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BIBLE STUDY - YEAR 3

Genesis 6-11

OPENING PRAYER - PSALM 104:1-18

Psalm 104

Praise of God the Creator

I

1

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord, my God, you are great indeed!

You are clothed with majesty and splendor,

2

robed in light as with a cloak.

You spread out the heavens like a tent;

3

setting the beams of your chambers
upon the waters.[b]

You make the clouds your chariot;

traveling on the wings of the wind.

4

You make the winds your messengers;

flaming fire, your ministers.

II

5

[c]You fixed the earth on its foundation,
so it can never be shaken.

6

The deeps covered it like a garment;
above the mountains stood the
waters.

7

At your rebuke they took flight;

at the sound of your thunder they
fled.

8

They rushed up the mountains, down the
valleys

to the place you had fixed for them.

9

You set a limit they cannot pass;

never again will they cover the earth.

III

10

You made springs flow in wadies

that wind among the mountains.

11

They give drink to every beast of the field;

here wild asses quench their thirst.

12

Beside them the birds of heaven nest;
among the branches they sing.

13

You water the mountains from your
chambers;

from the fruit of your labor the earth
abounds.

14

You make the grass grow for the cattle

and plants for people's work

to bring forth food from the earth,

15

wine to gladden their hearts,

oil to make their faces shine,

and bread to sustain the human

heart.

16

[d]The trees of the Lord drink their fill,

the cedars of Lebanon, which you

planted.

17

There the birds build their nests;

the stork in the junipers, its home.

18

The high mountains are for wild goats;

the rocky cliffs, a refuge for badgers.

What are the High Holy Days?

- ♦ ‘High Holy Days’ is not a Biblical term nor a term from Talmud
- ♦ ~~“Holidays”~~ = celebratory
- ♦ “High Holy Days” = more reflective, spiritual

Leviticus 23: - READ - “this is your liturgical calendar”



- ✦ New Year's Day- *Rosh Hoshanah Sept 15 - 17, 2023*
 - ✦ 1st day of 7th month (Tishri)
 - ✦ Sabbath rest
- ✦ Day of Atonement - *Yom Kippur - Sept 24 - 25, 2023*
 - ✦ 10th day of 7th month (Tishri)
 - ✦ Sabbath rest
- ✦ **Jews also include:**
 - ✦ The Ten Days of Remembrance *or* Days of Awe
 - ✦ = Rosh Hoshanah **through** Yom Kippur
 - ✦ Ask forgiveness from anyone they have wronged



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Destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem, by Francesco Hayez



Philip Hermogenes Calderon
By the Waters of Babylon
1852

We left the Israelites In Babylon/Diaspora....

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHY ARE WE HERE?

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHERE DID MAN COME FROM?

WHAT IS OUR STORY?

**There is not a conflict between
faith and science:**

Science → HOW

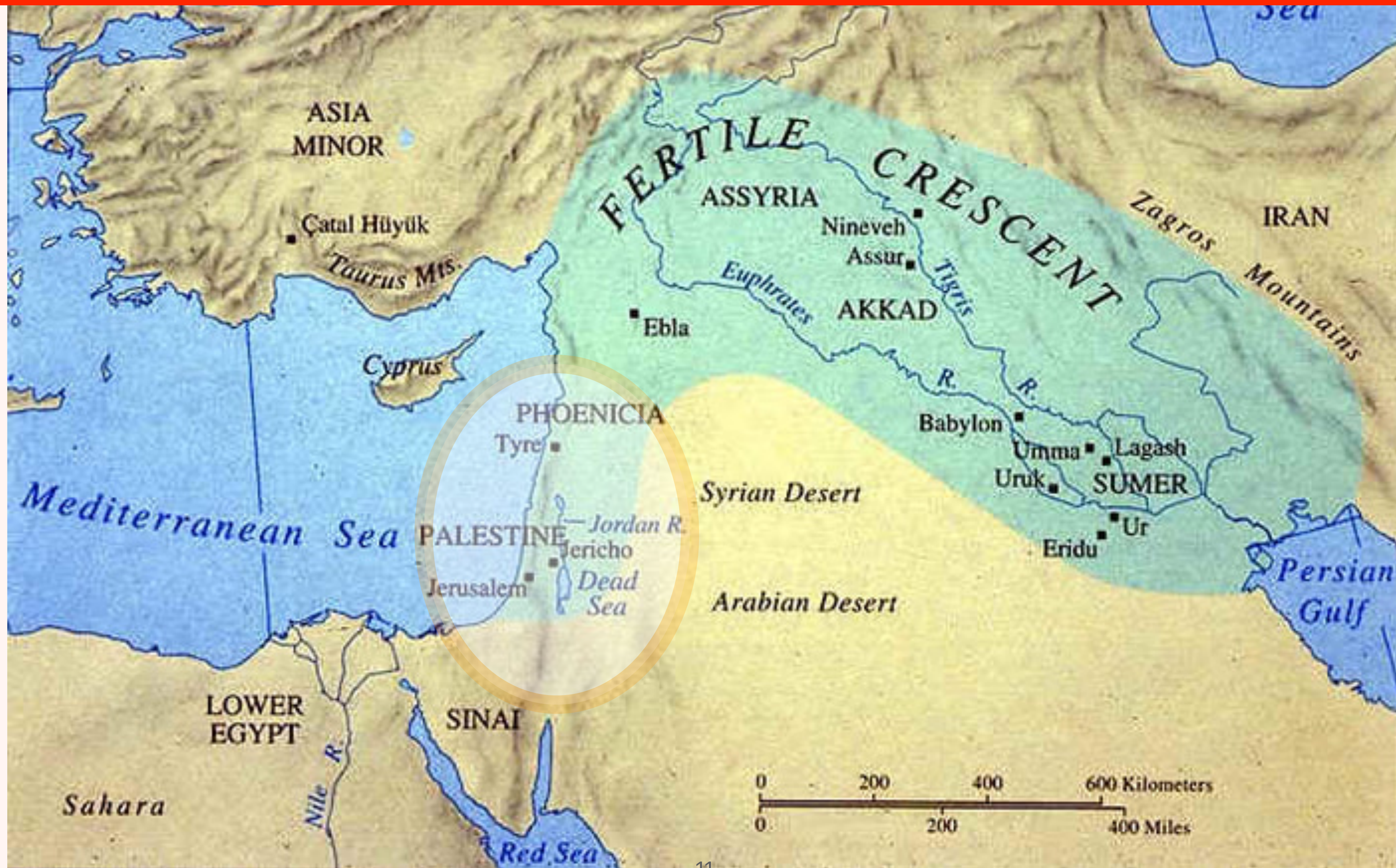
Faith → WHY

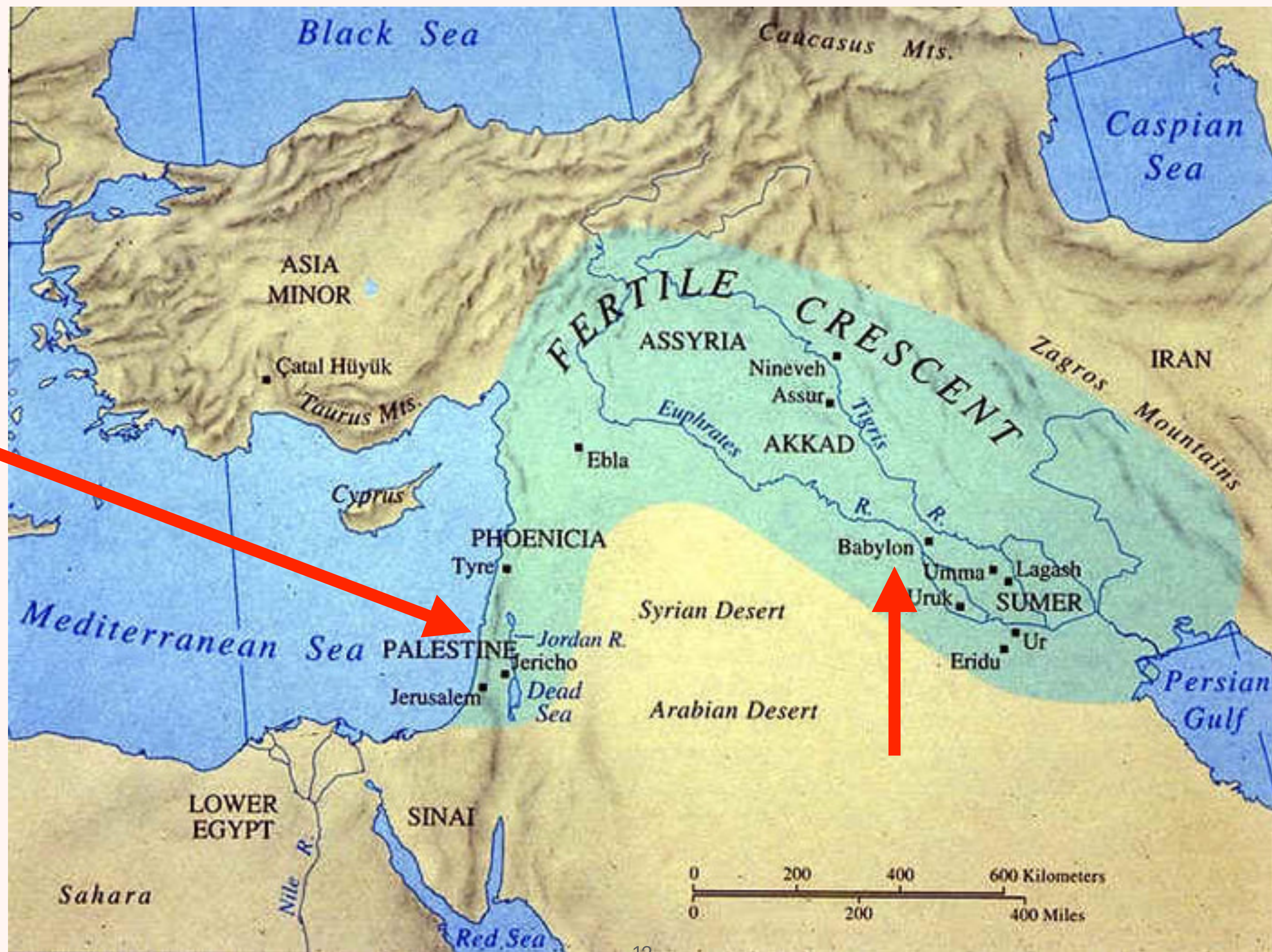
Bible is not a science textbook

The Bible itself speaks to us of the origin of the universe and its make-up, not in order to provide us with a scientific treatise, but in order to state the correct relationships of man with God and with the universe. Any other teaching about the origin and make-up of the universe is alien to the intentions of the Bible, which does not wish to teach us how heaven was made but how one goes to heaven.

— St. John Paul II, Speech to Scientists, October 3, 1981

Israel's History Did Not Occur in a Bubble





GENESIS 4

The Story of the Nations

➤ Descendants of Cain and Seth

➤ Genealogy

- Note v23, Lamech (7th in Cain's line) kills in violent altercation
 - Seeing a moral decline of man via Cain's line
 - Seems all will be lost.....then...

