

# **WELCOME**

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# **Timeline!**

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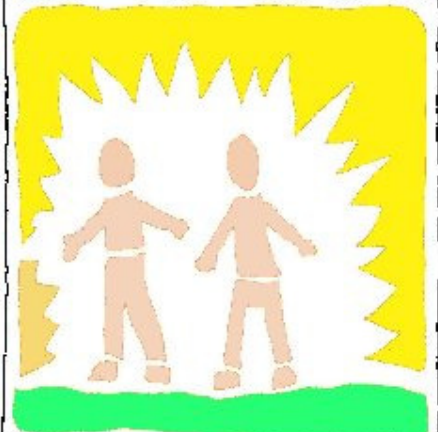
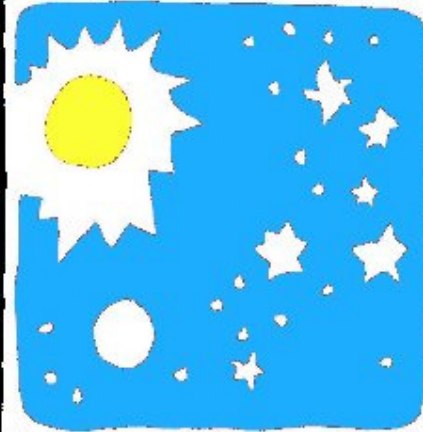
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**Follow the history of the world,  
from CREATION through to the  
SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,  
and then on to modern times.**

# MAJOR STEPS THROUGH WORLD HISTORY



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## About 4000 BC

In six literal, 24 hour days God created all the matter and dimensions of the universe.

- DAY 1 Light and Earth  
(made of water)
- DAY 2 Sky and water separated
- DAY 3 Dry land and seas,  
plants and trees
- DAY 4 Sun moon and stars
- DAY 5 Fish and birds
- DAY 6 Animals (including  
dinosaurs) and Mankind

Mankind, humans, were made perfect, "in the image" of God. They were sinless and innocent and holy.

They lived in a perfect world. There was no rain. A mist watered the ground. No creatures ate meat.

Adam and Eve had pure harmony with God, with each other and with the created living world.



### **Temptation**

God allowed Adam and Eve the opportunity to choose between obeying or disobeying Him.

They chose to disobey and were punished.

Sin entered the perfect world.

Adam and Eve were the human race's first parents. All the people in the world come from them.



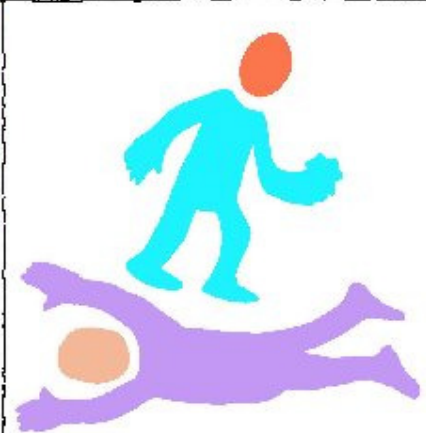
### **Punishment**

God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden (orchard) of Eden, so they could not eat from the Tree of Life.

They were not allowed to live for ever as sinners.

Because God is holy, He cannot allow sin to go unpunished.

This is why Jesus paid the price for our sin, to make a way for God to be able to forgive sinners.






### **Murder**

Sin began to spread. Pride, hate, lust, jealousy... human hearts became dark with sin.

Cain killed (murdered) his brother Abel.

God made interrim provision for sin by allowing people to sacrifice a lamb as a substitute.

Eventually Jesus would be "the Lamb of God" for sin.

