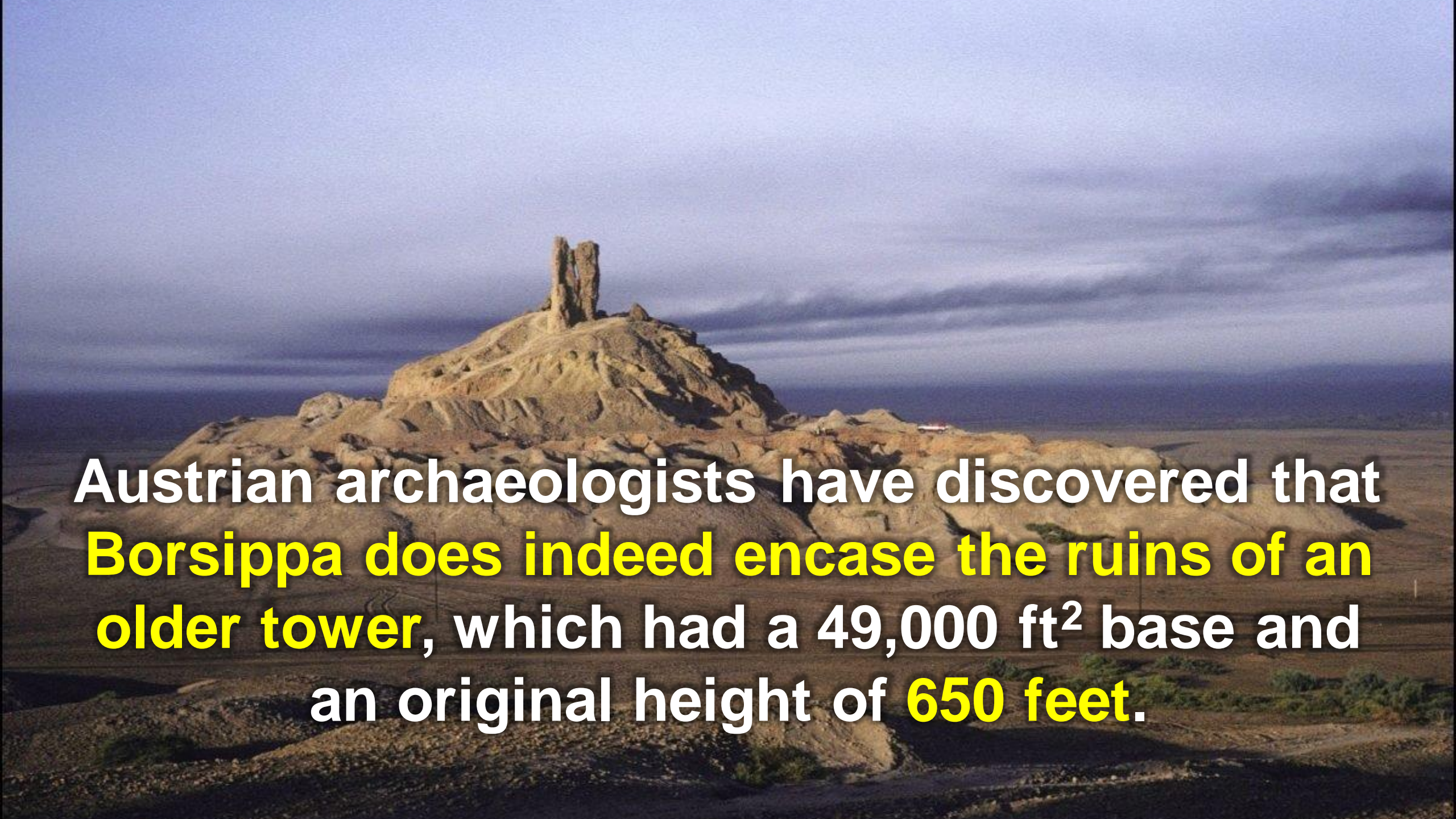
Nebuchadnezzar II, *Borsippa Inscription*



***“Marduk, the great lord,
excited my mind to repair this
building. I did not change the
site, nor did I take away the
foundation stone as it had
been in former times. So I
founded it, I made it; as it had
been in ancient days, I so
exalted the summit.”***

Nebuchadnezzar II, *Borsippa Inscription*



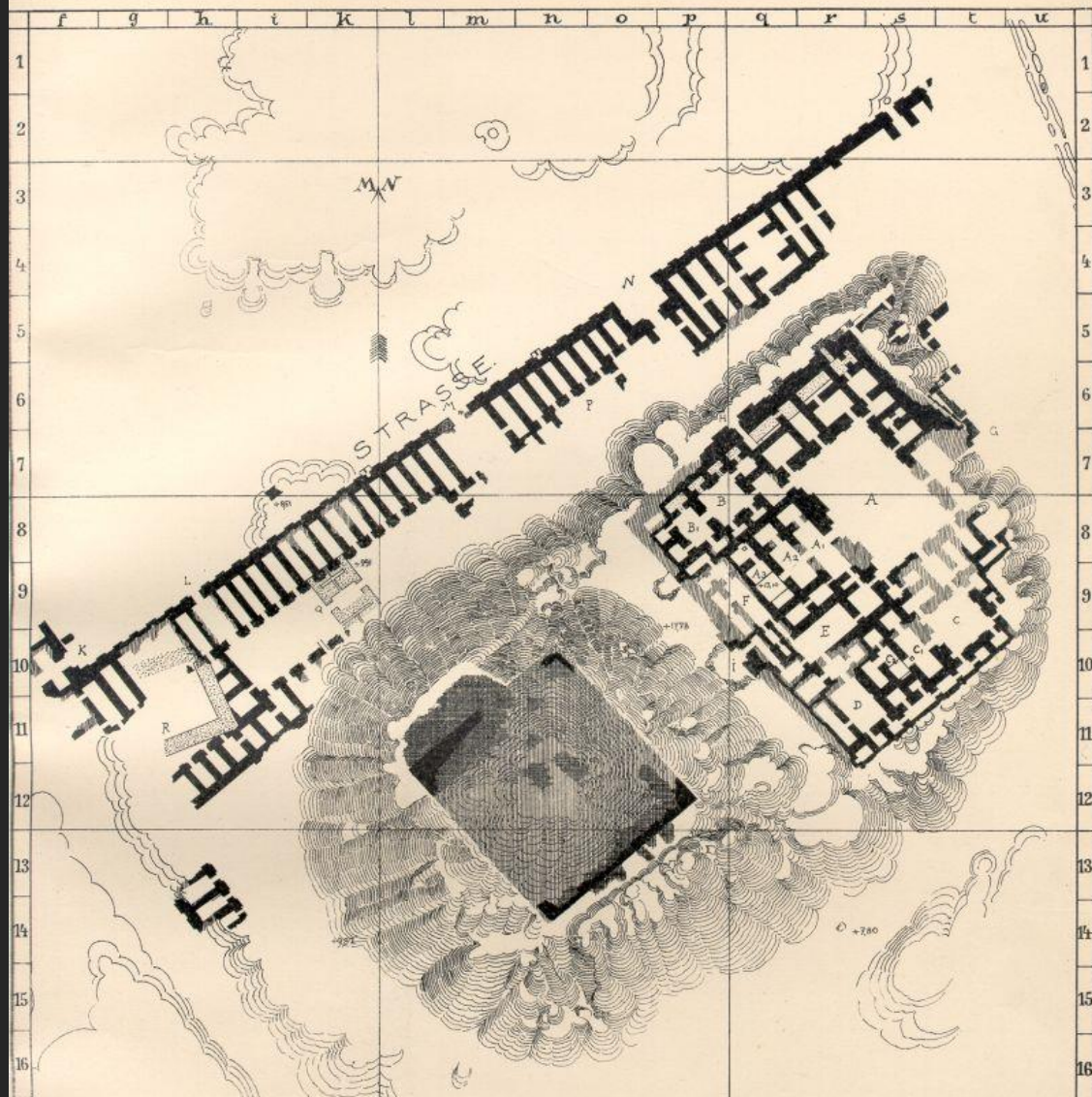


Austrian archaeologists have discovered that **Borsippa does indeed encase the ruins of an older tower**, which had a 49,000 ft² base and an original height of **650 feet**.

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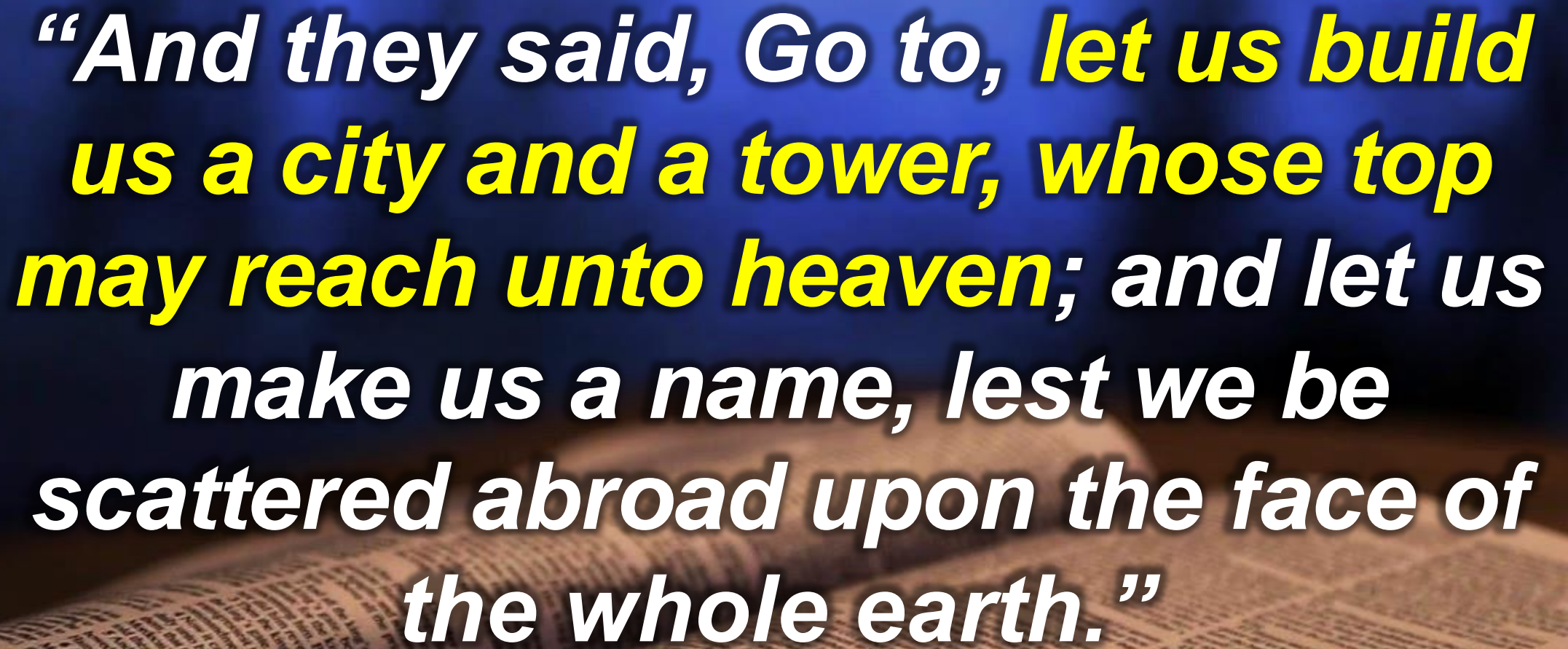
Genesis 11:8