➤ Adam and Eve → **Seth**

➤ READ v26b

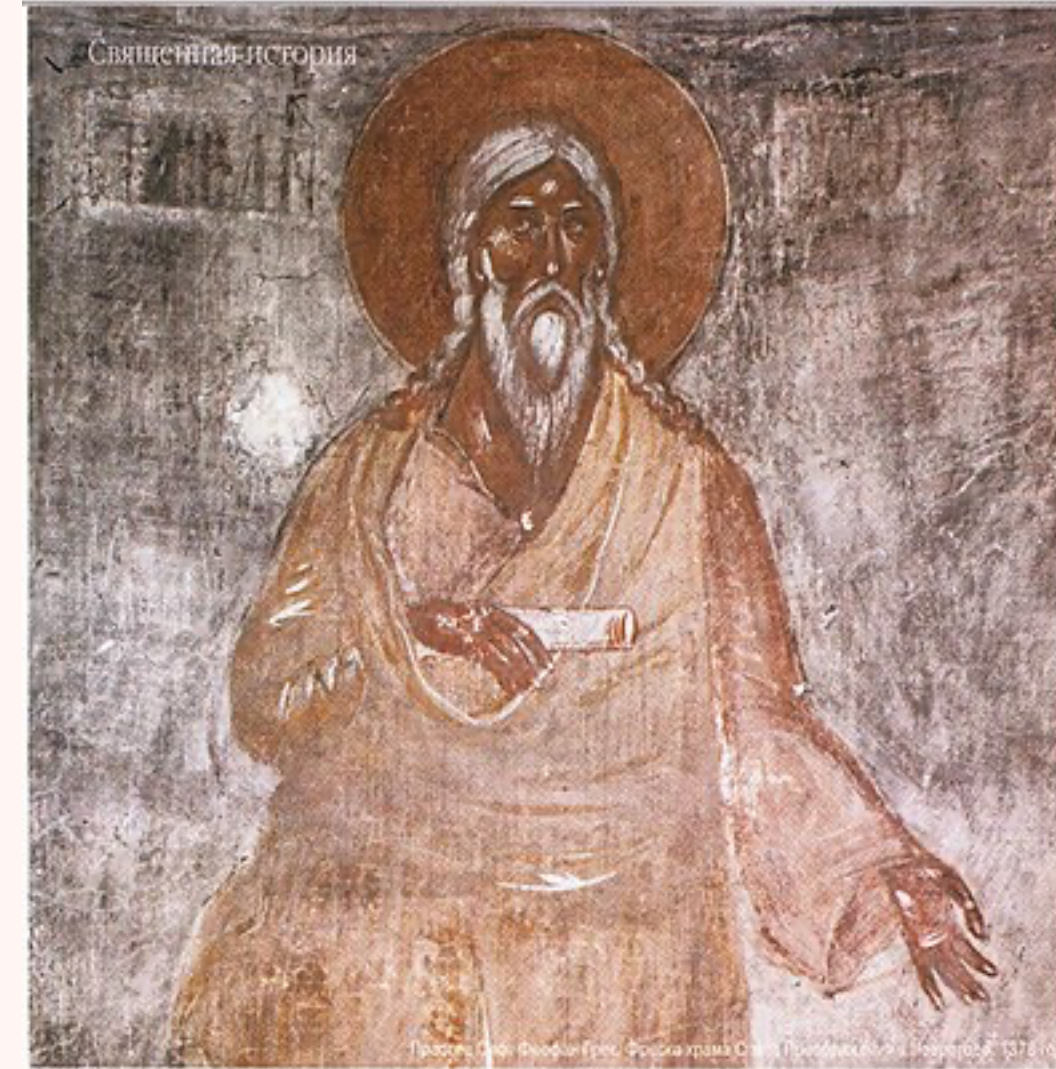
- In Seth there is hope for the future relationship of man and God



Lamech

SETH

- Mentioned in Sirach 49:16
- Genealogy of Jesus through Mary - Luke 3:23-37
 - Note, Matthew's genealogy starts with Abraham, goes forward
 - Through Solomon, son of David
 - Luke's genealogy starts with Jesus and Joseph, and goes backward
 - Through Nathan, son of David (2 Samuel 5:14)



Holy Forefather and Antediluvian Patriarch

27 July
Sunday of the Holy Forefathers
(Eastern Orthodox Church)



In The Arms Of Mary

By Simon Dewey

GENESIS 5

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Generations: Adam to Noah

- v1b-2, reiteration: we are made in the likeness of God, male and female; blessed; multiply
 - 'likeness' - not simply physical, but in nature, character
- v3-4, Adam, 130yo → Seth...and other sons and daughters
 - Died, 930yo
- Adam → Seth → Enosh → Kenan → Mahalalel → Jared →
- → **Enoch** →

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➤ → Enoch

➤ READ Gen 5:21-24

ENOCH



What does it mean to ‘walk with God’ — so closely, that God denies you death?

★ Enoch

★ Elijah

★ Mary

ENOCH

FAST PASS
to heaven

Fast Pass to Heaven

The Sacred

Indulgence *Unleashed*

ENOCK

Genesis 5:18-24

1 Chronicles 1:3

Ben Sira (Sirach) 44:16

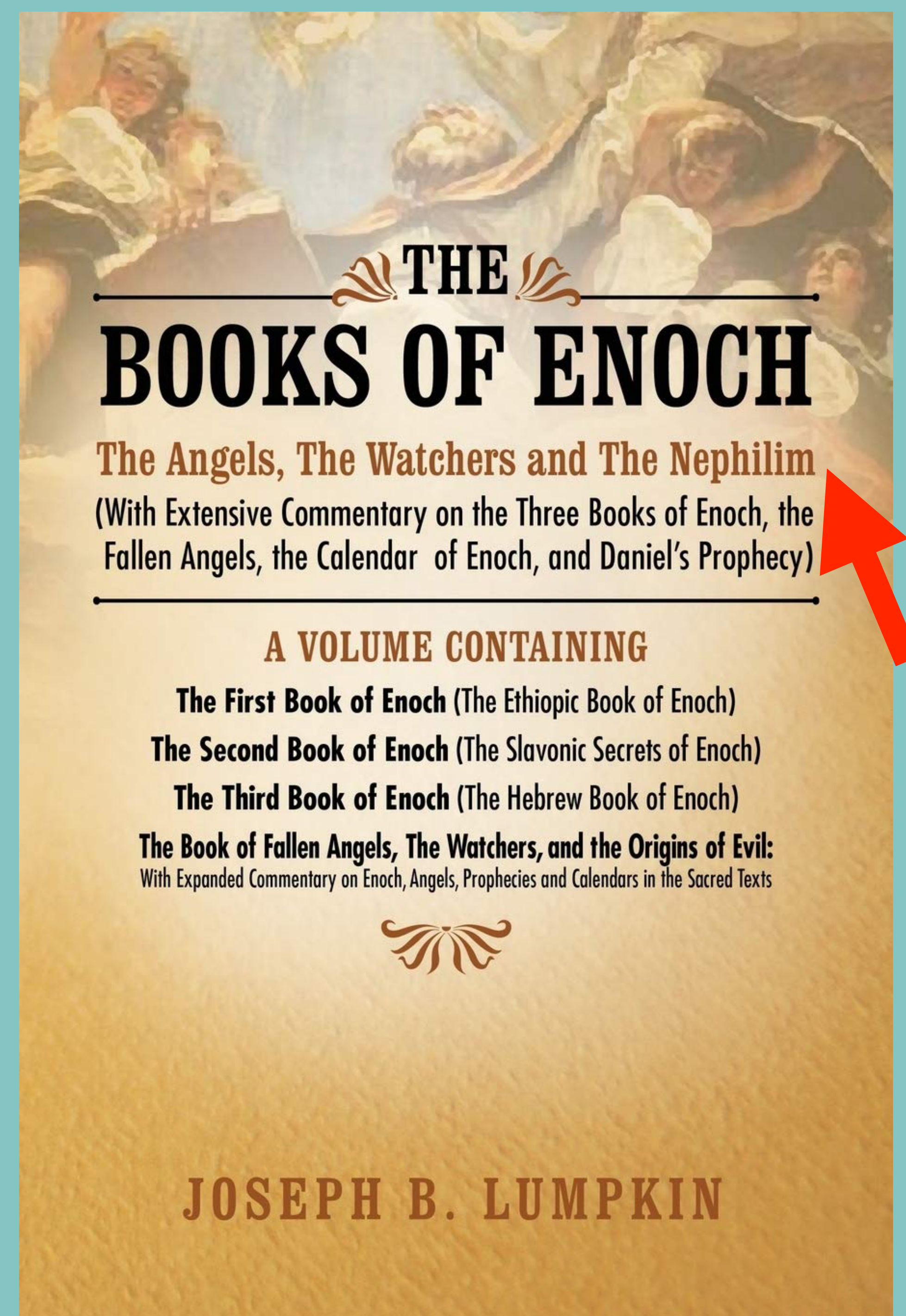
Ben Sira (Sirach) 49:14

Luke 3:37

****Hebrews 11:5**

Jude 1:14

- Non-canonical for Jews, most Catholics, and Protestants
- First Book of Enoch
 - canonical for some Ethiopian Jews and Catholics
 - Some fragments with Dead Sea Scrolls
 - Note Jude 1:14-15 footnote (LRB p2556)



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➤ Adam → Seth → Enosh → Kenan → Mahalalel → Jared →

➤ → Enoch → **Methuselah (969 years)**

➤ → Lamech

➤ → **Noah**

➤ At 500yo → **Shem, Ham, Japeth**

1 Chronicles 1:1-4



Luke 3:23 - 38, esp v36-38

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Sumerian King List

It was common practice in the ancient Near East to attribute extraordinary ages to ancestors who lived before the great flood as a way of demonstrating the vigor of God's life-giving blessing. This list of Sumerian kings from the third millennium B.C. shows how conservative the biblical authors are.

Alulim	28,800-year reign
Alagar	36,000-year reign
Enmenluanna	43,200-year reign
Enmengalanna	28,800-year reign
Dumuzi	36,000-year reign
Ensipazianna	28,800-year reign
Enmenduranna	21,000-year reign
Ubartutul	18,600-year reign
THE FLOOD	

GENESIS 6

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Origin of the Nephilim, vv1-4

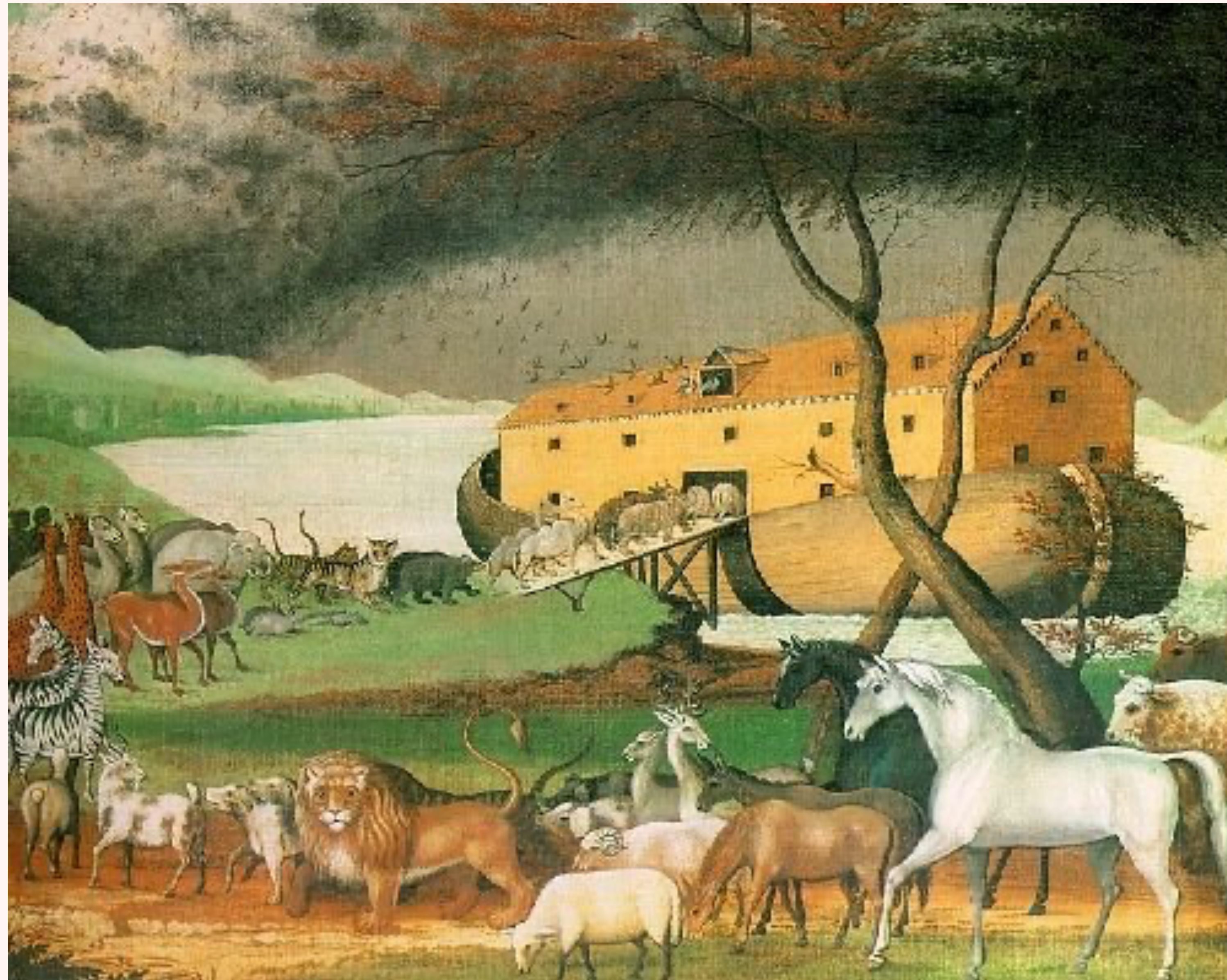
- No real consensus of the Nephilim — *(Books of Enoch)*
- Giants / offsprings of man+angels / other theories
- v3, key, man is moving away from God, allowing sin to reign
- Lessens their lifespan to 120 years
 - Psalmist 90:10 (→ 70, 80 if blessed) [*Psalm/prayer of Moses*]

The Great Flood

New World Encyclopedia

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NOAH'S ARK (1846), BY THE AMERICAN FOLK PAINTER EDWARD HICKS.