		
<p><b>Population Growth</b></p> <p>Adam and Eve had many sons and daughters. Soon the family of Man began to grow. Houses, streets, and cities began to expand.</p> <p>Everyone spoke the same language. The climate was rainless and mild. Everything grew well.</p>	<p><b>Technology</b></p> <p>3600 - 3500 BC</p> <p>Jubal invented harps and flutes. This implies a range of stringed instruments, and wind instruments, along with music.</p> <p>Tubal-Cain invented the working of bronze and iron. This implies smelting and metalurgy.</p> <p>Technology became quite sophisticated.</p>	<p><b>Noah</b></p> <p>About 2448 BC</p> <p>God saw that the THOUGHTS, words and actions of humans were sinful, unholy and evil. He warned that in 120 years He would destroy them. He called Noah to build a huge boat called an Ark.</p> <p>Noah was obedient. He began to build the Ark, and became a witness to his generation.</p>





### **Global Flood**

About 2348 BC

The flood was global.  
All plants, trees, and land animals were killed.

For months great waves and powerful currents dragged sediments about, burying organisms.

The sediments formed layers, which compressed and became sedimentary rock.



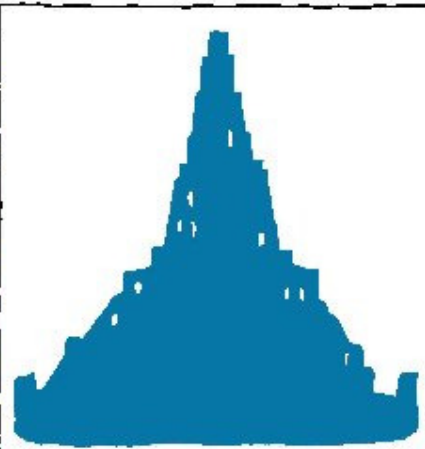
### **Fossilization**

About 2347 BC

Fossils are the remains of billions of dead things buried quickly and preserved before decomposition can destroy them.

Great amounts of wood from forests was also buried, forming the huge coal mines of today.

Fossils are evidence of a global flood.




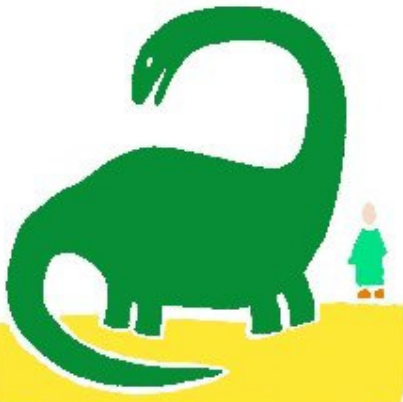

### **Tower at Babel**

About 2242 BC

From Noah and his family (8 people) preserved in the Ark the world's population began to grow again.

God told the people to spread out over the Earth, but instead they built a city and a tower.

To split the people up, God created different languages. They formed language groups and separated.

		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Migrations</b></p> <p>Many of the oldest civilisations date their beginnings from around or just before 2000 BC.</p> <p>As the language groups migrated and settled, they built distinctly different cultures.</p> <p>They also built stone monuments such as Stonehenge.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dinosaurs</b></p> <p>There were dinosaurs on the Ark, along with other creatures.</p> <p>God brought 2 of every land-animal to Noah, which must have included these creatures.</p> <p>After the animals were released, they bred "after their kind".</p> <p>Job describes dinosaurs - see Job 40.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Abram</b> About 1922 BC</p> <p>Abram's name was changed by God to Abraham.</p> <p>He was a man who obeyed God. Faith and obedience go together. In this way Abraham sets a wonderful example to us.</p> <p>He was told to leave Ur and go where God told him, and he did.</p>



## Joseph

About 1715 BC

Joseph was sold as a slave into Egypt by his brothers, but God used this dreadful experience to prepare the way for great blessings for His people.

A drought and famine brought Joseph's family to Egypt.

This indicates that the world was beginning to experience extremes in weather.



## Moses

1491 BC

400 years later, Moses was called to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt. There were close to a million of them now.

God sent ten terrible judgments on the nation of Egypt.

The PASSOVER was instituted.

God parted the Red Sea for Moses and the people.