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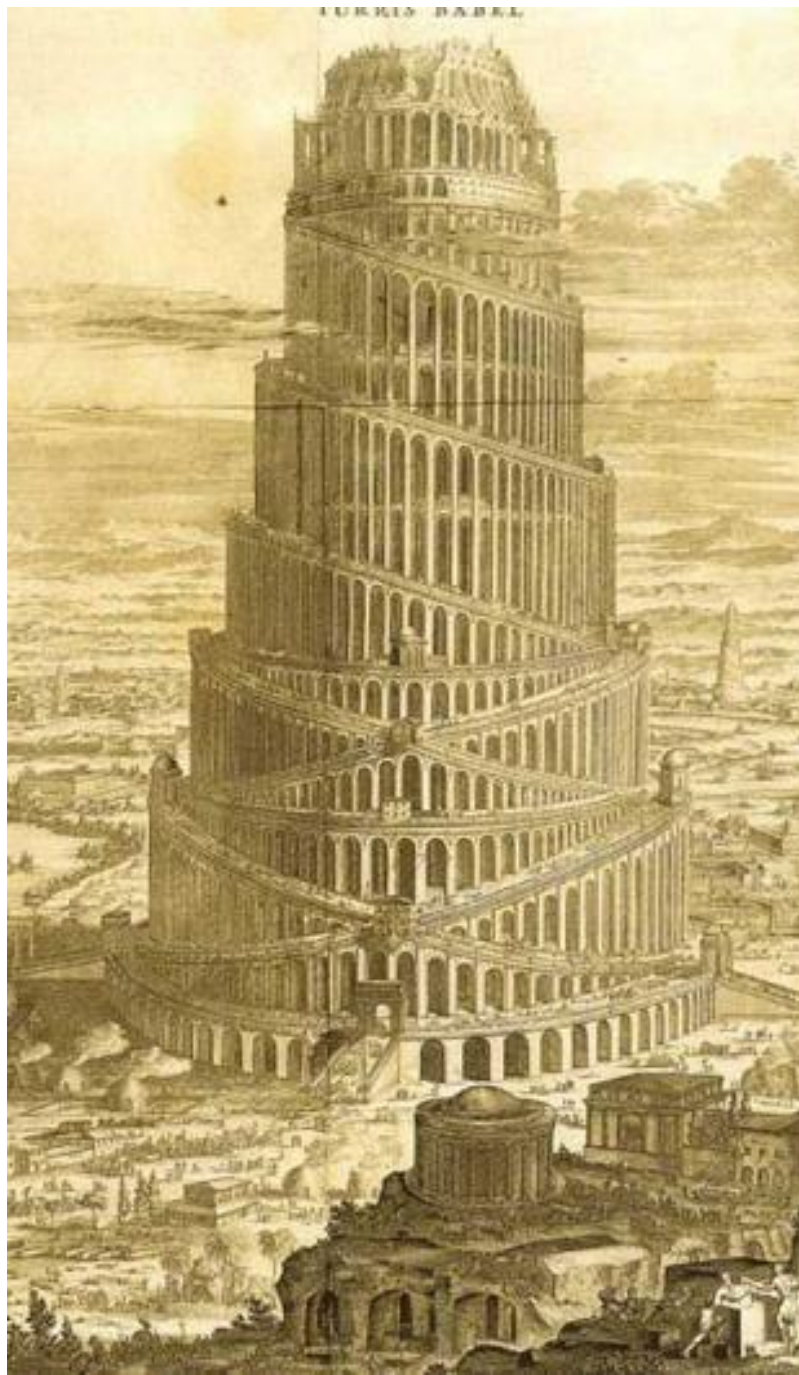
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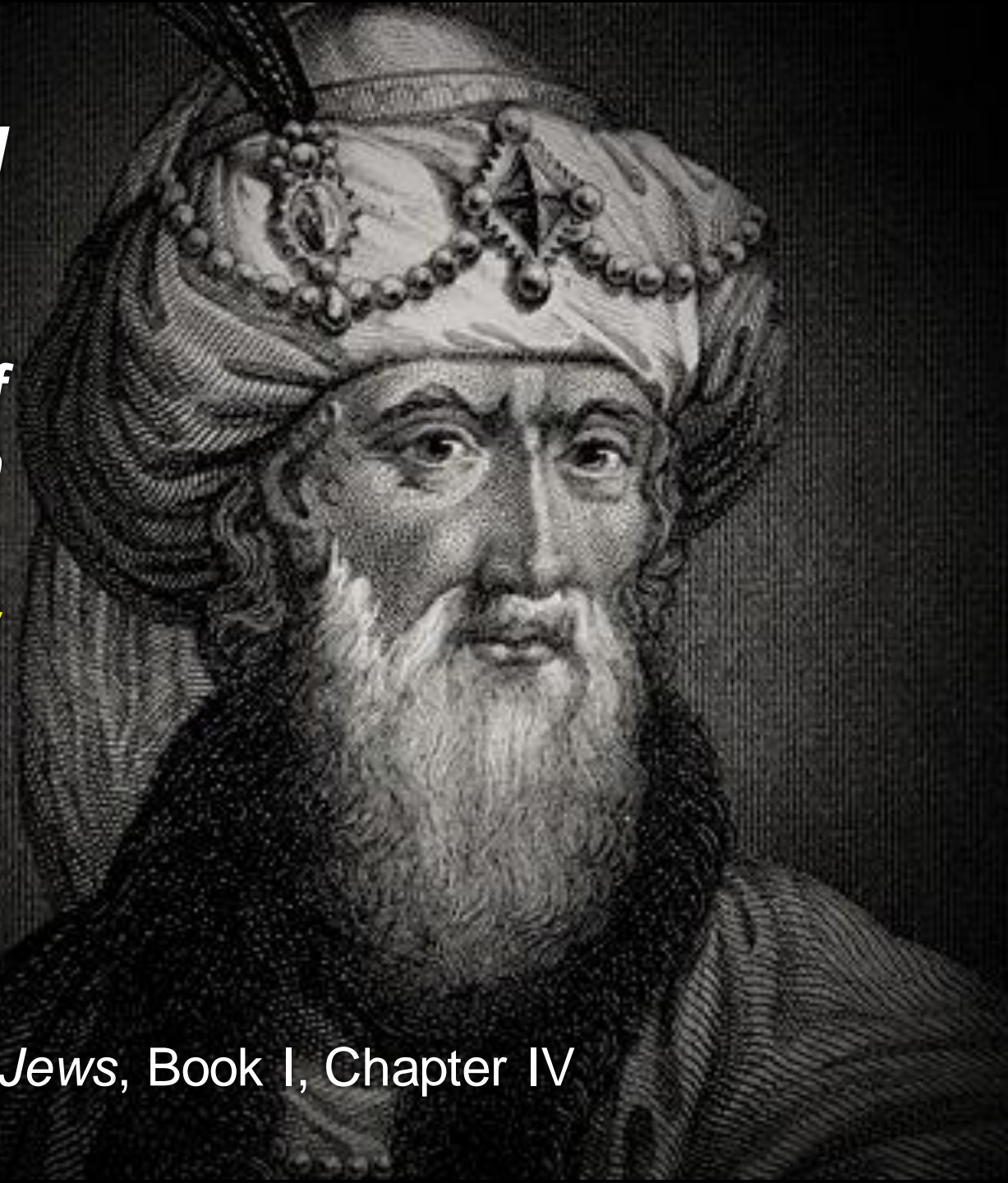
“And they said, Go to, **let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven;** and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

Genesis 11:4



*“Now it was **Nimrod** who excited them to such an affront and contempt of God... He also said he would be revenged on God, if he should have a mind to drown the world again; for that he would **build a tower too high for the waters to be able to reach** and that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers.”*

Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, Book I, Chapter IV



“And they built it: forty and three years were they building it; its breadth was 203 bricks, and the height of a brick was the third of one; **its height amounted to 5433 cubits and 2 palms**, and the extent of one wall was thirteen stades and of the other thirty stades”

The Book of Jubilees 10:20-21

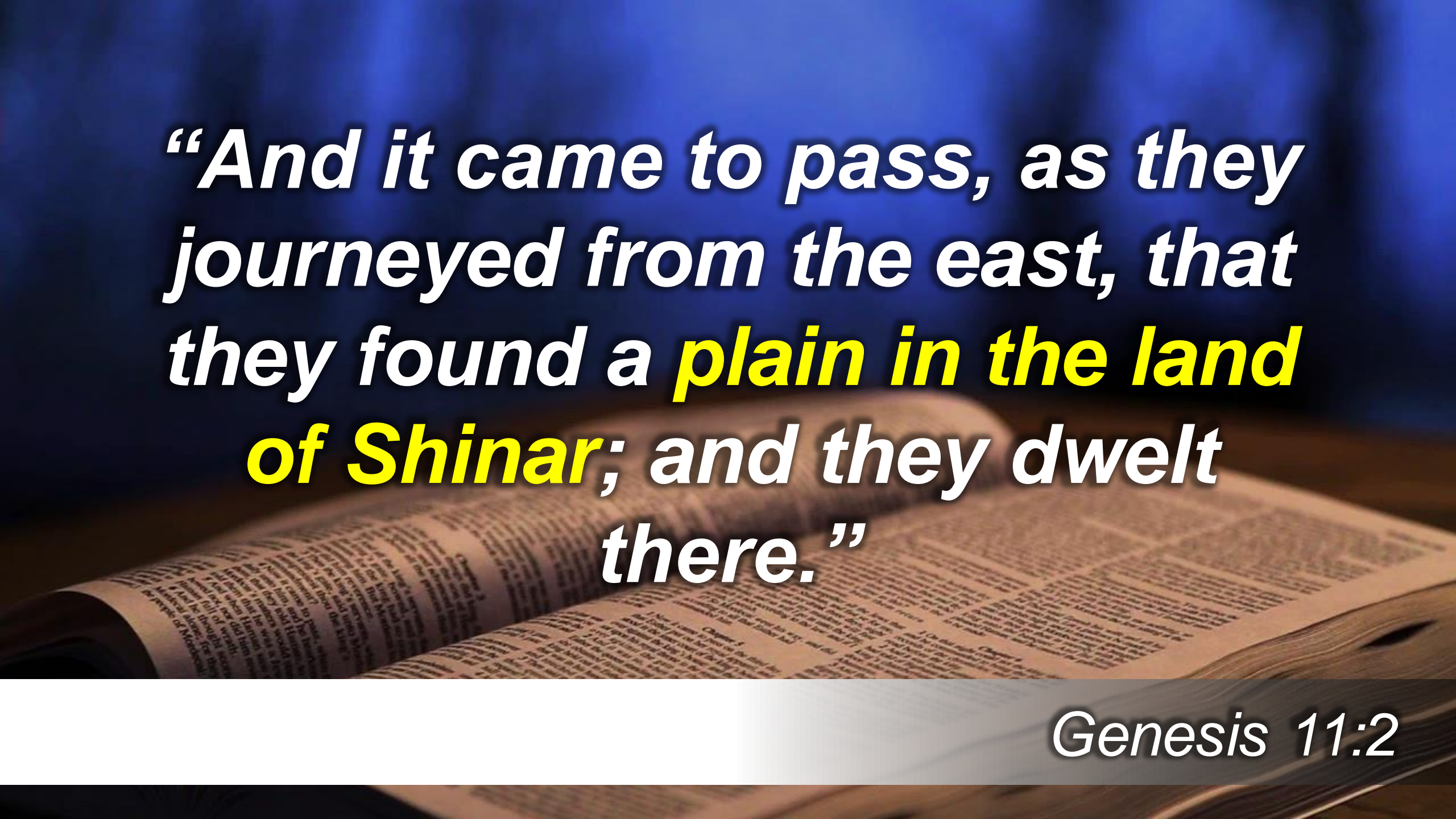


1.55 miles
(2.5 km)

A night-time photograph of the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, UAE. The skyscraper is illuminated with warm lights, standing out against a dark blue sky with scattered clouds. The surrounding city skyline is also lit up, with various other high-rise buildings visible. The overall scene is a vibrant urban nightscape.

Burj Khalifa *(Dubai, UAE)*

2,717 feet
(0.51 miles)

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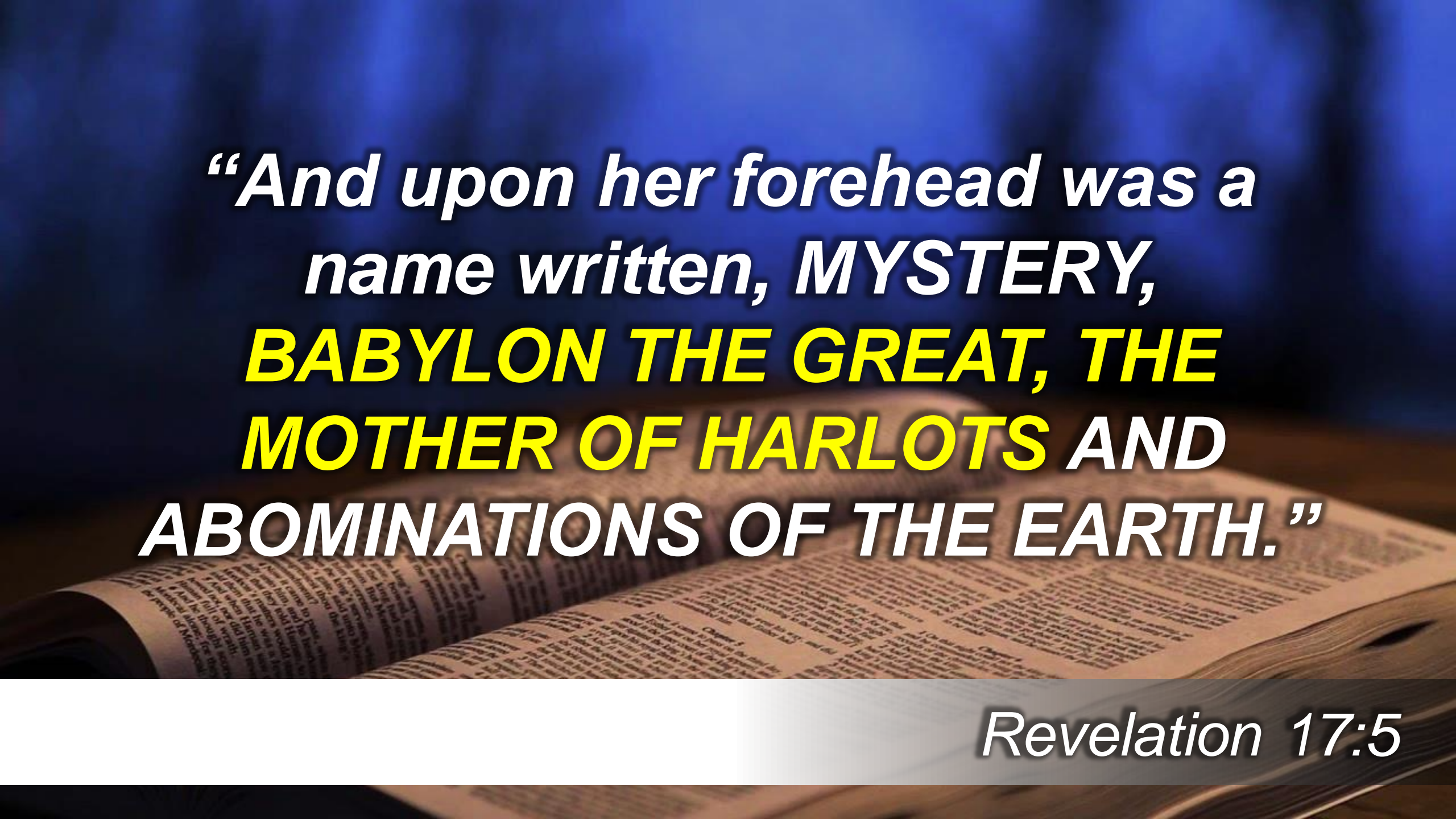