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Passengers	Animals and Noah's family	Animals and Atrahasis' family	Animals, Utnapishtim's family, craftspeople
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Sacrifice	Noah offers sacrifice and God smells the aroma	Atrahasis offers sacrifice and all the gods but Enlil smell the aroma	Utnapishtim offers sacrifice and the gods smell the aroma

TWO FLOOD STORIES

Priestly

(550 BC, Babylon)

- Gen 6:9-22
- Gen 7:6, 13-16a, 18-21, 24
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- Gen 9:1-17

Yahwist

(850-750 BC)

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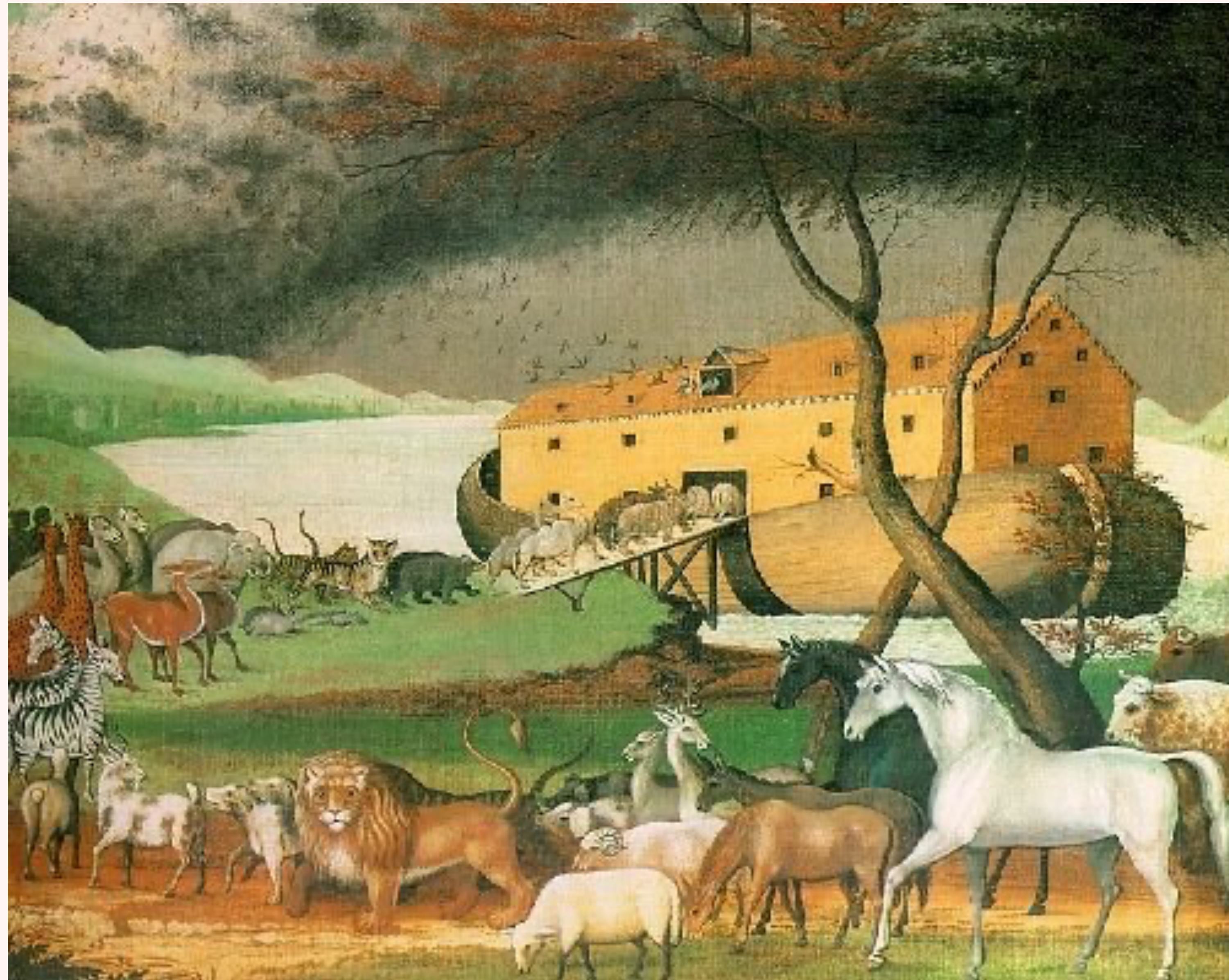
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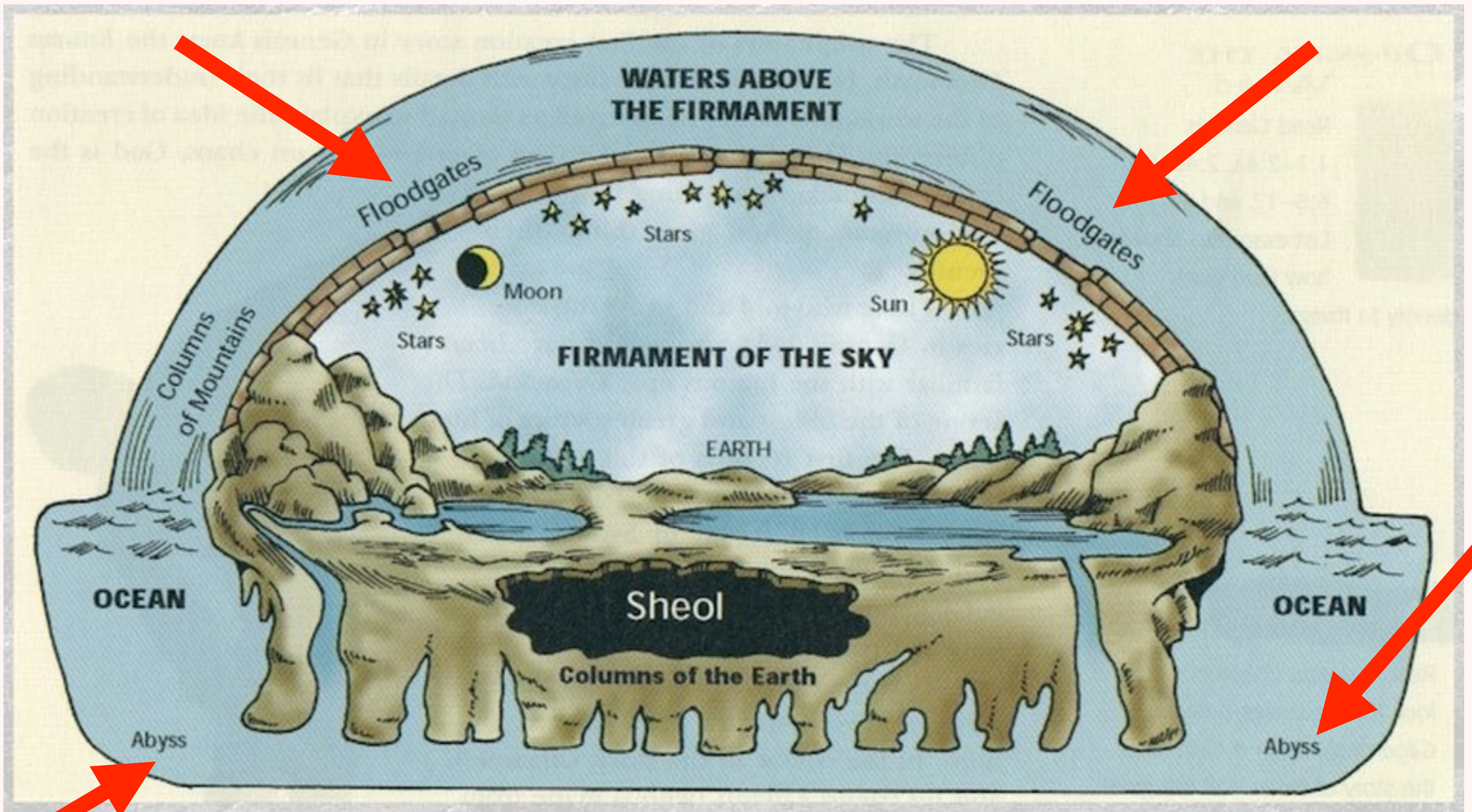
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- Gen 9:1-17



The Yahwist and Priestly Stories of the Flood

Many passages in the Pentateuch seem to be primarily from only one of the literary sources (see table on the documentary hypothesis at Gn 2:4), but in some passages, such as the flood story, the sources have been blended together into a single account (references are to Genesis).

	Yahwist	Priestly
Reason for the flood	Human wickedness (6:5-6)	Human corruption and lawlessness (6:11-12)
God's response	Regret and decision to wipe out everything (6:6-7)	Decision to destroy (6:12-13)
Number of animals in the ark	<u>Seven pairs of clean animals; one pair of unclean animals (7:1-4)</u>	<u>One pair of every animal (6:19-20)</u>
Duration of flood	<u>Forty days and nights (7:4, 12, 17; 8:6)</u>	360 days = one year (7:24-8:4; cf. 7:11 and 8:14)
Reconciliation with God	Noah offers sacrifice (8:20-22)	God makes covenant with Noah (9:1-17)

GENESIS 6

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Warning of the Flood

- vv5-7, key verse. Israel in captivity, understood they had grieved God. But also understood God's mercy and restorative grace
- v8, there is always a remnant. Here, one man and his family
- vv9-10, Noah's family
 - "Noah walked with God" (like Enoch) - given a mission
- vv11-12, the state of the whole human race
- v13, God tells, includes Noah his plan
 - READ Amos 3:7