## Entering Canaan

1451 BC

40 years later Joshua led the next generation of Israelites into 'the promised land'. The ark of the covenant came with them.

From then on for many years Israel waged war with the giants of Canaan, and took the land by war and treaty.

Unfortunately Israel became as bad as the people they deposed.



**David and Goliath**  
1063 BC

God called David because David already had qualities suitable for leadership.

David as a youth challenged and killed a giant called Goliath, because the giant abused and blasphemed the Name of the one true God, the God of Israel.

David went on to become king over all Israel.



**Solomon's Temple**  
1005 BC

King Solomon desired to build a house for God, and God allowed him to build a temple, but God told him there was no temple large enough to hold the one true God.

God fills heaven and Earth!

Solomon dedicated the temple to God, and promised to serve Him, but Solomon failed to live up to this promise.



**Rise of Assyria**  
911 BC

Assyria grew into a large empire which invaded Israel lands many times.

It was known for its cruelty - they skinned captives alive or impaled them on stakes. They also worshipped many false gods.

They destroyed northern Israel and deported many of them to other lands.





### **First Olympics**

776 BC

The Olympics began in Olympia. They were held every four years. They were a very religious event, with much of the praise going to the gods for the success of the athletes.

Most events were between individuals, and included running, wrestling, boxing, long jump, discus and javelin.



### **Isaiah the Prophet**

713 BC

Isaiah was a prophet of God. He reveals many wonderful things to us about God. He also describes in detail the coming, and work, and death of Jesus the Son of God, and Messiah to Israel.

Read chapter 53 of his book and you will find prophecies about Jesus made hundreds of years before the events.

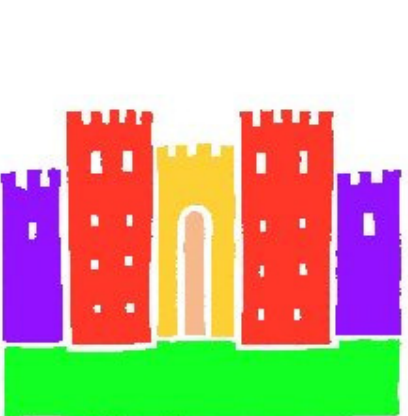




### **Babylon Falls**

587 BC

Babylon was a city of Mesopotamia. It was the capital city of the Babylonia empire and an enemy of Israel.

Isaiah predicted Babylon's fall. Daniel foretold the four kingdoms that would follow it with other historical details. We have reached the third kingdom today.

		
<p><b>Nebuchadnezzar</b> 570 BC</p> <p>Nebuchadnezzar rebuilds Babylonla. He took on a huge rebuilding program, adding more height and size to the already huge city. He took captives from Judah, who included Daniel.</p> <p>Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem. About his time people from Israel were called Jews.</p>	<p><b>Persian Empire</b> 559 - 530 BC</p> <p>The land of Persia is today called Iran. The Persian empire reached from Africa to Greece to India. Cyrus allowed Jews to go back and rebuild Jerusalem.</p> <p>In Daniel chapter two, Persia (with the Medes) is the second empire in the prophecy about empires that would come and go.</p>	<p><b>Nehemiah</b> 454 BC</p> <p>Nehemiah was a Jew who lived in exile in Persia. He was cupbearer to king Artaxerxes. When he heard about the ruins of Jerusalem he got permission to go and help rebuild the city and its walls.</p> <p>He arrived about a hundred years after other exiles had come, but they had not repaired anything as yet.</p>



**Alexander the Great**  
336 - 323 BC

King of Macedonia, and conqueror of the Persian empire.

He is the third kingdom in Daniel chapter two (the loins of brass)

Educated by Aristotle.  
Died in Babylon, a city he wanted to rebuild - but God said the city would never be rebuilt.



**Ptolemy IV**  
230 BC

Ptolemy IV Philopator built a temple to Homer, married his sister and built a giant ship, or galley which may have had forty banks of oars.

It was 128/130 m (420 ft.) long.