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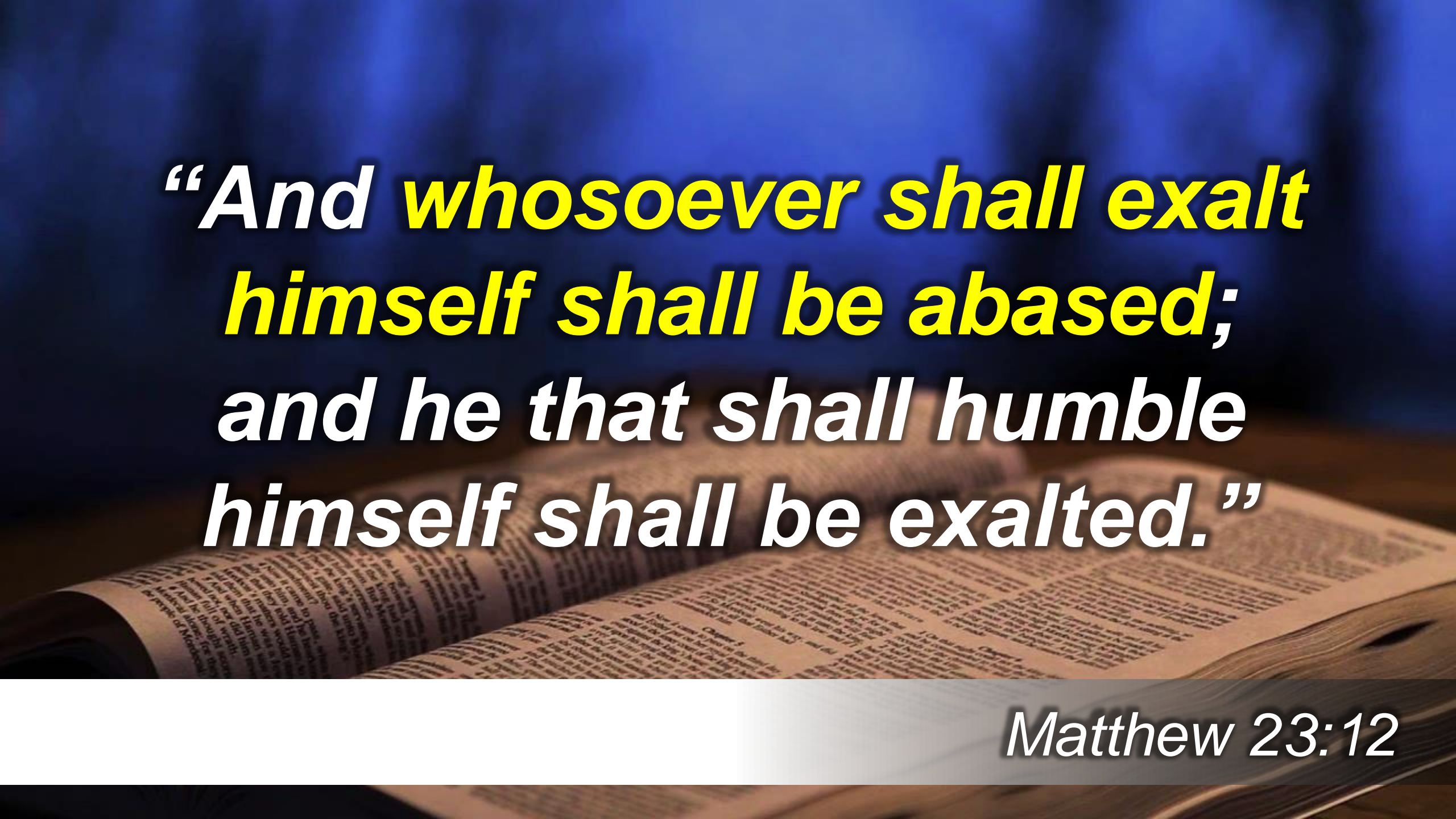
All **man-made religions** desire to receive honor for the works of man.



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*“And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**”*

Revelation 17:5

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***“And whosoever shall exalt
himself shall be abased;
and he that shall humble
himself shall be exalted.”***

Matthew 23:12

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“...God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”

James 4:6

The Tower of Babel

- The Tower's Purpose
- The Tower's Location
- God's Response



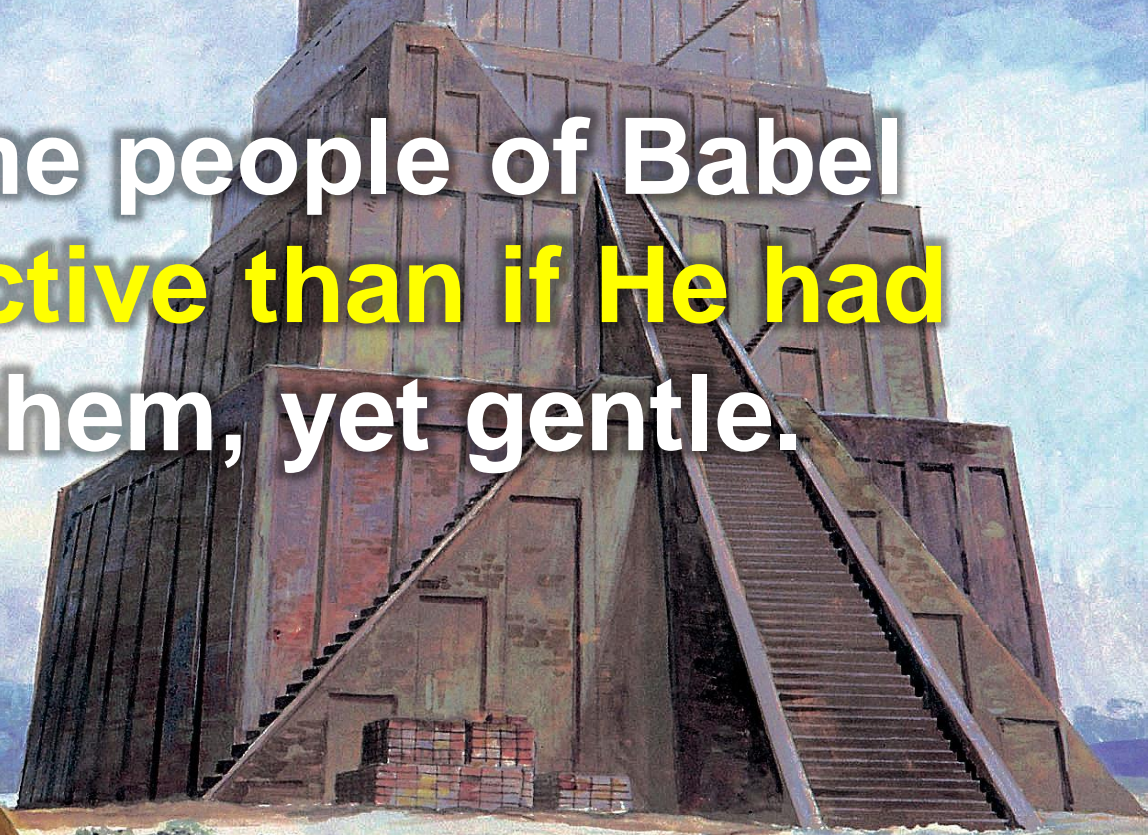
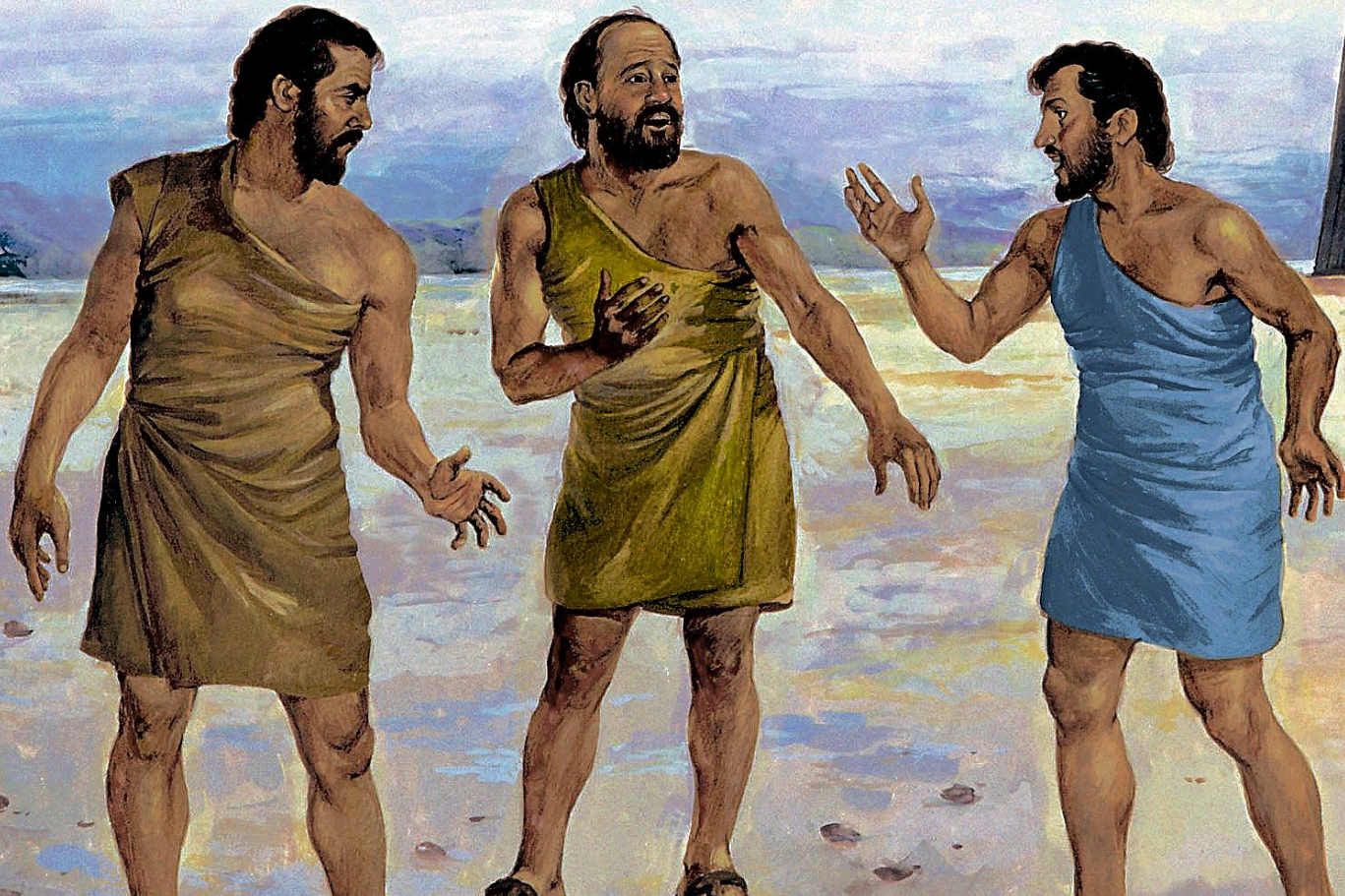
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God's way of making the people of Babel separate was **more effective than if He had built a wall** between them, yet gentle.