Priestly

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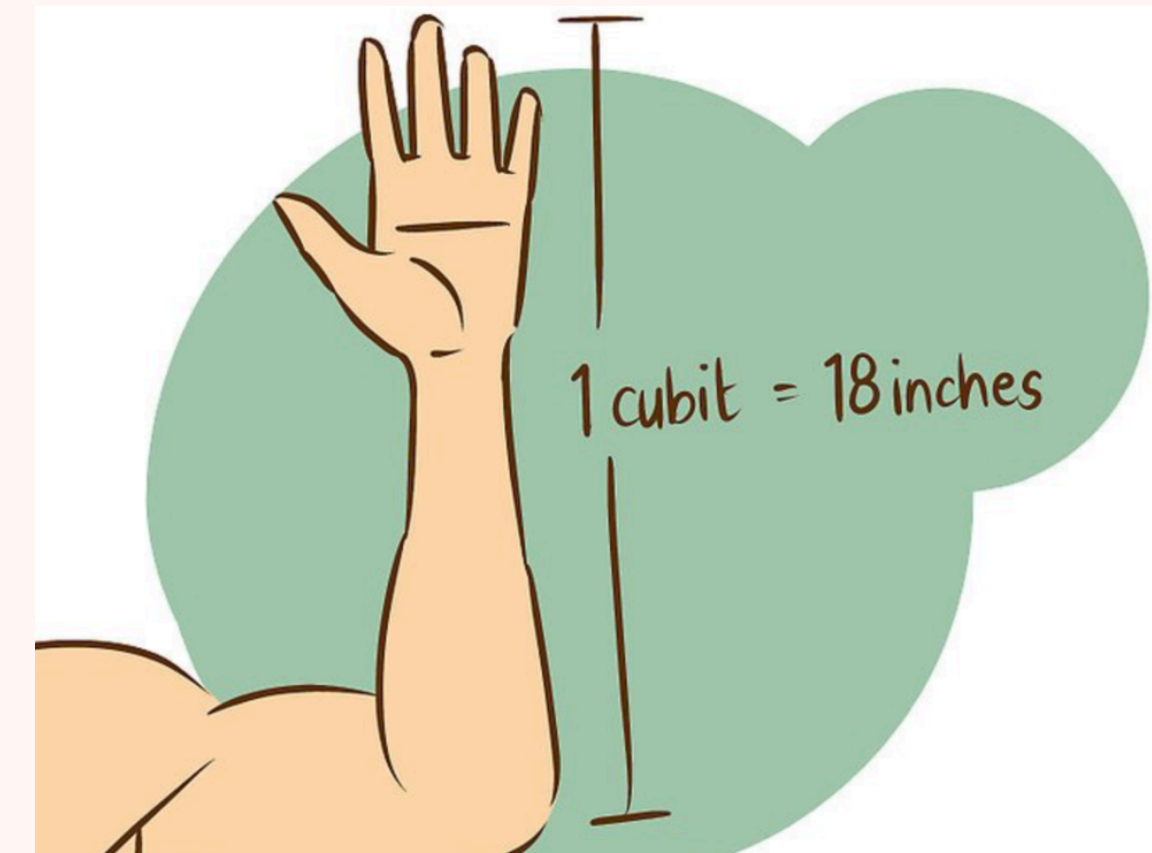
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Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Preparation for the Flood

- vv14-16, detailed directives for building the ark
 - Gopher wood - unknown outside the Bible, 3 decks
 - In feet: 450 x 75 x 45
 - [Titanic (1912): 850 x 92 x 64]
- v17, Noah's part: build the ark;
 - God's part: will send deluge
- v18, Biblical Covenant #2
 - See link: Major Covenants (Fr. Felix Just, SJ)



Priestly

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Yahwist

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GENESIS 6

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➤ Preparation for the Flood

➤ Ark's passengers:

- v18b, Noah, wife, 3 sons + 3 wives = 8
- v19, male + female of all creatures, birds, crawly things, etc
- v21, enough food, so some animals that will be slaughtered for food, as well as grain, etc
- v22, Noah obeyed

Priestly

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Yahwist

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GENESIS 7

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Preparation for the Flood (cont'd)

- v1, only Noah and his family in that generation righteous
 - Recall: Tobit 1:4-6
- vv2-3, **clean** animals = 7 pairs (male, female)
 - Of **unclean** animals = 1 pair
 - Leviticus 11 - declaration of clean/unclean animal/meat
- To ensure repopulation of all species
- God tells his plan to Noah - in 7 days, deluge
- v5, Noah obeys

Priestly

- Gen 6:9-22
- Gen 7:6, 13-16a, 18-21, 24
- Gen 8:1-2a, 3b-5, 7, 13a, 14-19

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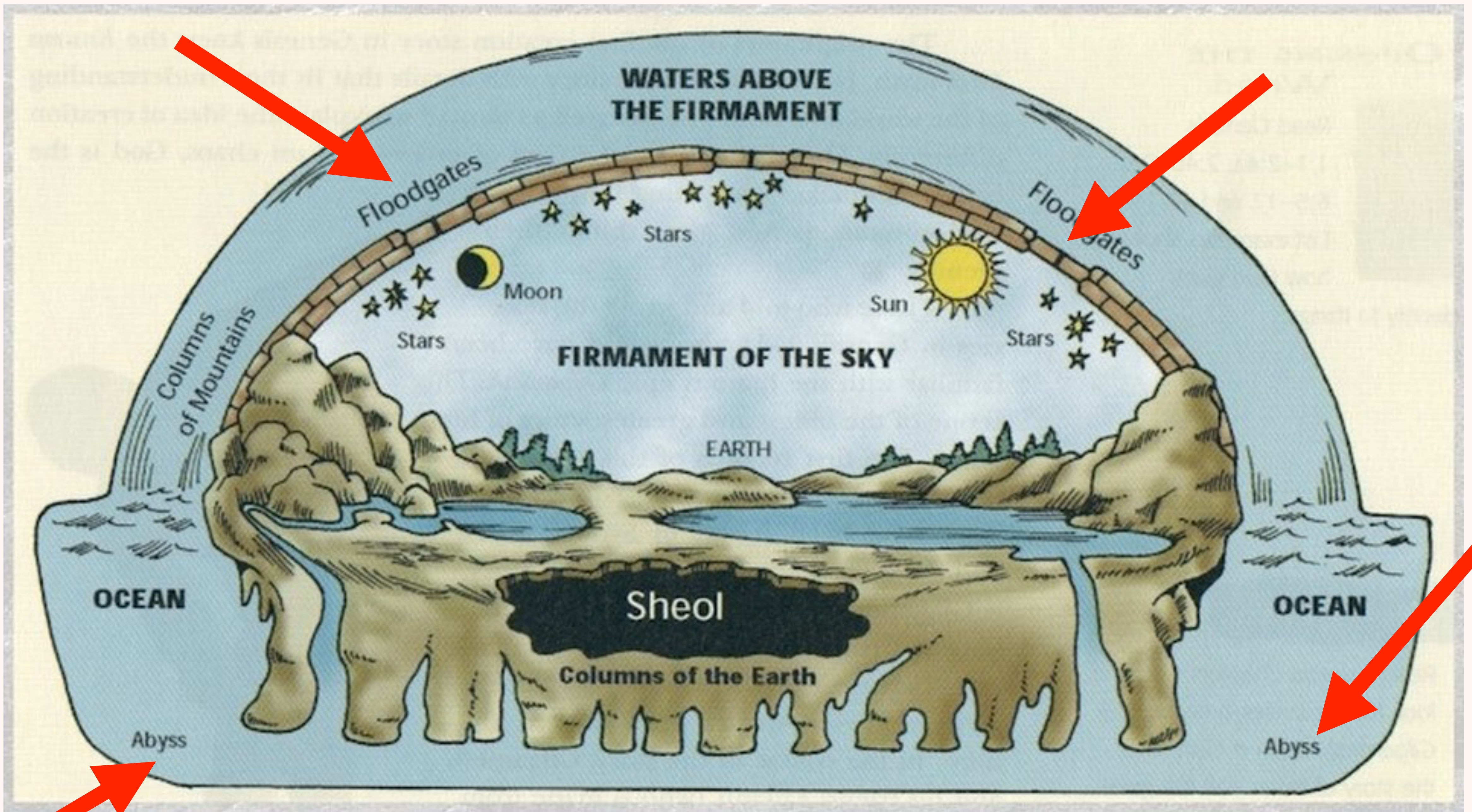
- v6, Noah 100yo when floods started
- v8, NOTE: of clean and unclean - 2 of each
- Rains started 7 days after start of loading up the ark
- Note v11, the Jewish understanding of the earth:
 - Abyss burst
 - Floodgates open

Priestly

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GENESIS 7

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ The Great Flood

- v12, rained 40 days, 40 nights
- vv13-16a, note rains start when all in ark
 - v15, 'breath of life'
- v16b, God shut them in; his providential care
- NOTE, v17 and v18 - ex of leaving both texts when editing
- v19, waters rose, everything killed - except Noah and family animals in ark and a
- Water on earth 150 days

Priestly

- Gen 6:9-22
- Gen 7:6, 13-16a, 18-21, 24
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The Deluge
by Gustave Doré

GENESIS 8

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ The Great Flood (cont'd)

- v1, God causes waters to reside
- v2, closes the abyss and floodgates
- On day 151 after flood ark rests on Mt. Ararat



Priestly

- Gen 6:9-22
- Gen 7:6, 13-16a, 18-21, 24
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GENESIS 8

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ The Great Flood (cont'd)

- While waters receding, at end of 40 days of rains
- Raven - flew back and forth - can float, eat fish
- Dove - returned, needed solid perch, onto Noah's arm
- Dove again - returns with olive leaf
- Dove again - did not return
- **SEE: NABRE FN, 8:7–12**



Priestly

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DOVE ~ HOLY SPIRIT



<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/catholic-teens/scripture-background-for-teens/symbols-of-the-holy-spirit/>

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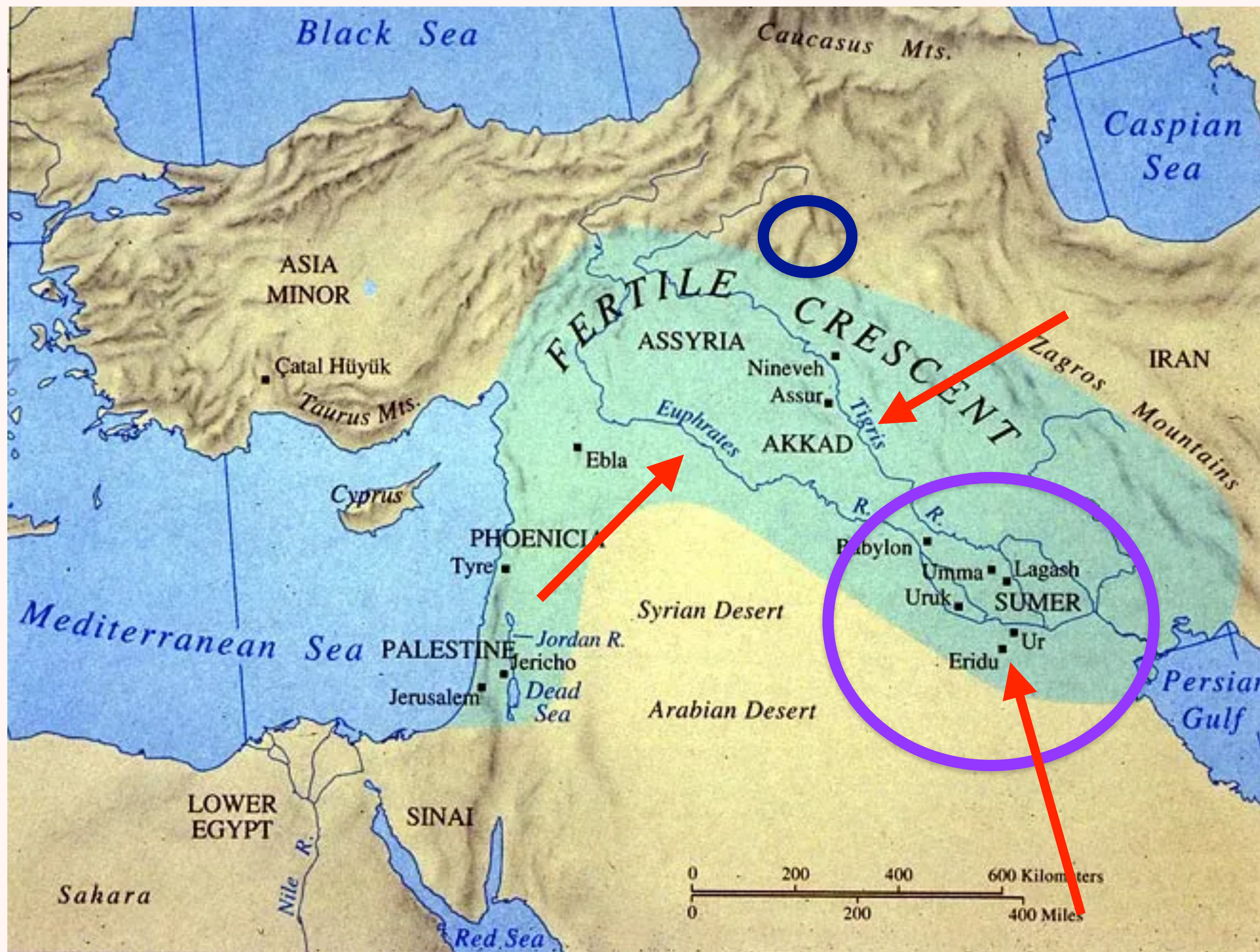
- Note v13, “In year 601” - first month - day 1 - water began to dry up - a new beginning for the earth
 - Earth back to that primordial state, Gen 1:6-8
- v14, Month 2, earth was dry, like Gen 1:9 - so that man could inhabit the earth
- v15-17, leave the ark, command/invitation to participate in God's creation again: be fruitful and multiply
- v20, altar, sacrifice of burnt offerings
- v21, READ