He was one of the four heads of the leopard in Daniel ch. 7

Ptolemy's ship was the largest built since Noah's Ark.



**Great Wall of China**  
221 BC

This wall stretches 2,251 km (1,450 miles) and was once longer.

It was originally a defence to keep the Turks and Mongols out.

Many workers died in its construction, and millions have been spent in its restoration.



### **LORD JESUS BORN**

Western year count begins

4000 years before Jesus was born, His coming was predicted.

Other prophets described Who he was, what He would do, where He would live, how He would die, and what He would do after He rose from the dead.

Jesus is truly God and truly Man - God with us.



### **Miracles**

About 30 AD

Jesus demonstrated many evidences to prove He was God.

He healed all the sick who came to Him, raised the dead, and controlled Nature.

He taught perfect wisdom, and understood what was in people's hearts.

He foretold the future and had accurate knowledge of everything he was asked about.



### **Jesus Died**




About 30 AD

God gave the Law to Man, but Man broke that Law. Only the God who gave the Law could pay the price for those who broke it.

When Jesus died for the whole world, He was God reconciling the sinful world back to Himself.

When we have FAITH in Jesus, and OBEY Him, we are forgiven all our sins.



		
<p><b>Paul the Apostle</b> After AD 33</p> <p>Saul, of Tarsus, was raised a devout Pharisee.</p> <p>He hated Christianity and set out to destroy it, but soon became a Christian himself.</p> <p>He began many missionary journeys and planted many Christian fellowships, many of which remain today.</p> <p>Many N.T. books come from Paul's writings.</p>	<p><b>Colosseum Built</b> AD 80</p> <p>This enormous building was started by the emperor Vespasian.</p> <p>Vespasian's son Titus - it was general Titus who destroyed Jerusalem in 70AD completed it.</p> <p>It seated 50,000.</p> <p>Many Christians died in it by lion and gladiator, for entertainment.</p>	<p><b>Christians Persecuted</b> Up to AD 313</p> <p>At times Rome persecuted Christians, and at other times it left them alone.</p> <p>Some emperors were worse than others.</p> <p>Satan uses whatever and whoever to oppose the rule of God.</p> <p>Just as the Jews hounded Jesus to death, the world continues to attack His followers.</p>



### **Rome Sacked** AD 455

Rome fell completely when the Goths arrived and sacked the city.  
The Roman empire split into two, western and eastern. These divisions match the two legs of iron in Daniel ch.2.  
The civilization of Rome has influenced the whole Western world and Europe.  
We still use Latin today at certain times and places.



### **Mohammed and Islam** AD 610

This religion was founded by a sinful man who claimed to have been visited by God.  
His teachings are a twisted version of the Bible.  
His method of spreading this cult-like religion is by the sword, force and violence.  
Those who obey the Koran, the 'Muslim Bible' are commanded to kill Christians.



### **Viking Invasions** AD 1000 on

After many invasions of England, they eventually conquered it under Sweyn 1st.  
His son Canute was king of England, Denmark and Norway.  
The Vikings came to plunder the land, but eventually settled and integrated.



**William the Conqueror**  
AD 1066

William the 1st, became king of England in 1066.

He invaded the country and defeated Harold of Hastings, Sussex, hence the name Battle of Hastings.

He compiled the Domesday Book, a record of England's property - land, houses, cattle, sheep, and many names, and he controlled the barons.



**Oxford University**  
AD 1170

This is the oldest British university.

Over the years it has included Theology as a normal part of its curriculum.

Darwin and others have now undermined the Biblical basis for science and education.

Bible-based creationism is the antidote to this corruption.



**Genghis Khan**  
AD 1206

He was a Mongol conqueror, and ruler of all Mongol peoples from 1206.

He conquered N.China and went as far as N.India.

He probably controlled more land area than any other individual in history.

After Mongolia's warlike period it fell to Buddhism and became passive, inward-looking, and spiritually blind.