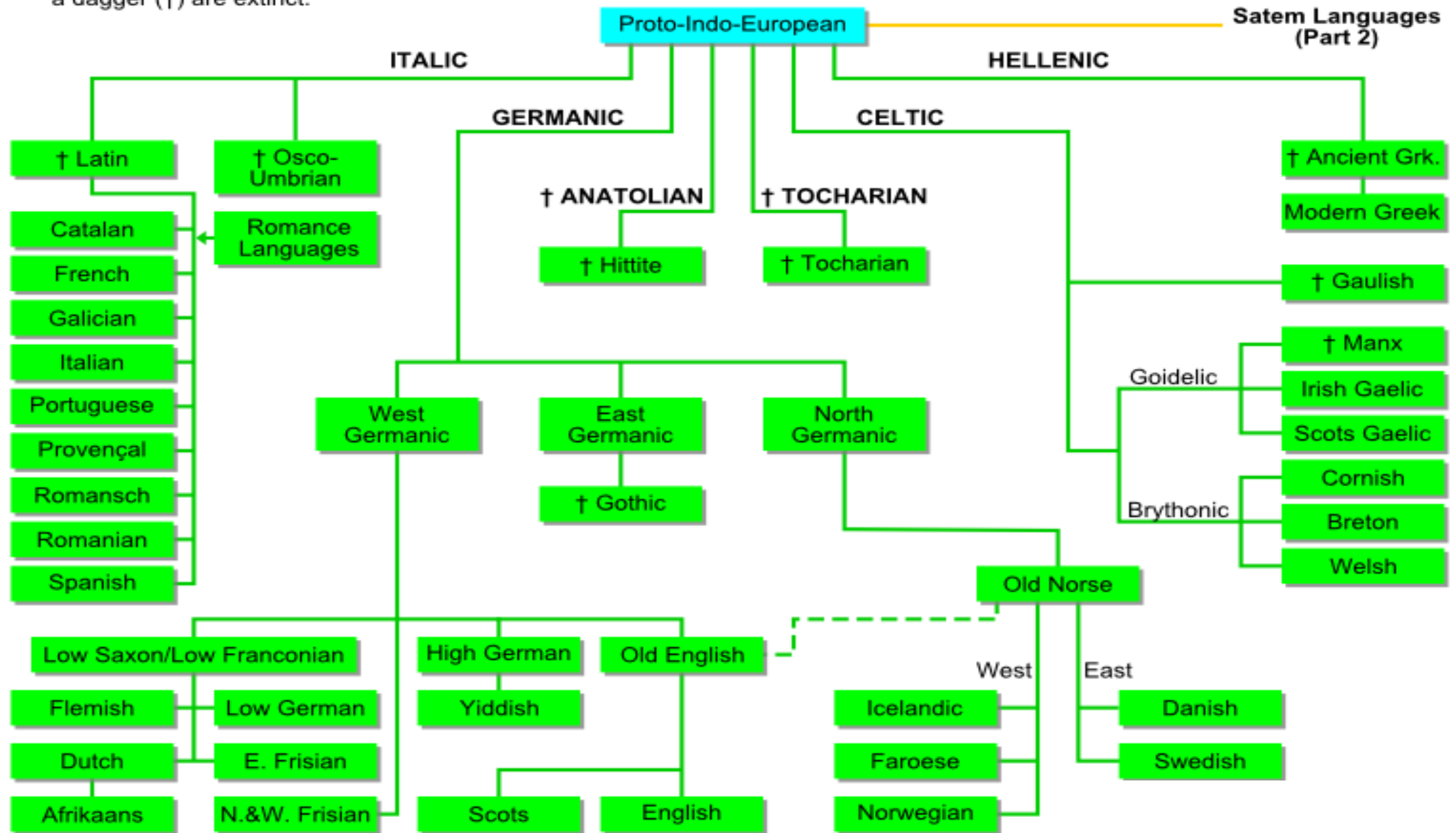


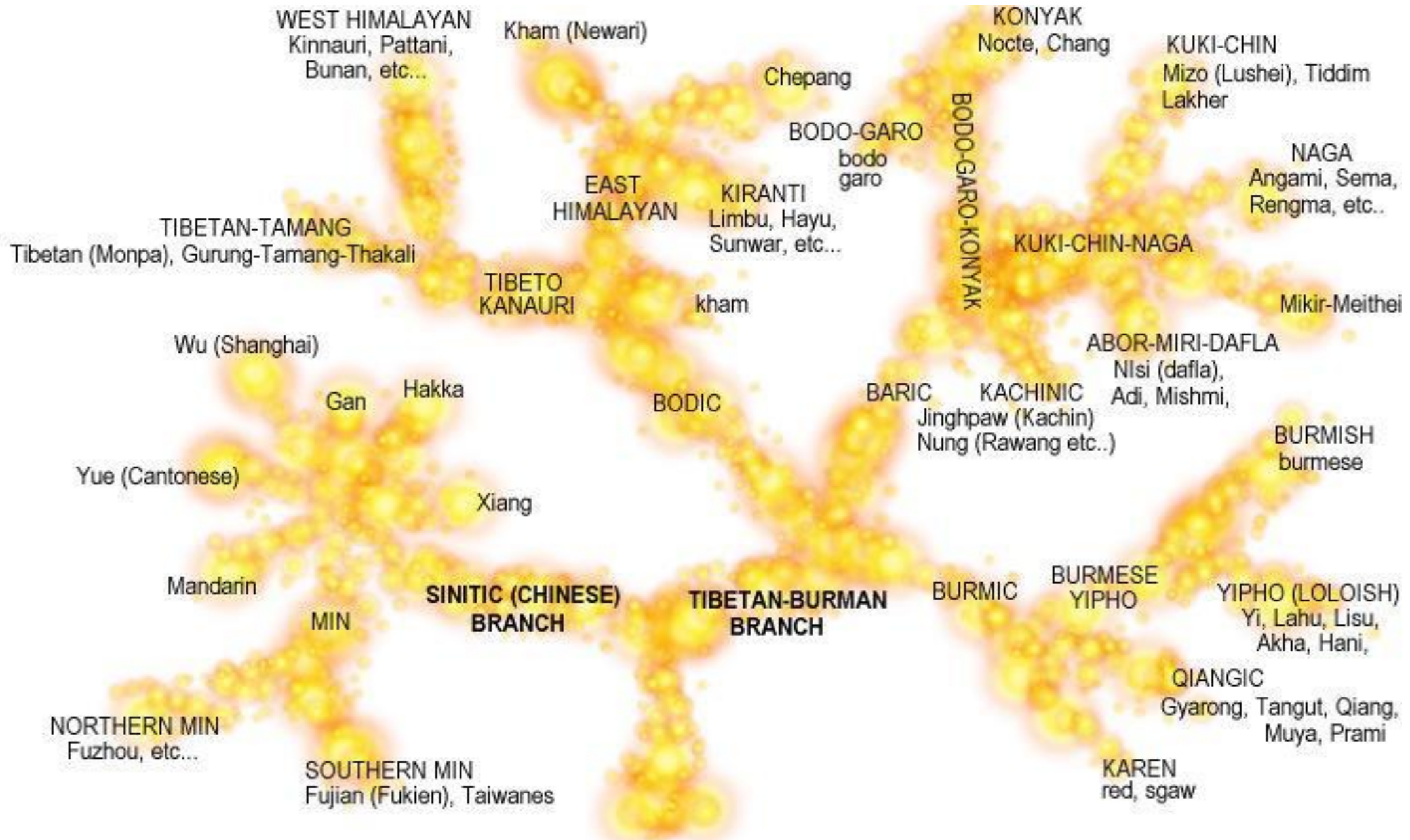
There are ~7,000 languages,
but linguists have been able
to associate these with
94 proto-languages.

Indo-European Languages

Part 1: Centum Languages

Languages marked with a dagger (†) are extinct.





SINO-TIBETAN



These **proto-languages** represent the parent languages that were formed at the **Tower of Babel.**

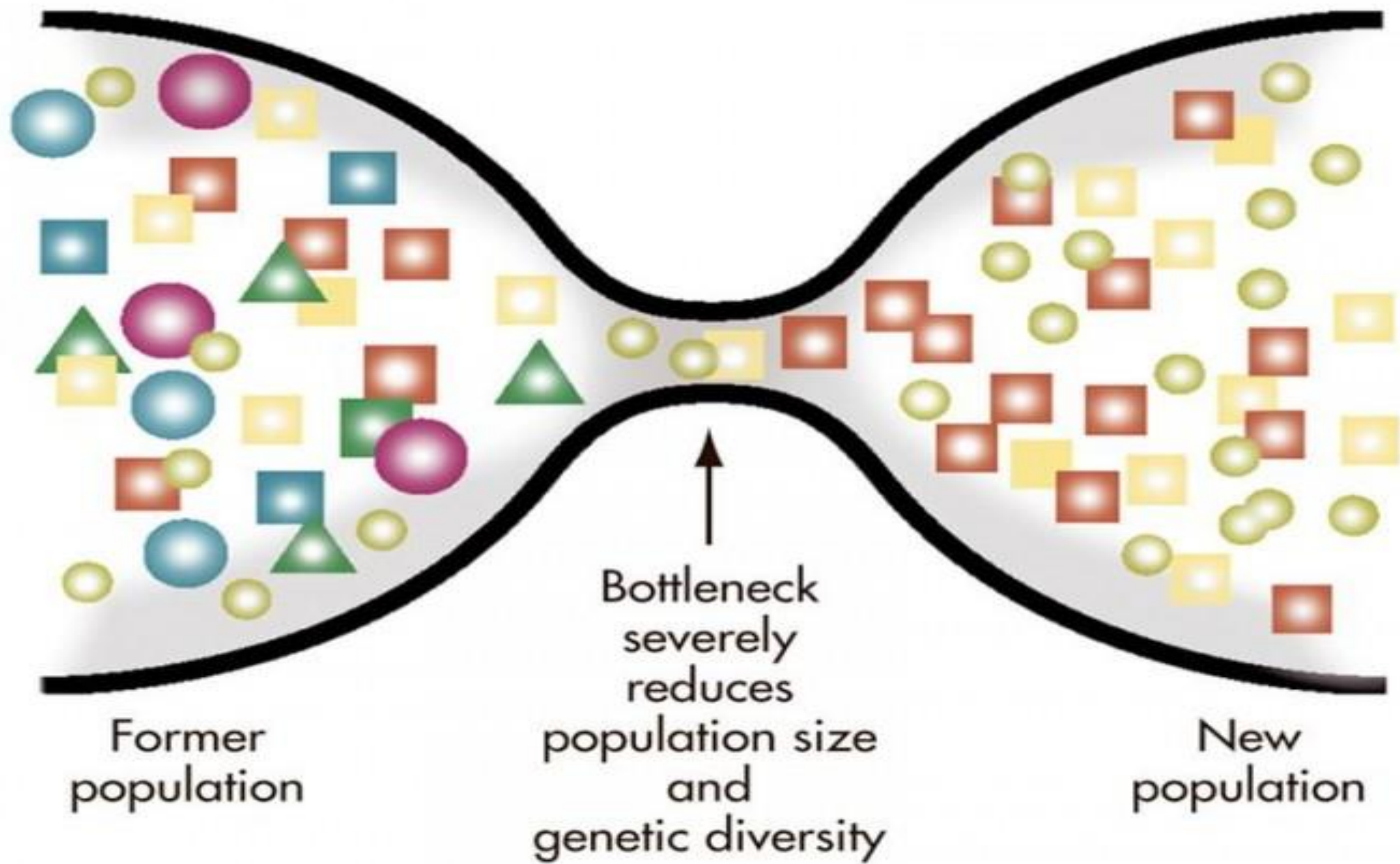
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Not only were the languages set within each group that migrated from Babel, but also the **genetic information** within their bodies.





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Whatever **genetic traits** (i.e. skin color, eye shape, hair texture, etc.) that were found in the majority of the population would have become **more prominent and fixed** as the years passed.





“Races”



“Races”

*Genetically limited and
biologically diverse
groups of people.*

The image is a vertical collage. The left half shows a variety of human hands of different skin tones (dark brown, medium brown, tan, light beige) reaching towards the center. The right half shows a close-up of four different eyes: a brown eye, a grey eye, a blue eye, and a hazel eye. The text is overlaid in the center, spanning both halves.

Skin color and **eye shape**
only account for **0.012%** of
all genetic differences.