Priestly

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see Genesis 2:10-14

GENESIS 9

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Covenant with Noah

- v1, same as Gen 1:28 - God blesses them, tells to be fertile and multiply
- v2, dominion over animals
- v3, **meat added to diet** - with restrictions
 - Lifeblood - an accounting will be demanded
 - Respect for life, womb to tomb
 - see **Didache**, 'The Second Commandment'
 - Letter of Barnabas from LOH
 - WHY? - READ v6b

GENESIS 9

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Covenant with Noah

- v8 -17, the Noahic Covenant
 - v9, God establishes the Covenant
 - v10, With every living creature
 - v11, never again so great a flood
 - vv12-17, rainbow is sign of remembrance





Rainbow in St. Pete - courtesy of Jane Lonergan

Covenants according to the Priestly Tradition

The Priestly tradition (see chart on the documentary hypothesis at Gn 2:4) presents similar elements in the stories of God's covenant making with the people. The story of God's promise to David of an everlasting kingdom (2 Sm 7:8-17) is often called a covenant but is not the product of the Priestly tradition.

Covenant	Promises	Obligations	Sign
Noah (Gn 9:8-17)	God will not destroy the world by water	Respect life	Bow in the clouds (Gn 9:13, 17)
Abraham (Gn 17:1-27)	Land, descendants, chosen by God	Walk before God and be blameless	Circumcision (Gn 17:11)
Sinai (Ex 19-24)	People chosen, holy, and priestly	Ten Commandments; the Mosaic law	Sabbath (Ex 31:12-18)

Did Noah exist?

- Catholic Answers video - link on webpage
- Catholic Biblical scholars debate
- After Genesis story, Noah **next** mentioned in genealogy in 1 Chronicles (written late in or soon after the exile, about 4th C BC)
- Sirach - written early 200 BCs
- NT treats him as a real person in history

Is the Flood Story Real?

- Geological evidence of a great flood in Mesopotamia region
- ? Melting of glaciers?
- To the people at the time, it seemed ‘the whole world had flooded’
- Apart from Genesis story, the Noah/Flood story not mentioned until 1 Chronicles, Tobit, Sirach
- See article linked on webpage: ‘Yes, The Noah’s Flood May Have Happened...’

New Testament Scriptures on Noah

- 1) Matthew 24:27, 38 [LRB p 2044-5]
 - Luke 17:26-27 [LRB p2158]
- 2) Luke 3:36 [LRB p2122]
- 3) Hebrews 11:7, Hall of Faith [LRB p2501]
- 4) 1 Peter 3:20 [LRB p 2526]
- 5) 2 Peter 2:5 [LRB p 2533]



Noah's Ark PREFIGURES Baptism

St. Augustine: The New Testament is hidden in the Old,
and the Old Testament is revealed in the New

CCC§1094 - It is on this harmony of the two Testaments that the Paschal catechesis of the Lord is built, and then, that of the Apostles and the Fathers of the Church. This catechesis unveils what lay hidden under the letter of the Old Testament: the mystery of Christ. It is called "typological" because it reveals the newness of Christ on the basis of the "figures" (types) which announce him in the deeds, words, and symbols of the first covenant. By this re-reading in the Spirit of Truth, starting from Christ, the figures are unveiled. **Thus the flood and Noah's ark prefigured salvation by Baptism,** as did the cloud and the crossing of the Red Sea. Water from the rock was the figure of the spiritual gifts of Christ, and manna in the desert prefigured the Eucharist, "the true bread from heaven."

Noah's Ark PREFIGURES Baptism

- Noah's Ark and the Great Flood prefigure Baptism CCC § 1024 & 1219

1219 The Church has seen in Noah's ark a prefiguring of salvation by Baptism, for by it "a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water":

The waters of the great flood
you made a sign of the waters of Baptism,
that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness.

- CCC §1221, 1222 - Crossing Red Sea and Crossing Jordan River

Noah's Ark PREFIGURES Baptism - CCC § 1024 & 1219

- Water is cleansing (remember the basin in the tabernacle and Temple)
 - The world was corrupt, sinful, “dirty” - separated from God, not in relationship
 - God opened his floodgates to wash away the sins/sinners of the world
 - From the ark emerge those who were ‘saved’ and free of the sins of the world
 - They are free to live in a right relationship with God in their family community
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- Spiritual water - made spiritual by Jesus
 - Baptism washes away the sins of the sinner, makes him new
 - He emerges/rises a new man, ready to live in a right relationship with God in his/her church community

Baptism

The mystagogy of the celebration

1234 The meaning and grace of the sacrament of Baptism are clearly seen in the rites of its celebration. By following the gestures and words of this celebration with attentive participation, the faithful are initiated into the riches this sacrament signifies and actually brings about in each newly baptized person.

1235 The *sign of the cross*, on the threshold of the celebration, marks with the imprint of Christ the one who is going to belong to him and signifies the grace of the redemption Christ won for us by his cross.

1236 The proclamation of the Word of God enlightens the candidates and the assembly with the revealed truth and elicits the response of faith, which is inseparable from Baptism. Indeed Baptism is "the sacrament of faith" in a particular way, since it is the sacramental entry into the life of faith.

Baptism

The mystagogy of the celebration

1237 Since Baptism signifies liberation from sin and from its instigator the devil, one or more *exorcisms* are pronounced over the candidate. The celebrant then anoints him with the oil of catechumens, or lays his hands on him, and he explicitly renounces Satan. Thus prepared, he is able to *confess the faith of the Church*, to which he will be "entrusted" by Baptism.³⁹

1238 The *baptismal water* is consecrated by a prayer of epiclesis (either at this moment or at the Easter Vigil). The Church asks God that through his Son the power of the Holy Spirit may be sent upon the water, so that those who will be baptized in it may be "born of water and the Spirit."⁴⁰

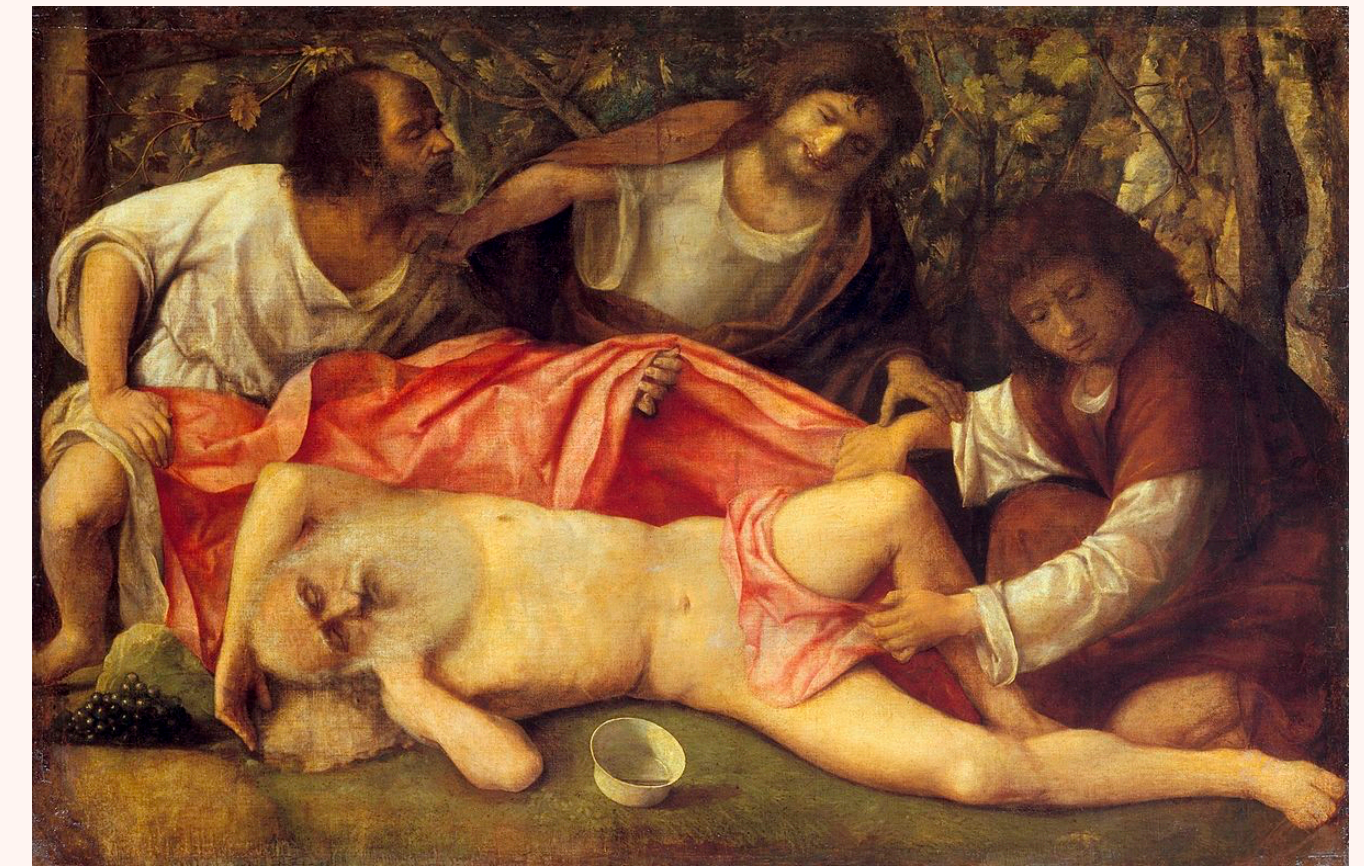
1239 The *essential rite* of the sacrament follows: *Baptism* properly speaking. It signifies and actually brings about death to sin and entry into the life of the Most Holy Trinity through configuration to the Paschal mystery of Christ. Baptism is performed in the most expressive way by triple immersion in the baptismal water. However, from ancient times it has also been able to be conferred by pouring the water three times over the candidate's head.