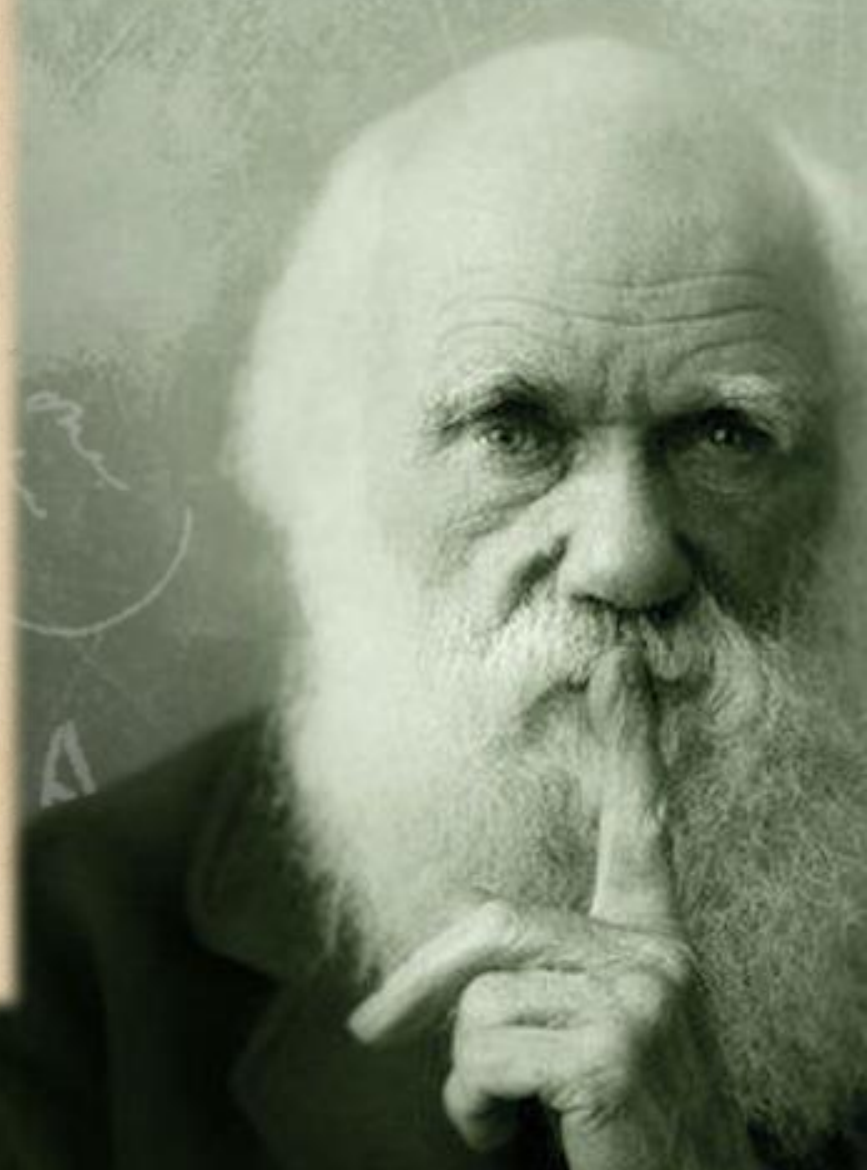
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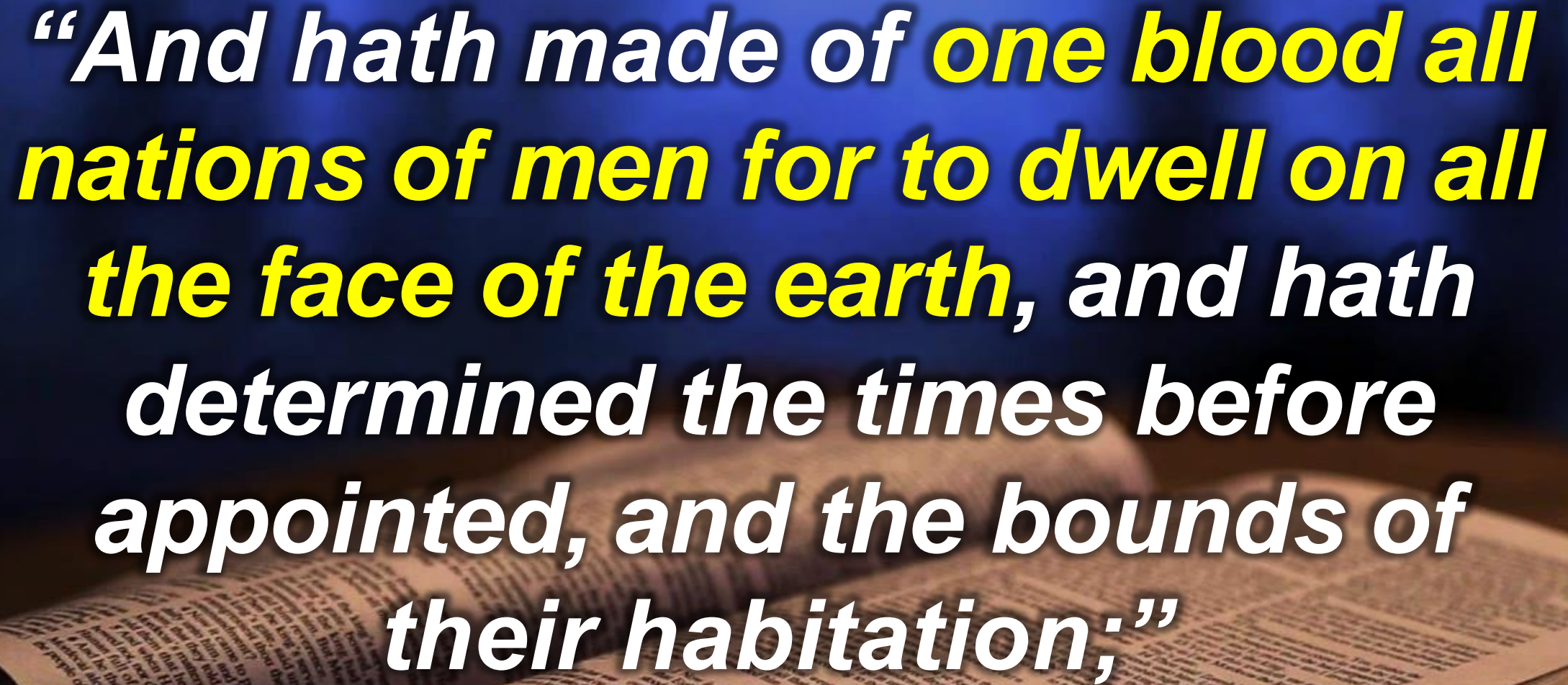


ON
THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES

BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION,

OR THE
PRESERVATION OF FAVOURED RACES IN THE STRUGGLE
FOR LIFE.



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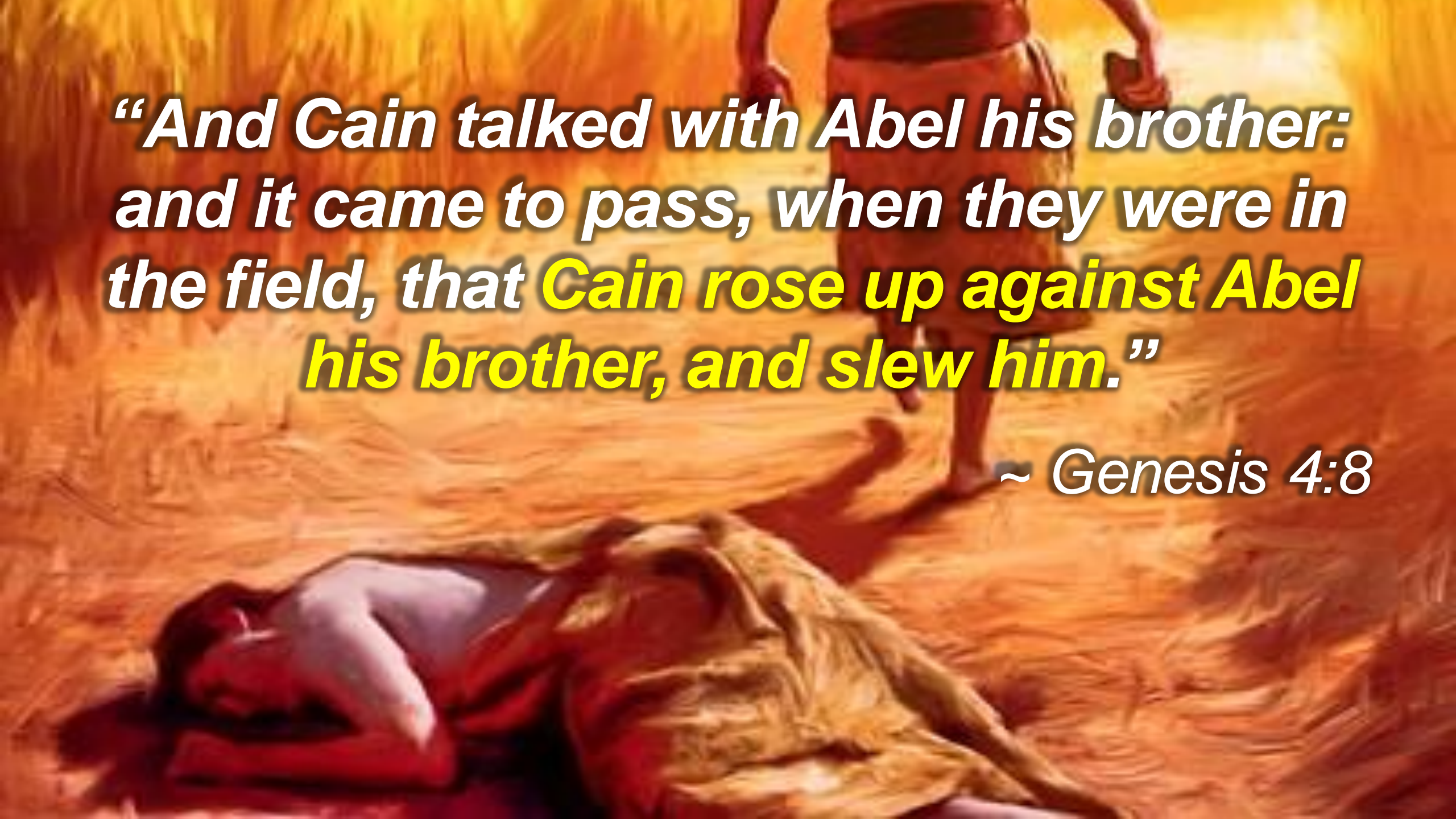
“And hath made of **one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth,** and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;”

Acts 17:26

Common Misunderstandings on “Race”

- The result of **Cain’s Mark**





***“And Cain talked with Abel his brother:
and it came to pass, when they were in
the field, that **Cain rose up against Abel
his brother, and slew him.**”***

~ Genesis 4:8

*“And **now art thou cursed from the earth,** which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; **a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.**”*

Genesis 4:11-16

*“And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is **greater than I can bear**. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and **it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.**”*

Genesis 4:11-16

*“And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. **And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.** And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD...”*