GENESIS 9

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Noah and His Sons

- Now v19, 'whole world descends from this family'
- v20, 1st to plant vineyard - became drunk
- Naked, Ham saw, told brothers
- Brothers covered him, did not look
- v24, Noah cursed Ham → Canaanites
 - Blesses **Shem** - Mary's genealogy, Luke 3:23-38 [**LRB p2121-2**]
 - Descendants = *Shemites* = **Semites** = **Semitic people**
 - Blesses Japheth
- Noah died at 950yo



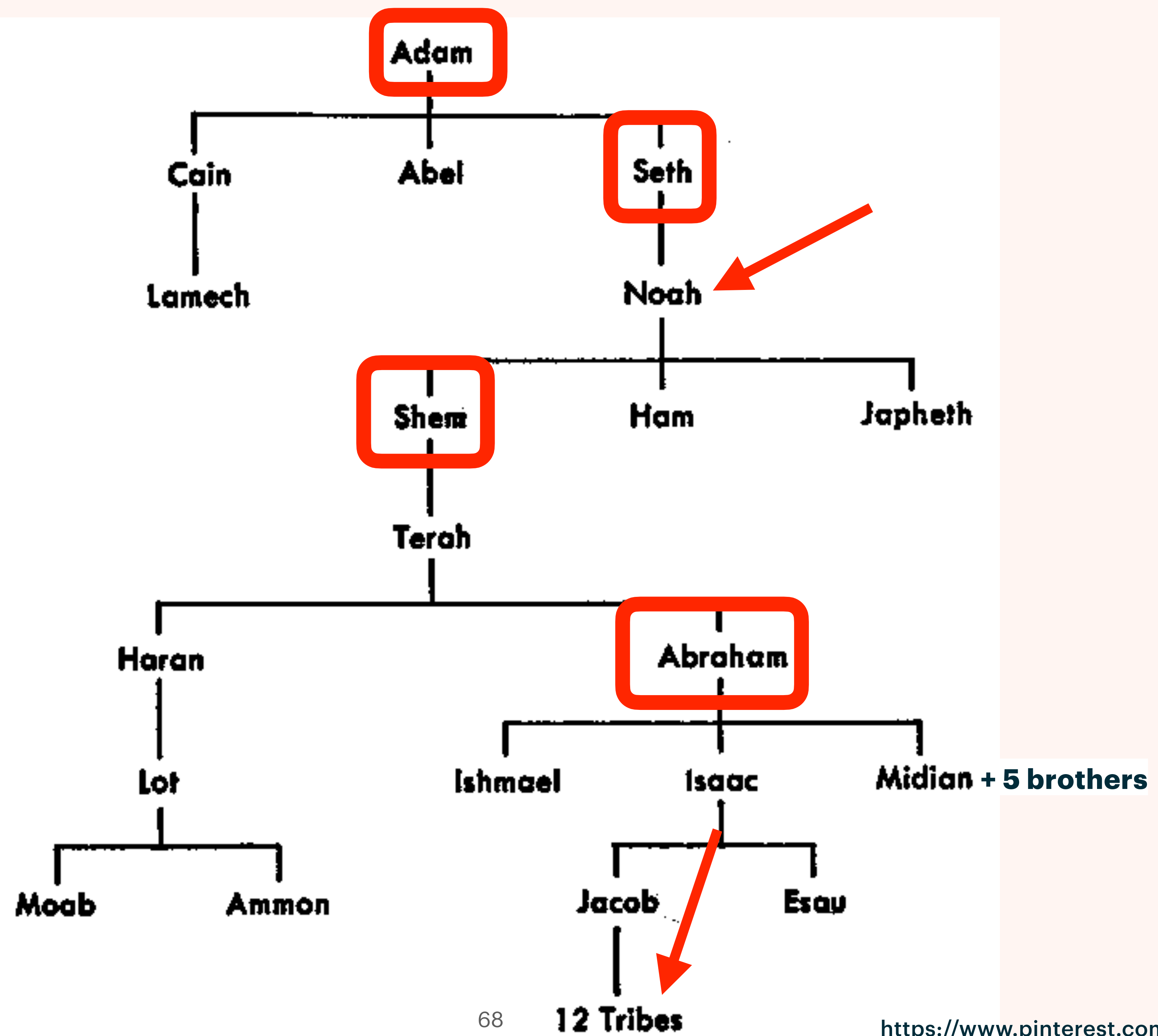
Drunkenness of Noah
Giovanni Bellini, c. 1515

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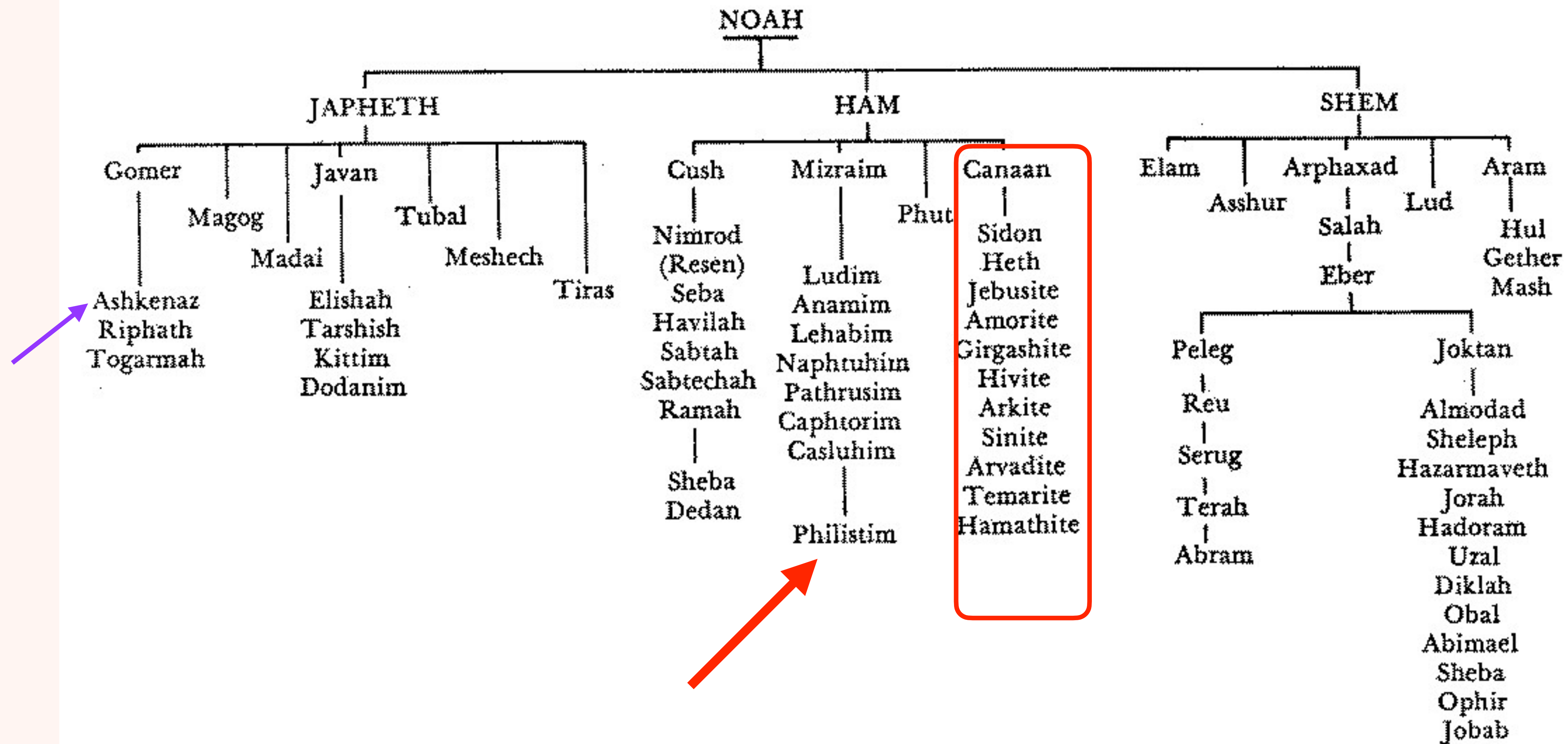
Both Luke and Matthew include genealogies in their infancy narratives. They vary in ways that likely reveal the theological interests of each evangelist, respectively.

Matthew's Genealogy (1:1-17)	Luke's Genealogy (3:23-38)
Placed at the beginning of the gospel; alludes to a new "beginning" of salvation history in Jesus out of Israel's history	Placed between Jesus' baptism and temptation by the devil to emphasize Jesus as God's Son
Begins with Abraham, father of faith, and then structured in rough chronological order around three groups of fourteen kings each, with David as the central figure, emphasizing Jesus' Davidic heritage and the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant of becoming a "father of many nations"	Structured in reverse chronological order around significant figures (not kings) in Israel's history and concluding with Adam, "son of God," emphasizing the universalism of salvation achieved in Jesus, savior of all humankind
Interjects four female figures in the list (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, the wife of Uriah the Hittite), perhaps emphasizing God's ability to write salvation history in extraordinary ways (all bore sons in unusual circumstances), thus prefiguring Mary's role as the bearer of Jesus, Emmanuel	Absence of women
Heightened role of Joseph in the infancy narrative as foster father and protector of Jesus	Heightened role of Mary in the infancy narrative as hearer and doer of God's word

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GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NOAH



GENESIS 10

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Table of the Nations

➤ Notables:

➤ v8, Nimrod, might warrior (*see Micah 5:5*)

➤ v10, Accad = Akkad = Akkadians

➤ Went to Assyria, built Nineveh,...



Artist's interpretation of Assyrian palaces from 'The Monuments of Nineveh' by Sir Austen Henry Layard, 1853. After James Fergusson (1808 - 1886)



GENESIS 11

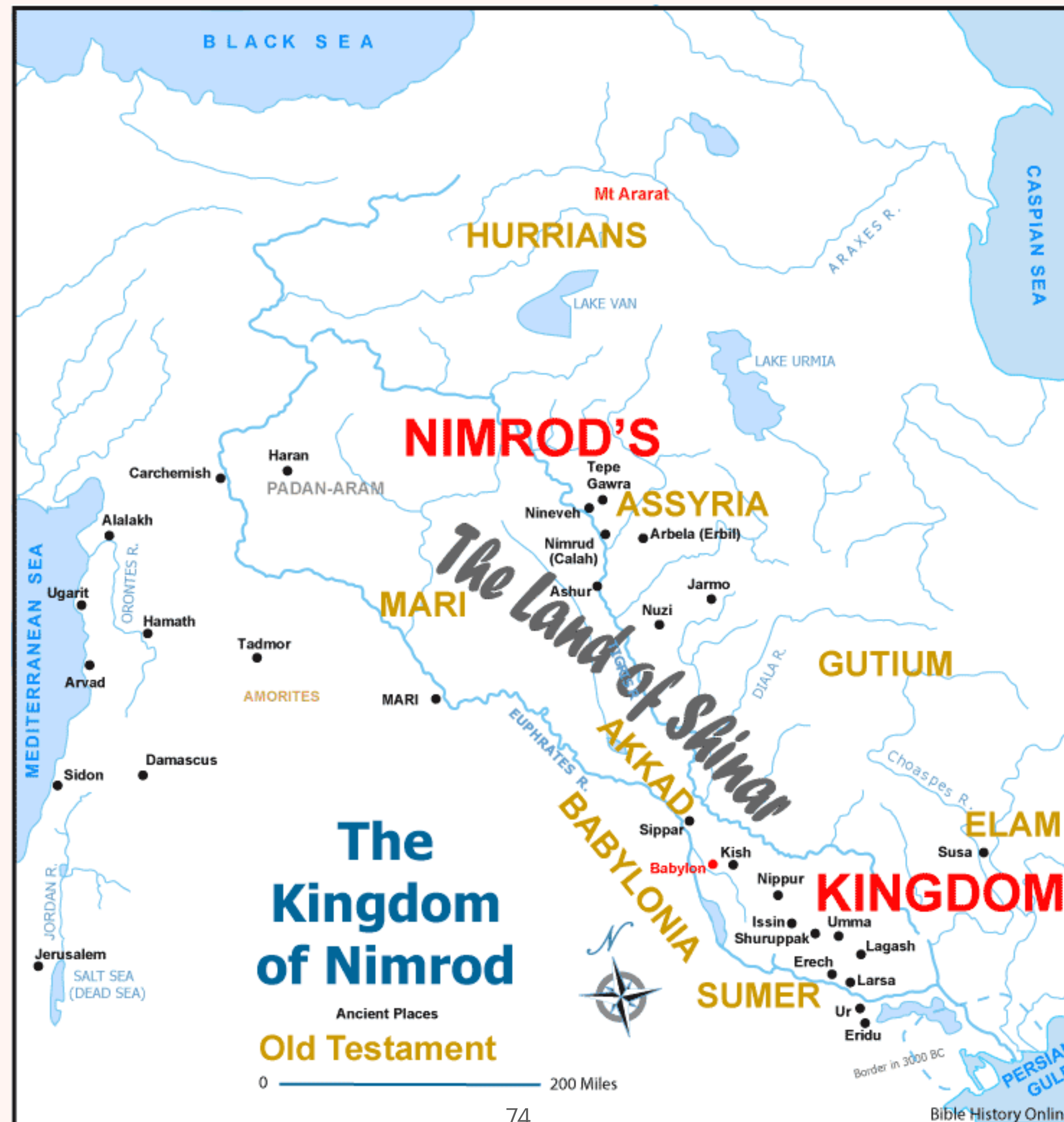
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- v14, origin of the Philistines
- v15, Canaanites - v19, spread out
- **Tower of Babel**
 - Babel = ?Babylon?
 - Babel = Hebrew name for Babylon
 - *Babili* - gate of god



The Tower of Babel by Pieter Bruegel the Elder (1563)





GENESIS 11

Preamble: The Creation of the World

➤ Tower of Babel

- Babel = Hebrew name for Babylon
 - *Babili* - gate of god
- v1, one language
- v3, making bricks: let's build a city
 - To make a name for ourselves
 - So we can stay unified
- God observes movement based on pride
- v7, let 'us' confuse their speech



The Great Ziggurat of Ur



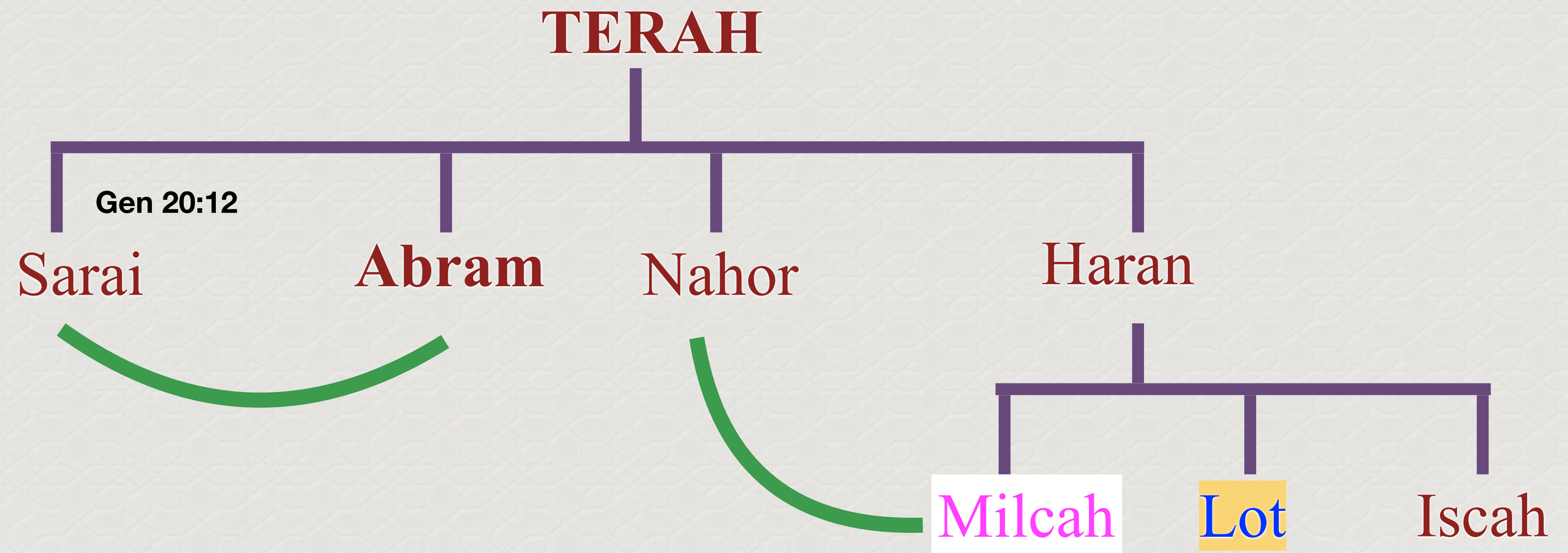
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GENESIS 11

II. The Story of the Ancestors of Israel

- Descendants from Shem to Abraham
- Terah
 - v27, father of Abraham

Genesis 11:27-32



ABRAHAM



- ✧ Several references to Abraham in Bible
 - ✧ Isaiah 51:1-3... [LRB 1520]
 - ✧ Called to look to our Father Abraham and Sarah
 - ✧ the audience was the Israelites in exile
 - ✧ they had lost hope - in the depths of despair
 - ✧ Look to the faith of Abraham and Sarah
 - ✧ Abraham started small, but look to the greatness God raised him — because of his faith in God,
 - ✧ AND his trust and faithfulness to God

Genesis

- Starting with Abraham, God seeks to forge a relationship with one nation — with the hope that that nation would bring in all the other nations.
- He starts with one family: an old man with his old wife: Abram and Sarai
 - They are childless.
 - They are in a land that is not their ancestral land: Remember, Abram's father had also been on the move. He was on his way to Canaan, but stopped and settled in Ur. (11:31)
 - The time is about 1900 - 1500 BC
 - Outside of the Bible, there is no secular writings to confirm what we have here.

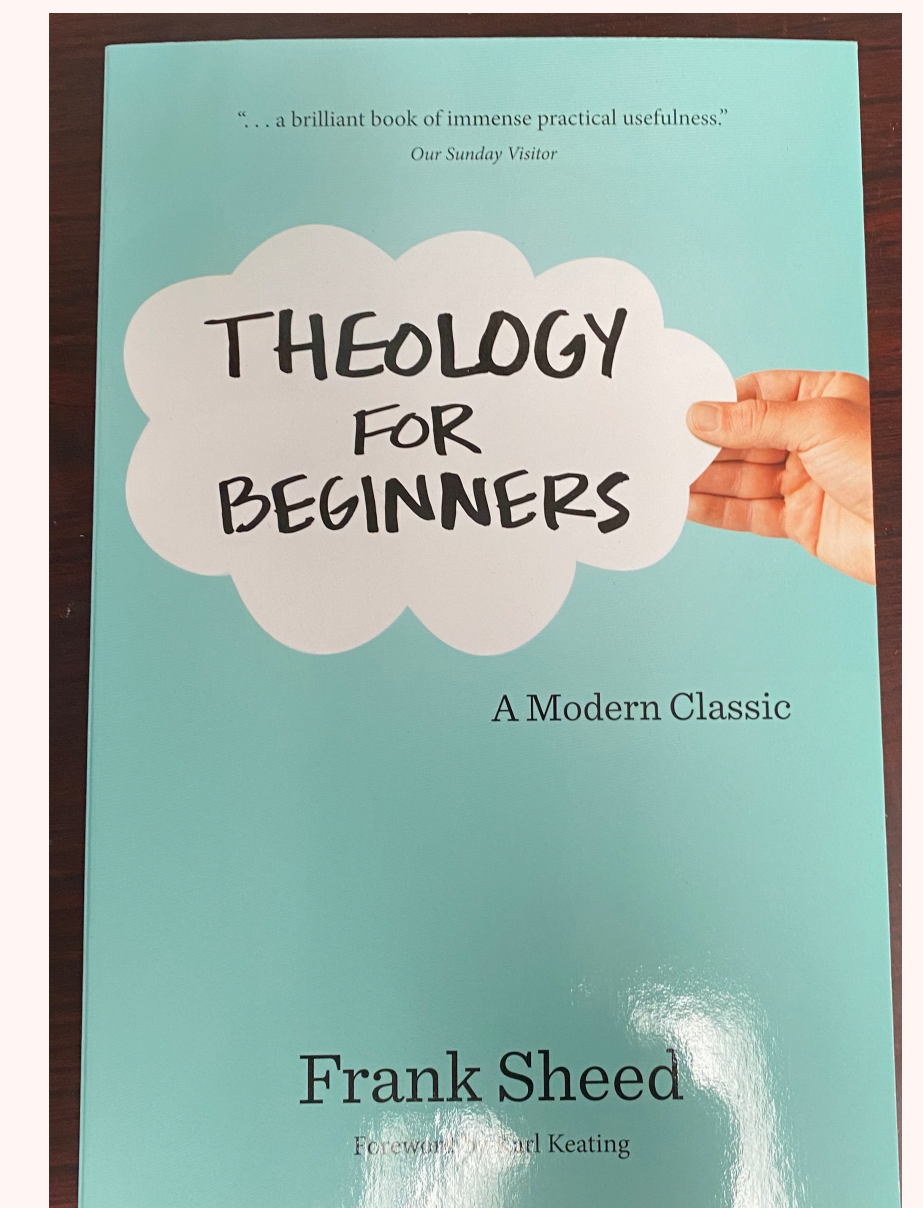
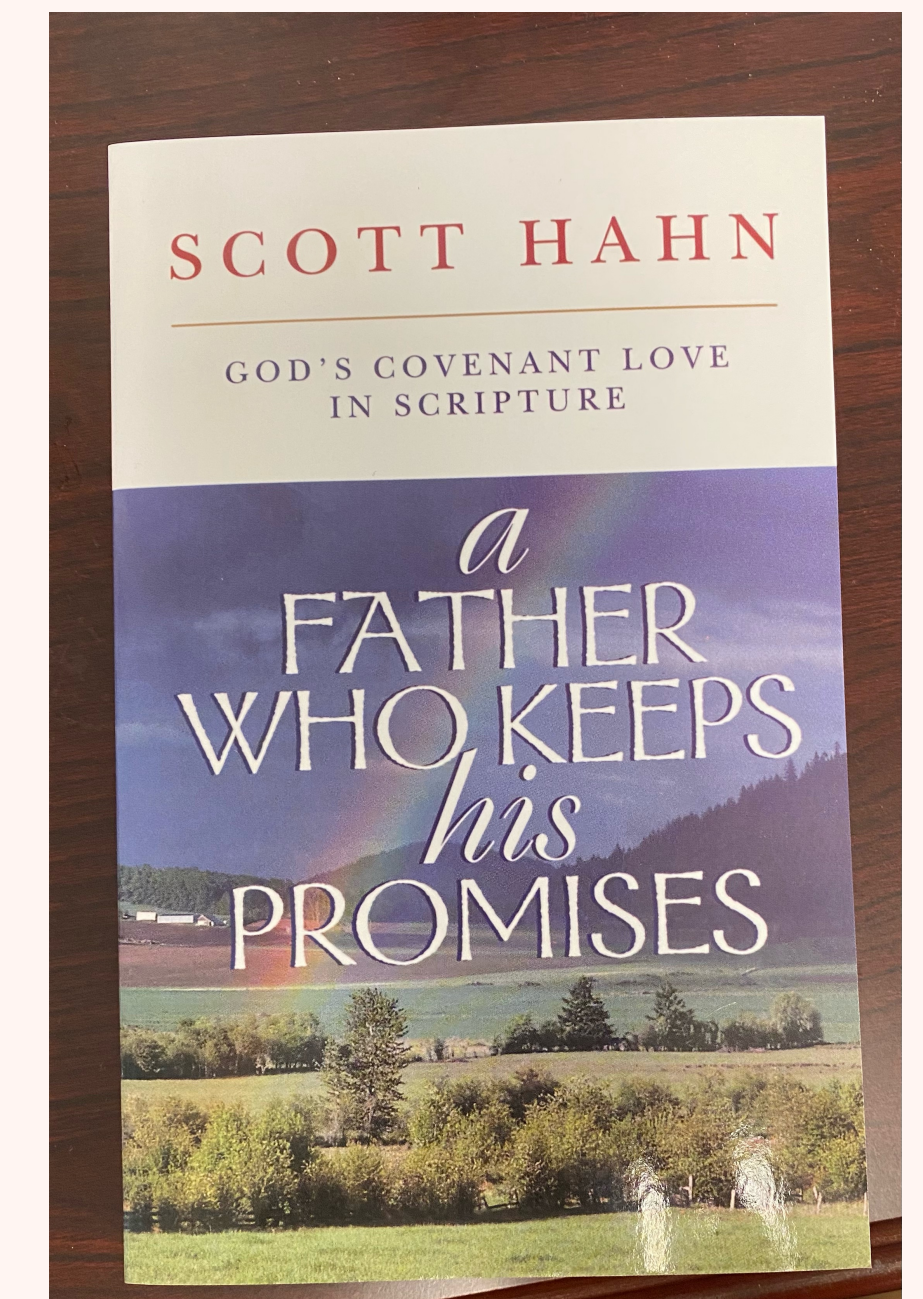
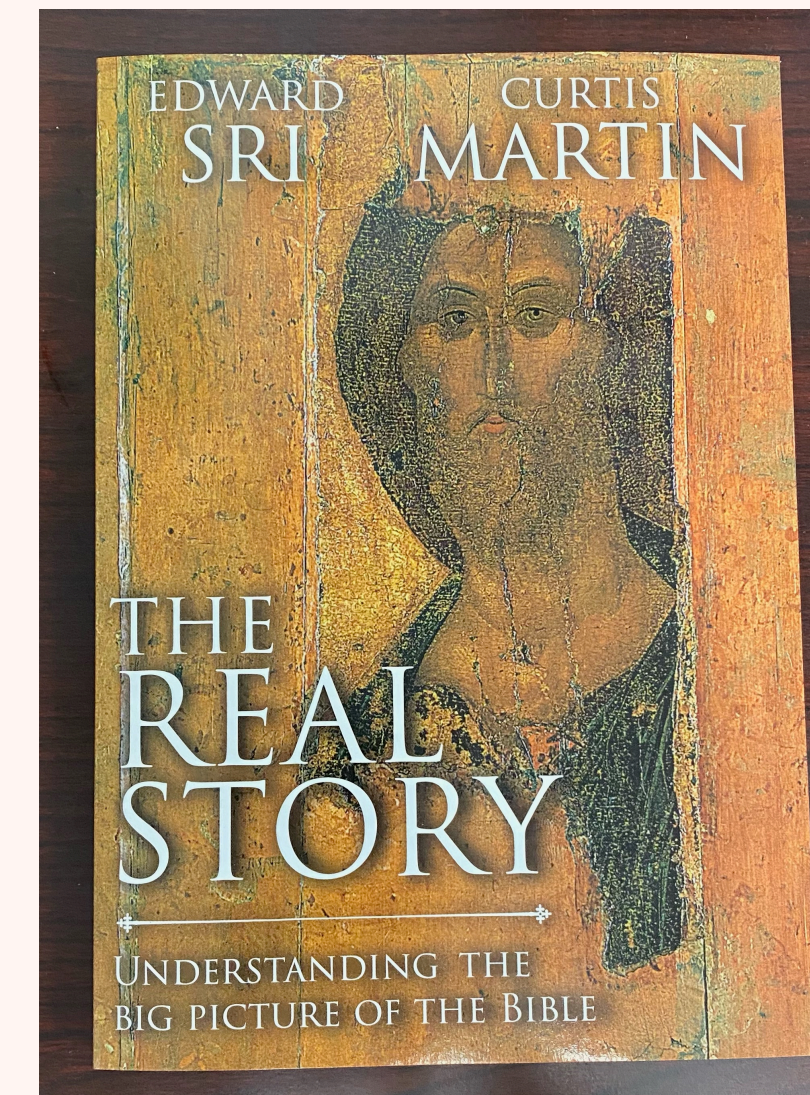