Genesis 4:11-16

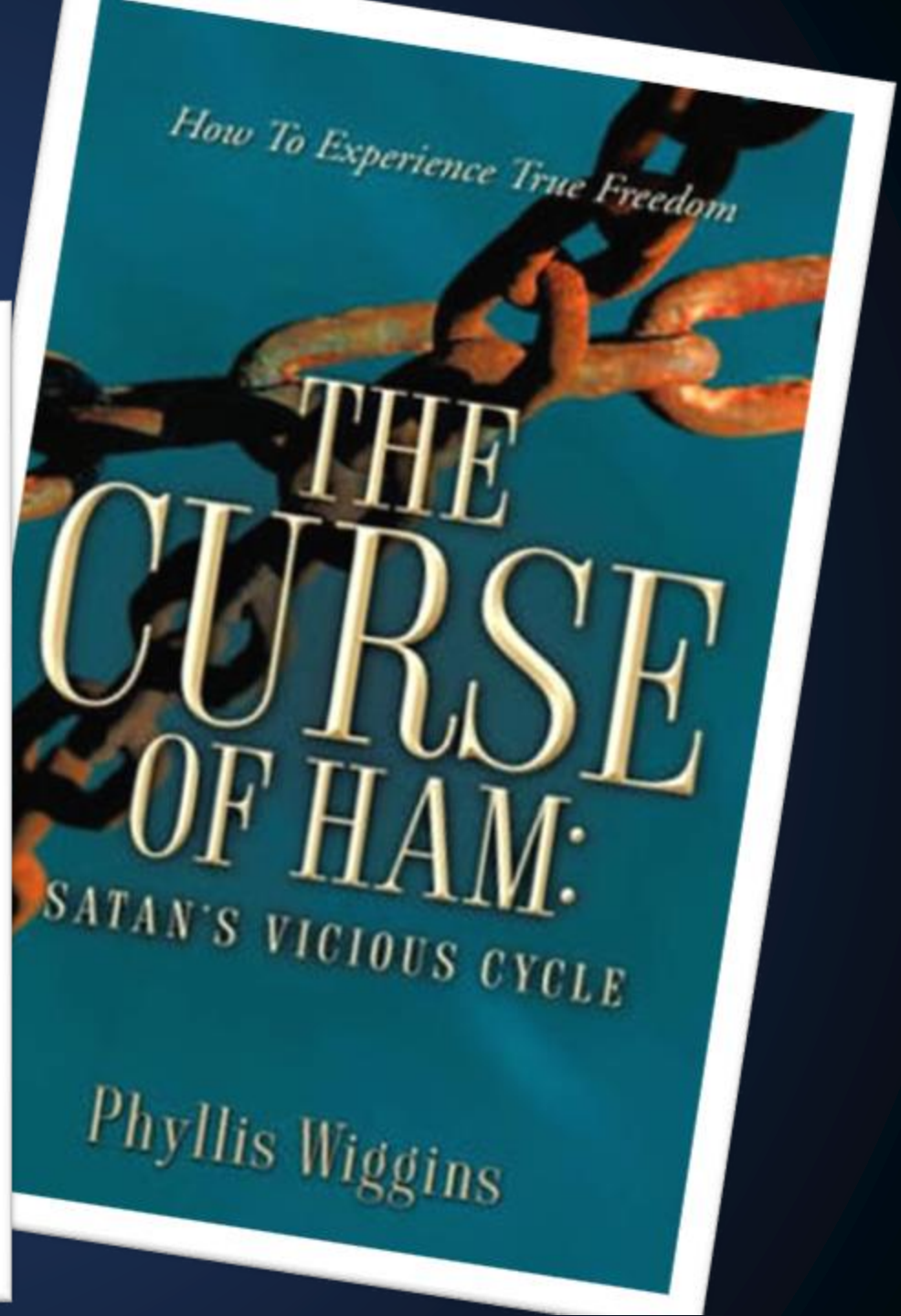
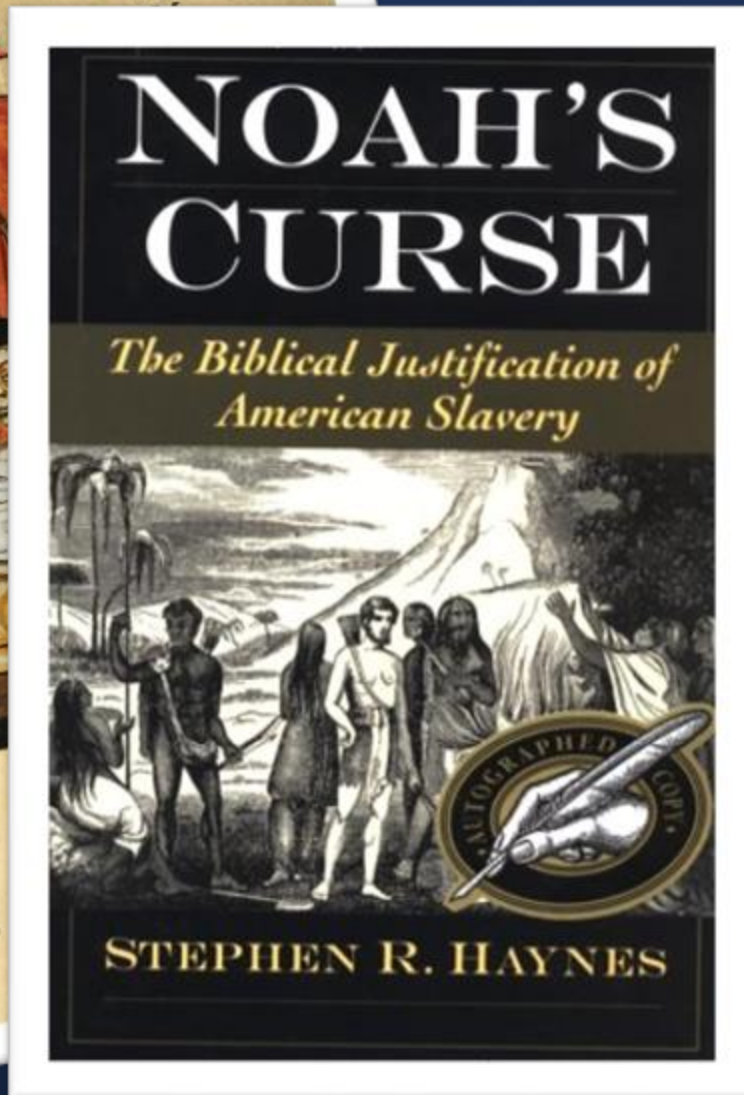
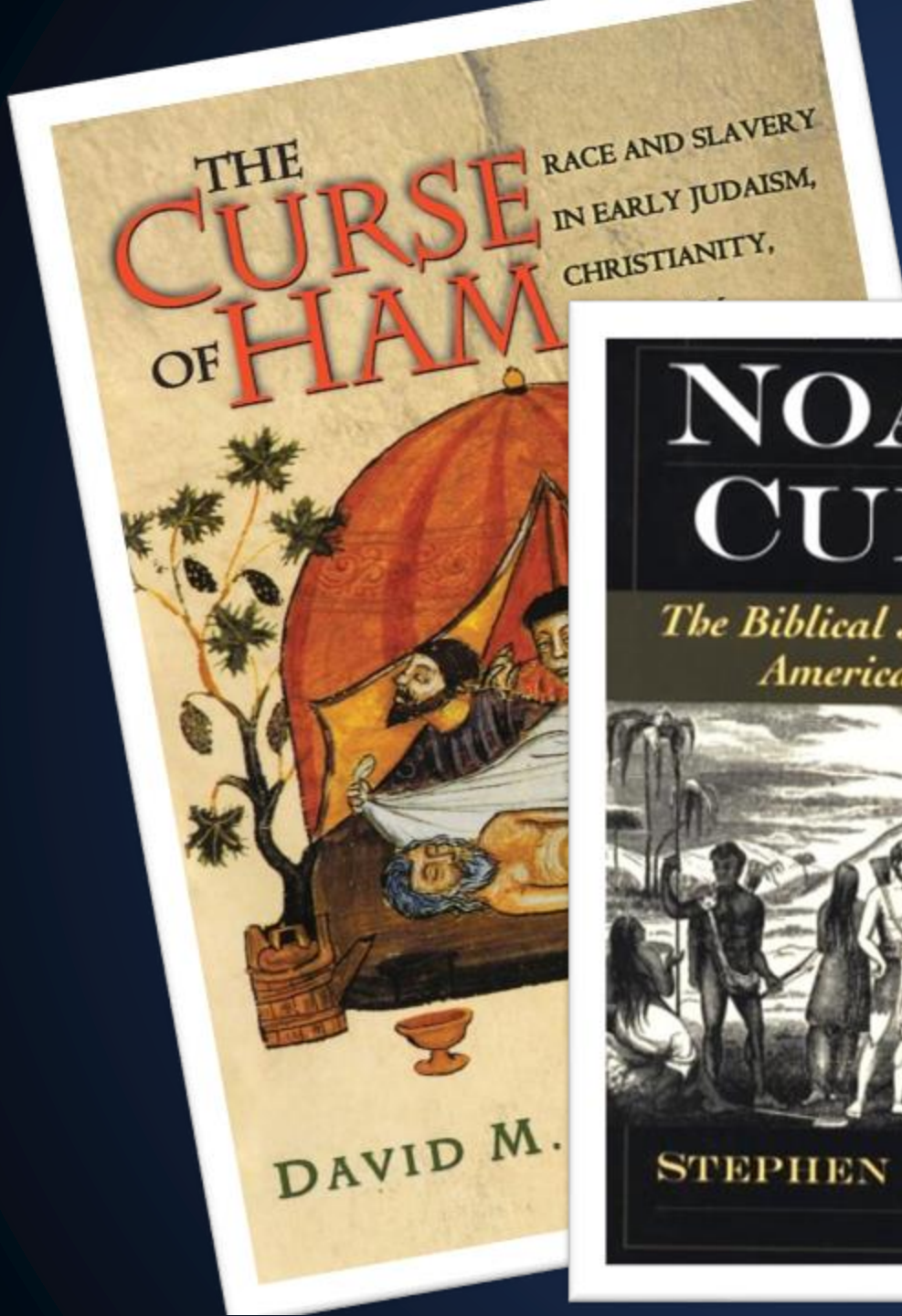
The Mark of Cain

- Translated from the Hebrew “*oth*” (*beacon or signal*).
- Placed upon Cain for his own **benefit and protection**, not as a punishment.
- Did not pass to his **children**.

Common Misunderstandings on “Race”

- The result of **Cain’s Mark**

- The result of **Ham’s Curse**



*“And **Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father**, and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and **covered the nakedness of their father**; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father’s nakedness.”*

Genesis 9:22-27

*“And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. And he said, **Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.** And he said, **Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and **Canaan shall be his servant.**”***

Genesis 9:22-27

A “**servant**” is
not necessarily a
“**slave**”.

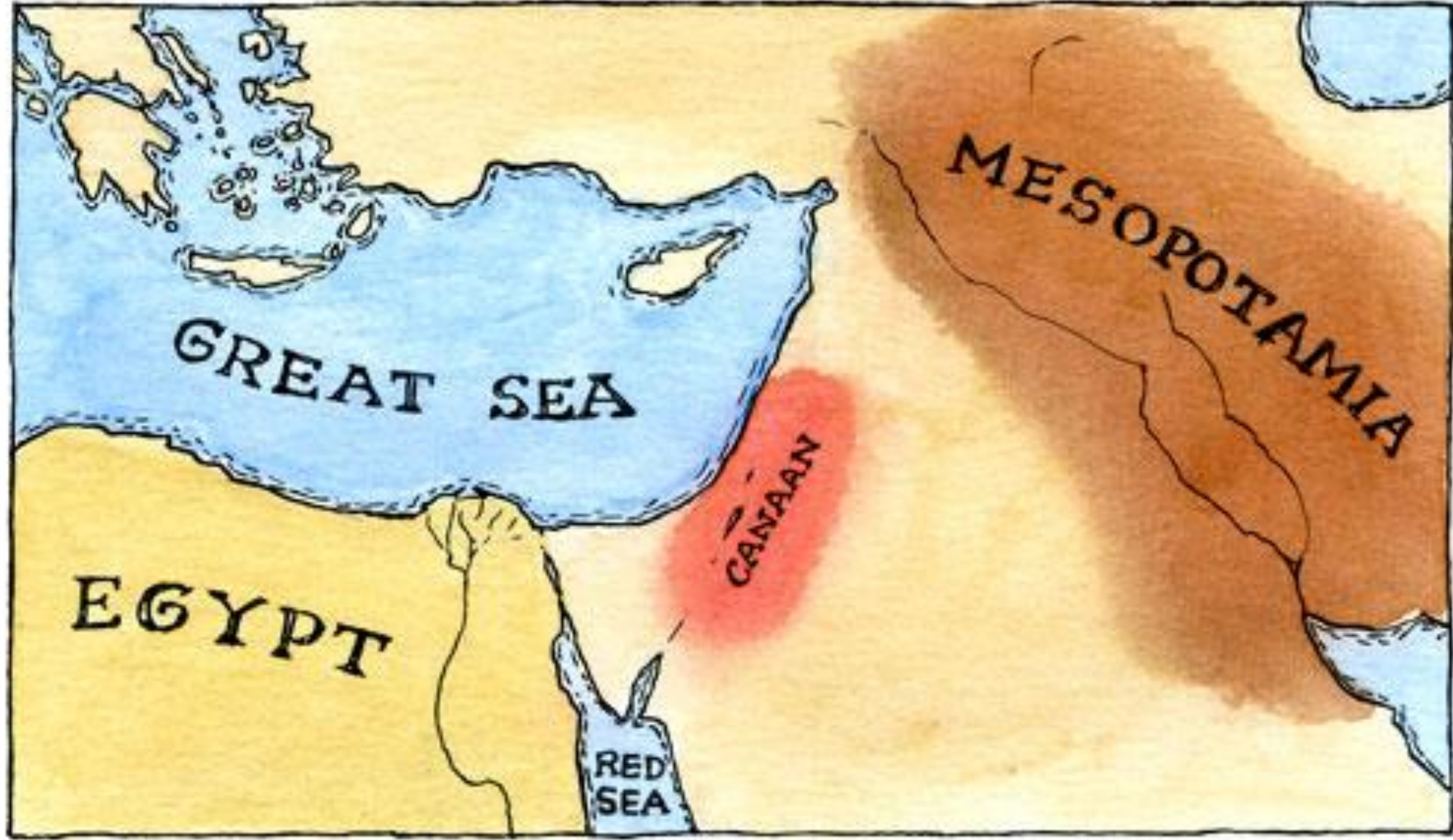


*“Let this mind be in you, which was also in **Christ Jesus**: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But **made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**”*