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And the Story of Abraham and the Patriarchs continue.....

FURTHER READING

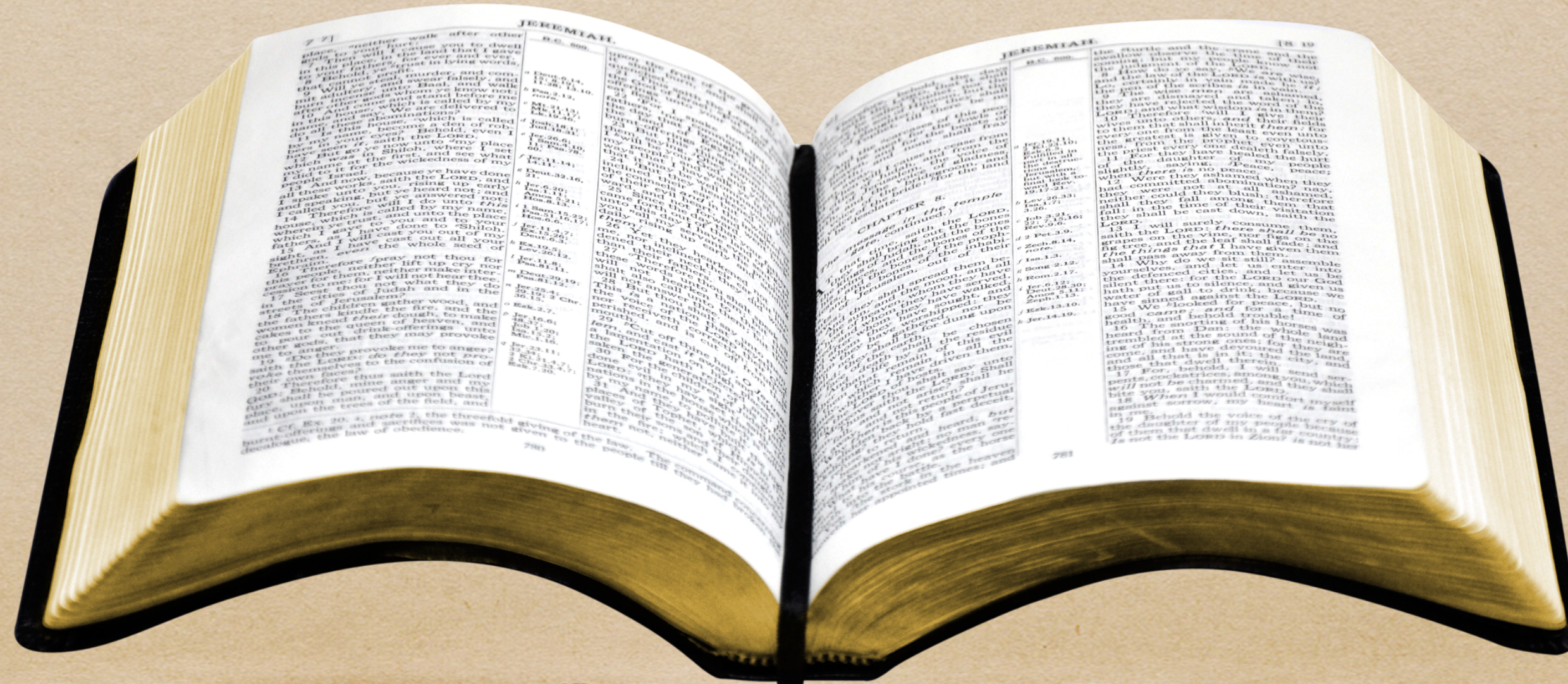
- Scott Hahn, God's Covenant Love in Scripture, Chapter 4
- Edward Sri, The Real Story: Understanding the Big Picture of the Bible, Chapters 2-3
- Frank Sheed, Theology for Beginners, Chapters 7, 8, 10





ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?



- ♦ Year 3 is the most challenging year
- ♦ Enter part of Bible not often read/taught
- ♦ Life in *and* Prophecies from Exile and Post-Exile
- ♦ Job, Books of Maccabees
- ♦ **HOWEVER** — this is the time just before Jesus, so....



Introduction to **The Book of Ezekiel**

- ♦ Challenging to read and study 
- ♦ But... part of the canon of God's Word —
so, *let's do this!* 
- ♦ This is a good time to remind you of Plenary Indulgences for reading Scripture 30 minutes per day.....

INDULGENCES

Code of Canon Law (can. 992) and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1471):

“An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints”.

MATTHEW 16:19- [Peter,] I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

- There are two types of indulgences – **partial** and **plenary** (full).
- Plenary indulgences can only be granted one a day, unless death is imminent.
- To have a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached **and** to fulfill three conditions:
 - 1 – sacramental confession,
 - 2 – Eucharistic Communion and
 - 3 – prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.
- It is **further required** that you **must be free from all attachment to sin, even venial**. If this is not the case, the plenary indulgence becomes a partial one.
- The three conditions above must be met **within a few days before or after** the work done for the indulgence.
- Indulgences may be done for yourself or those in purgatory, but not others who are still alive on earth.

Partial:

- Teaching of studying Christian doctrine
- Praying the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed
- Act of Spiritual Communion
- Prayer for the household
- Reciting several approved litanies
- Praying the Memorare
- Reciting Psalm 51
- Making devout use of a blessed holy object (e.g., a crucifix, rosary, scapular, etc)
- Spending devout time in mental prayer
- Prayer for the Pope

- 1 – sacramental confession,
- 2 – Eucharistic Communion and
- 3 – prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.
- **4 - must be free from all attachment to sin,**

Plenary:

- Half an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Papal blessing
- Adoration of the Cross during Good Friday services
- Attending the closing Mass of a Eucharistic Congress
- Three days of retreat
- Receiving 1st Communion or assisting at a 1st Communion
- Being ordained a priest or devoutly participating in an ordination Mass of a priest
- Reciting a rosary in a church or within the family or religious community. Other times it is partial.
- Reading Sacred Scripture for 30 minutes or more. *Partial if less.*

**FAST PASS
to heaven**

<https://www.aggiecatholicblog.org/2010/09/how-to-get-an-indulgence/>

Introduction to The Book of Ezekiel

- ♦ **Back to Ezekiel:**
- ♦ Author: a priest - prophesying from Babylon
 - ♦ Is very angered ...
 - ♦ by the defilement of the Temple (Ez 8)
 - ♦ that was then deserted by the the glory of God (Ez 10),
 - ♦ and then destroyed by the Babylonians
 - ♦ He also looks to the Temple of the future (Ez 40-48)
- ♦ Ezekiel venerates Torah
 - ♦ And accuses Israel of constantly profaning the Sabbath (Ez 20) - among a litany of other rebellious behaviors
- ♦ **Heart of Ez's teaching:** inner conversion; must obtain a new heart and a new spirit (Ez 18:31)
- ♦ **Will see his influence on **Apocalyptic** books: Daniel & Revelation

- ♦ **HOMEWORK: Read the Introduction to Ezekiel**
- ♦ and Read Ezekiel 1-3

♦ **Also:**

September 21, 2023 – Intro to Apocalyptic Literature; Ezekiel 1-3

- CLASS SLIDES
- CLASS RECORDING
- [USCCB – Introduction to Ezekiel](#)
- [Article – on the Tetramorphs](#)
- For study of Ezekiel:
 - [Video: What is Apocalyptic Vision? \(#3\) | Fr. William Nicholas](#)
 - [Video: How to Write An Apocalypse \(#4\) | Fr. William Nicholas](#)
 - [Video: Apocalyptic Literature – Signs and Symbols \(#5\) | Fr. William Nicholas](#)
 - [Video: How to Read the Bible: Apocalyptic Literature | Bible Project](#)
 - [Video: Bishop Barron comments on Apocalyptic Literature](#)

OPENING PRAYER - PSALM 104:19-36

Psalm 104

Praise of God the Creator

IV

19

You made the moon to mark the seasons,
the sun that knows the hour of its setting.

20

You bring darkness and night falls,
then all the animals of the forest wander about.

21

Young lions roar for prey;
they seek their food from God.

22

When the sun rises, they steal away
and settle down in their dens.

23

People go out to their work,
to their labor till evening falls.

V

24

How varied are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

25

There is the sea, great and wide!
It teems with countless beings,
living things both large and small.

26

There ships ply their course
and Leviathan,[e] whom you formed
to play with.

VI

27

All of these look to you
to give them food in due time.

28

When you give it to them, they gather;
when you open your hand, they are
well filled.

29

When you hide your face, they panic.
Take away their breath, they perish
and return to the dust.

30

Send forth your spirit, they are created
and you renew the face of the
earth.

VII

31

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord be glad in his works!

32

Who looks at the earth and it trembles,
touches the mountains and they
smoke!

33

I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God while I
live.

34

May my meditation be pleasing to him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.

35

May sinners vanish from the earth,
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, my soul! Hallelujah![g]