Philippians 2:5-8

A close-up photograph of an archaeological excavation. A person's hand is visible, holding a metal dental pick to examine a set of ancient human teeth. The teeth are embedded in a jawbone, which is partially buried in dark, moist soil. Other skeletal remains, including long bones and a rib, are scattered in the background. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Canaan was the father
of the Canaanite people,
not the ancestors of the
groups that settled in
Africa.**



GREAT SEA

EGYPT

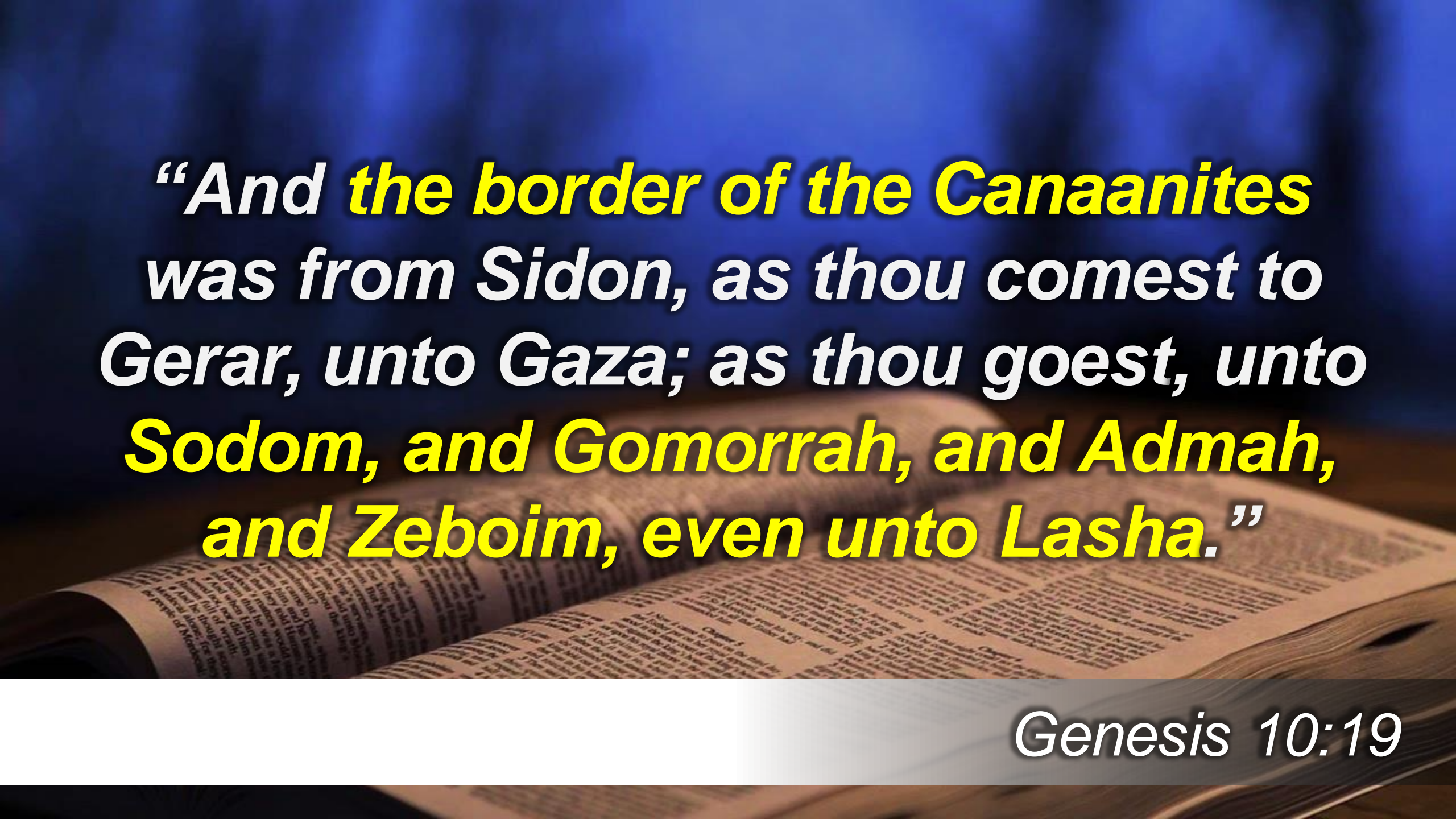
RED SEA

CANAAN

MESOPOTAMIA





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“And the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zeboim, even unto Lasha.”

Genesis 10:19

**At the foot of the
Cross, there is
level ground for
all groups of
people.**





*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**”*

~ Galatians 3:28

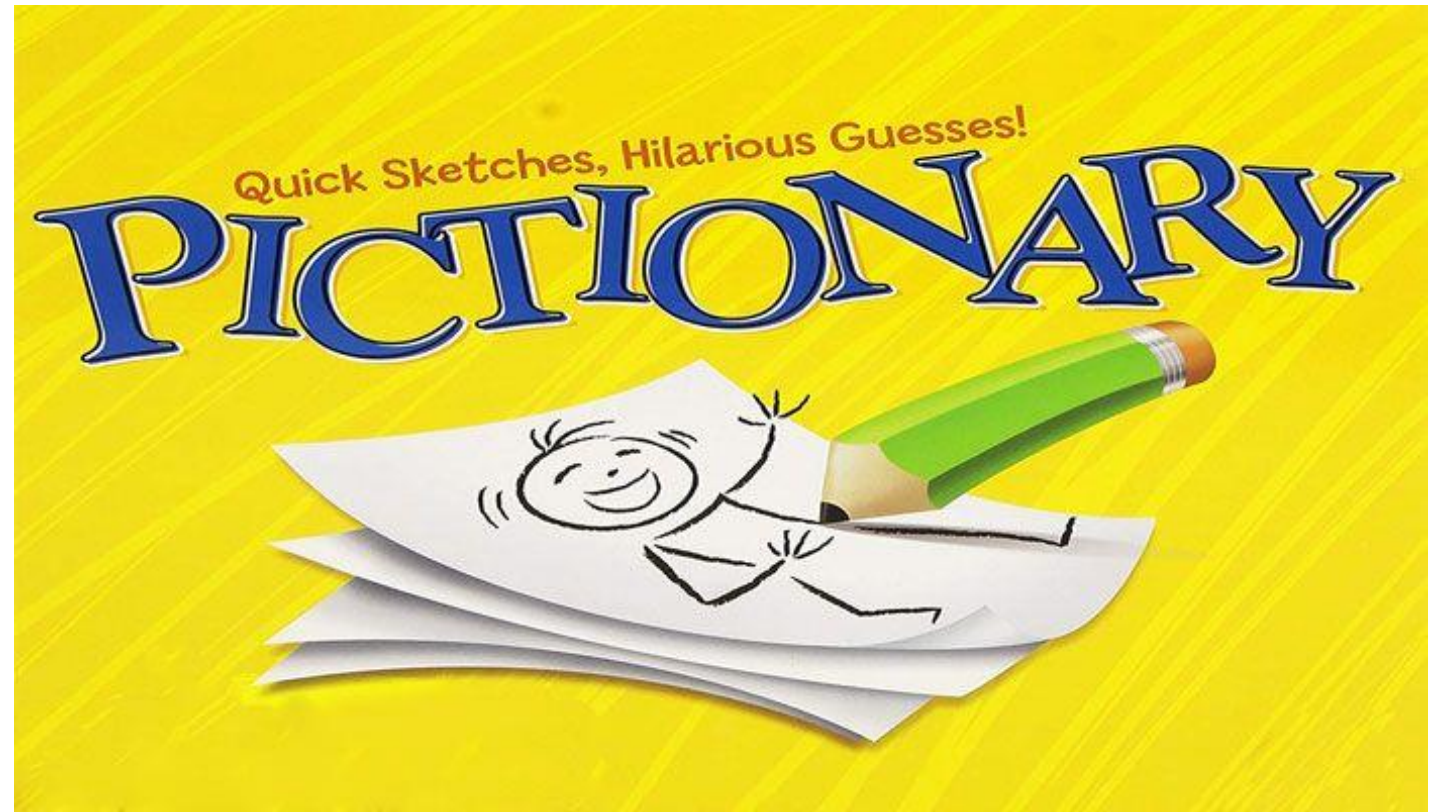
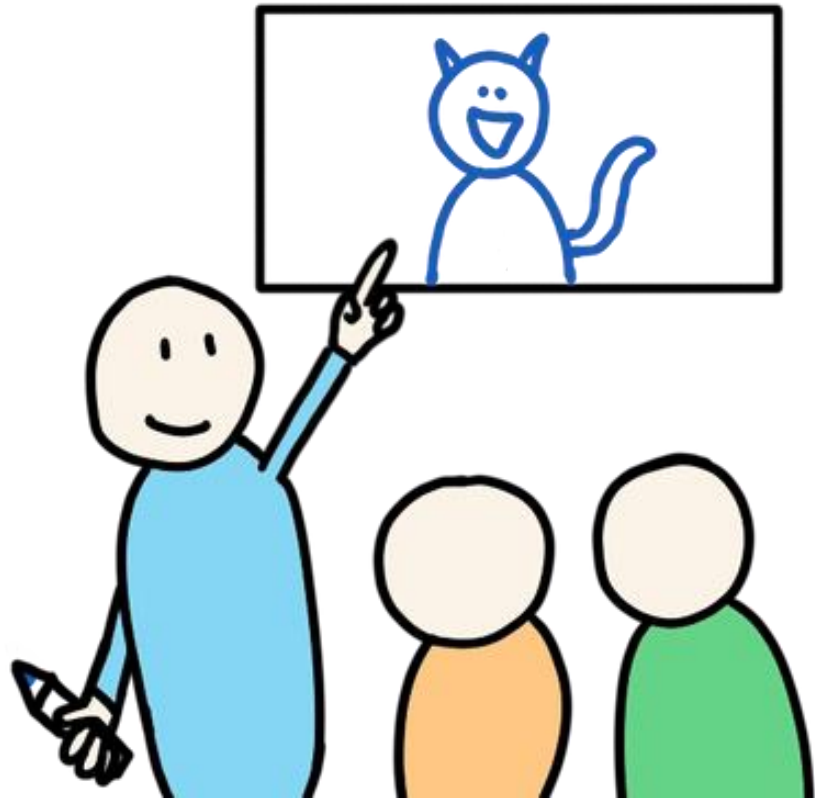
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Proto-Cuneiform



3200 BCE

3000 BCE

2400 BCE

1000 BCE

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'head'



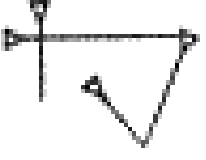
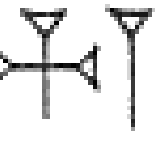








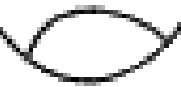
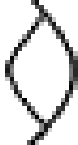
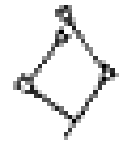







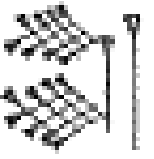







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Elamite



Egyptian








Hittite
(Luwian)



Harrapan
(Indus)



Chinese Oracle Bone Script

SCRIPT	SIGN	MEANING
Archaic Sumerian		mountain hill country foreign country
Hieroglyphic Egyptian		hill country foreign country mountain
Archaic Chinese		mountain hill mound
Hieroglyphic Hittite		citadel country
Ancient Indus		?

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Garden

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Enclosure

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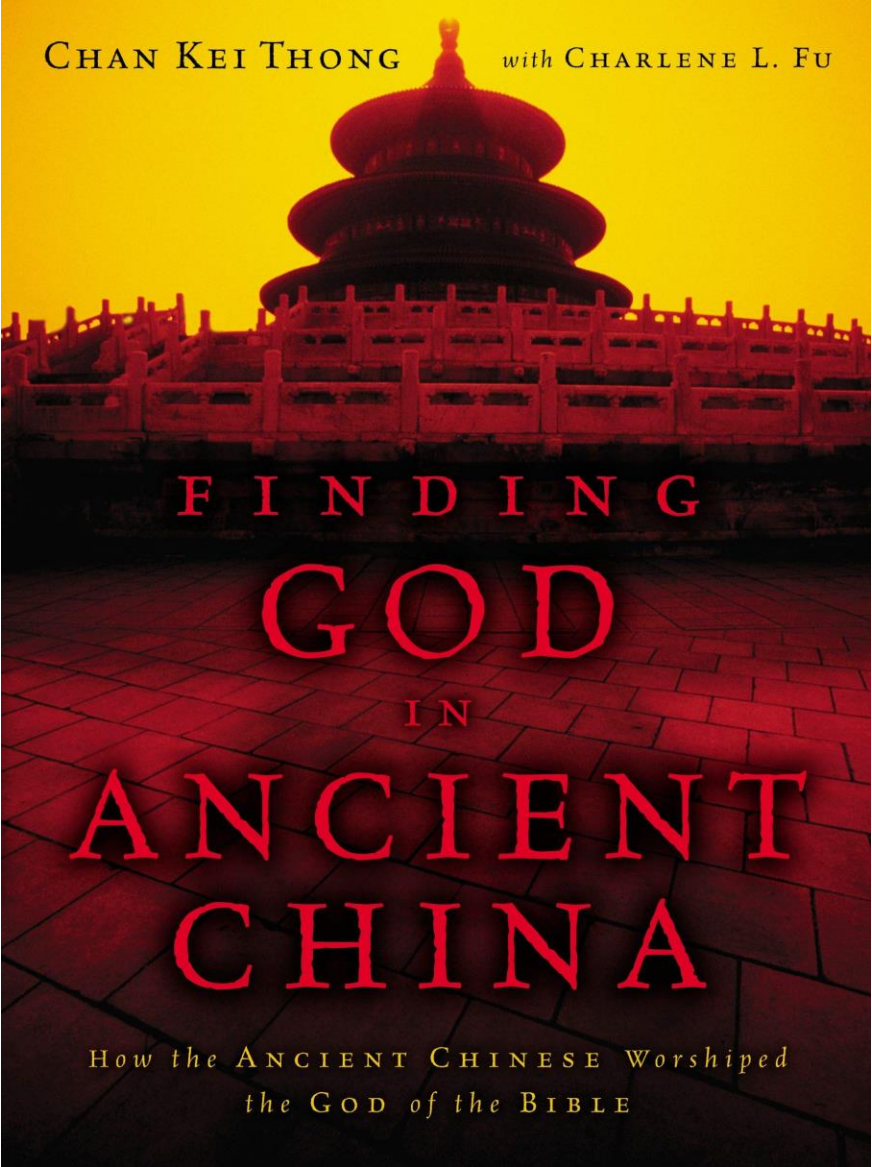
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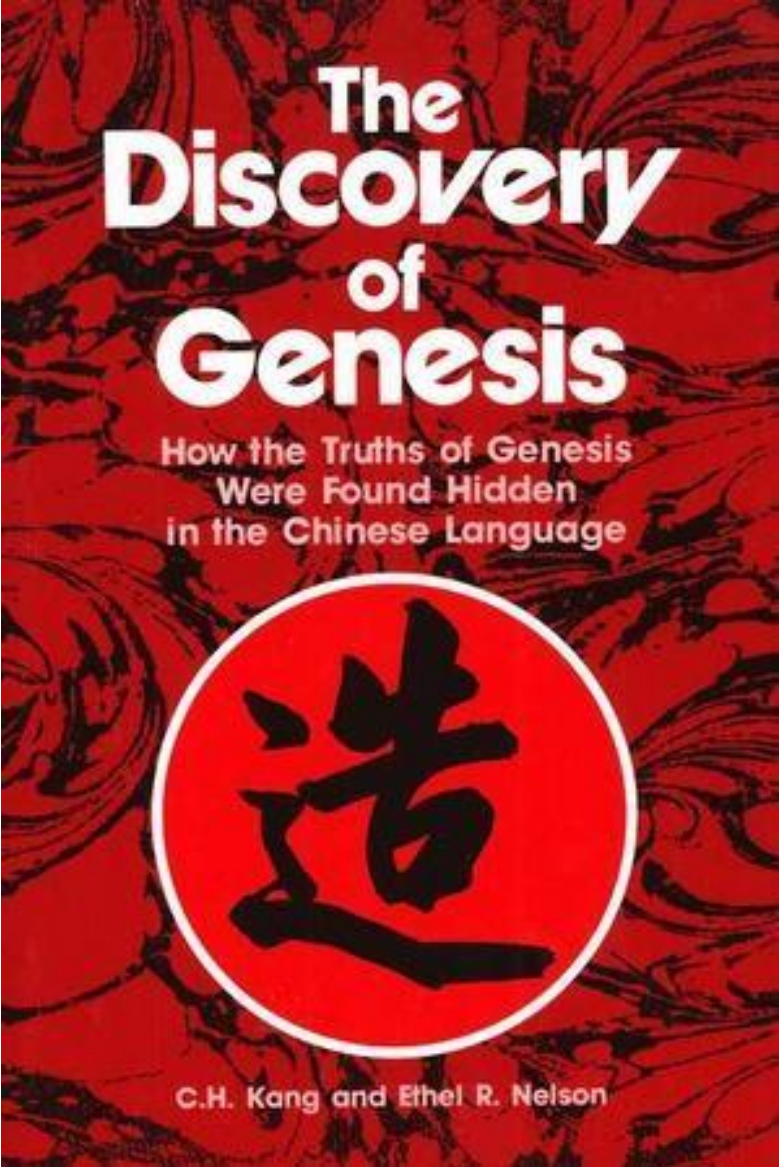
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FINDING
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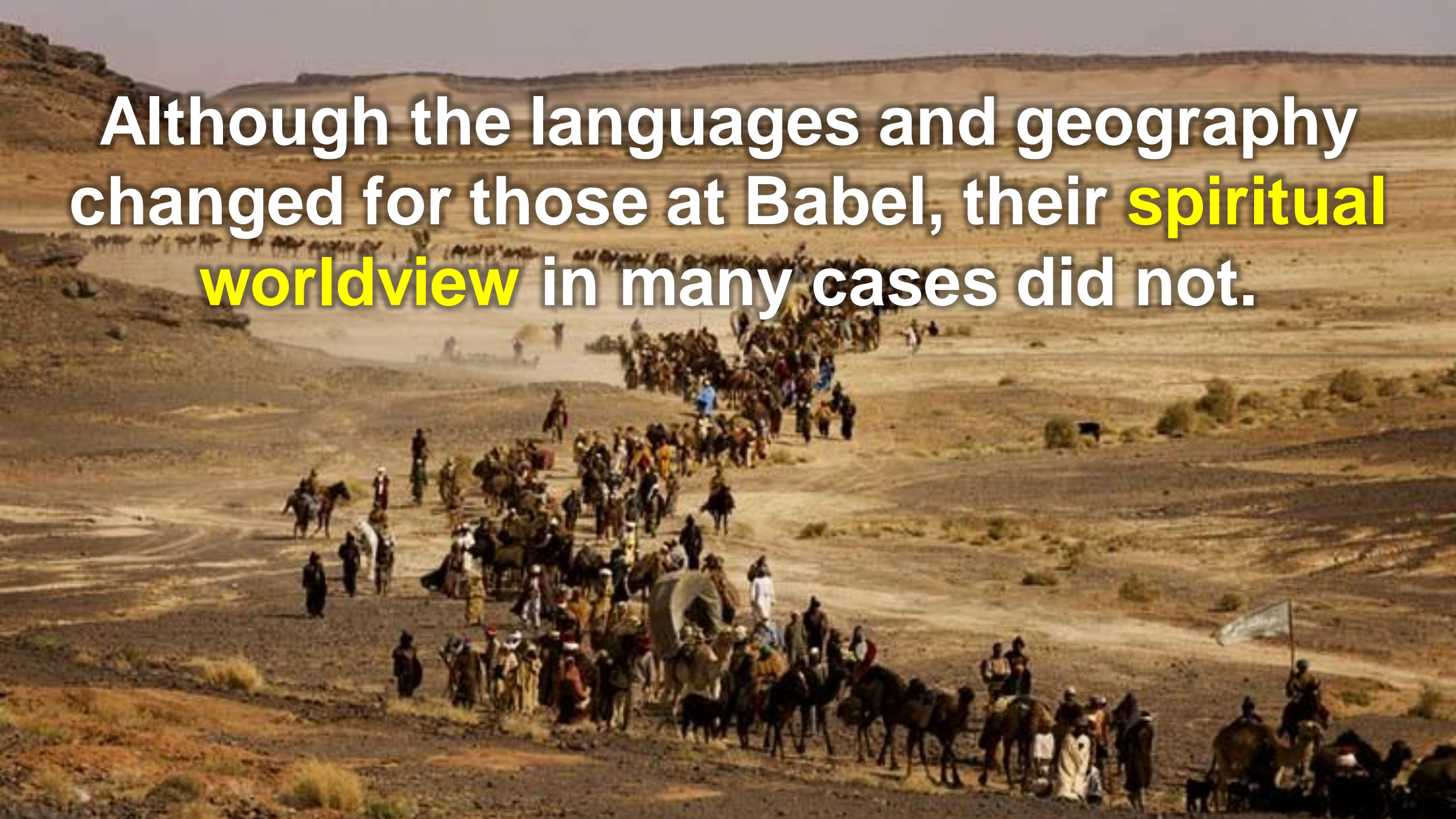


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Although the languages and geography changed for those at Babel, their **spiritual worldview** in many cases did not.

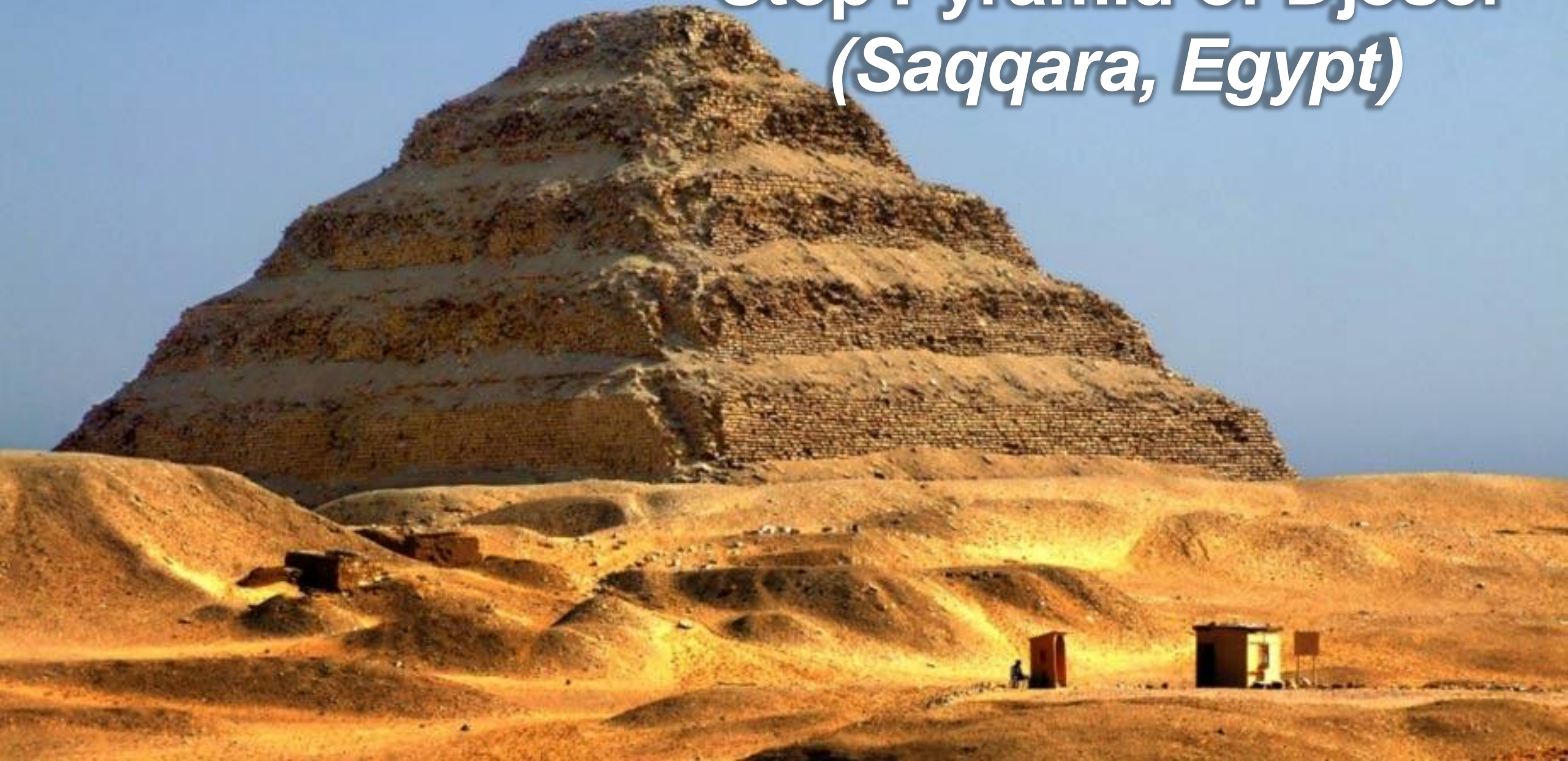




**“...whose top may reach unto heaven;
and let us make us a name...”**

~ Genesis 11:4

Step Pyramid of Djoser (Saqqara, Egypt)



Chichen Itza (Mayan)





Candi Sukung
(Java, Indonesia)

Hellinikon Pyramid (*Greek*)





Xian, China

N 34° 21' 47.36", E 108° 37' 49.91"



Xian, China

*“Jesus saith unto him,
I am the way, the truth,
and the life: no man
cometh unto the
Father, but by me.”*

~ John 14:6





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