



The Book of Genesis

In the beginning...
מֵהַיְחָדָשׁ אֵלֶּיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ

In the beginning...

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים

The Tower of Bab-El Chapter 11

Genesis 11

- ¹ And the whole earth was of one language*, and of one speech.
- ² 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.

Gen 11:1-2

One Language – Hebrew? *Zephaniah 3:9*

Mt. Ararat?



Babel

From the east...?

Genesis 11:2

Genesis 11

³ And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

⁴ 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.

Gen 11:3-4

The Tower of Bab-El

Genesis 11

- One Language
- Godless Confederacy – “they said...”
- Plain of Shinar: - to keep people together
- 1st World Dictator
 - Nimrod – (“We will rebel”)
- Bab-El “Tower to the gods”
 - Astrological Temple – worship of the planets
 - Mazzaroth corrupted into the Zodiac

The Heavens Declare

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handywork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night shows knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.”

The Mazaroth

“The Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

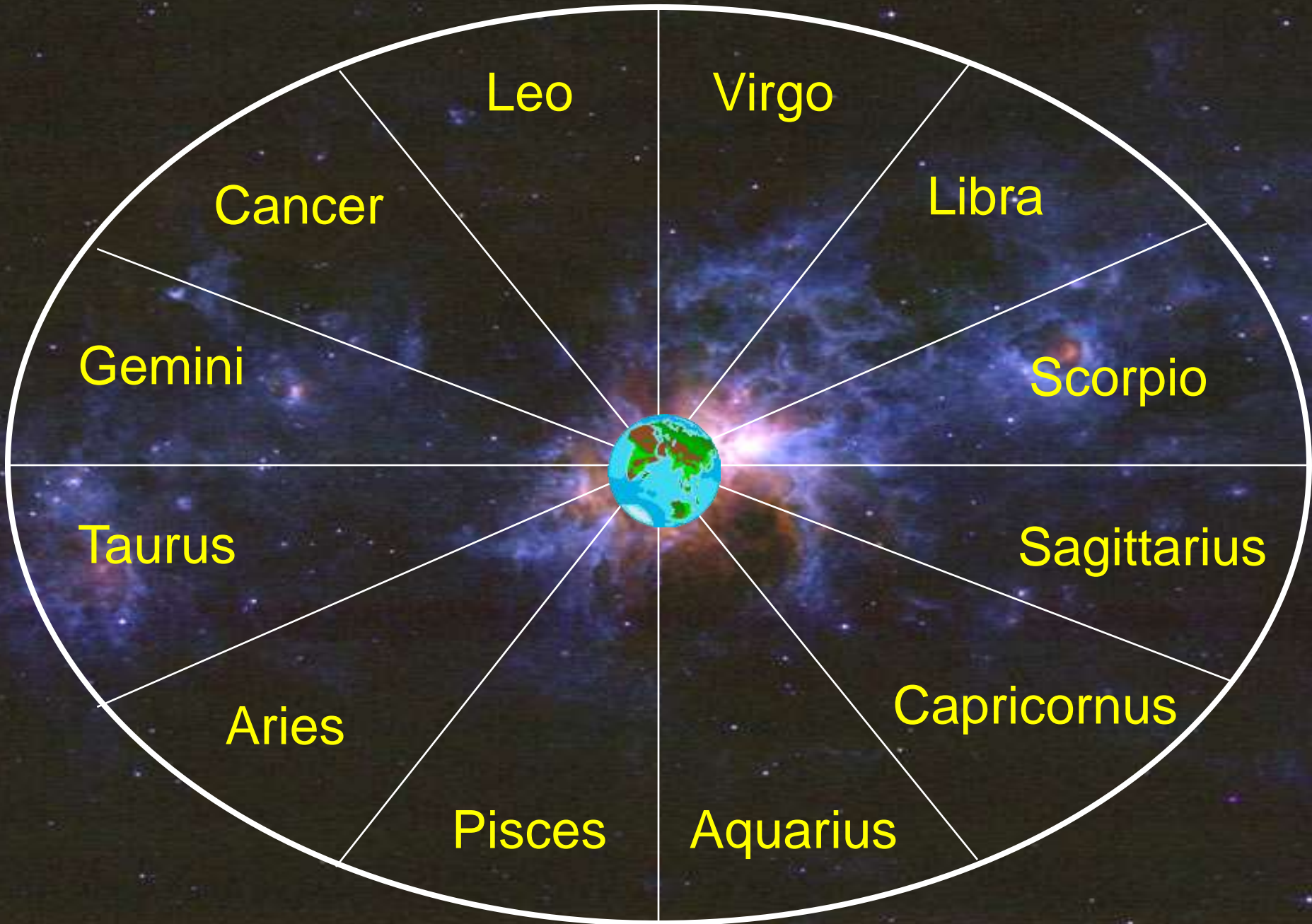
Job 38:31-33

‘The Way’

The Mazaroth

“He tells the number of the stars; he calls them all by their names.”

Psalm 147:4



Leo

Virgo

Cancer

Libra

Gemini

Scorpio

Taurus

Sagittarius

Aries

Capricornus

Pisces

Aquarius

The Mazaroth

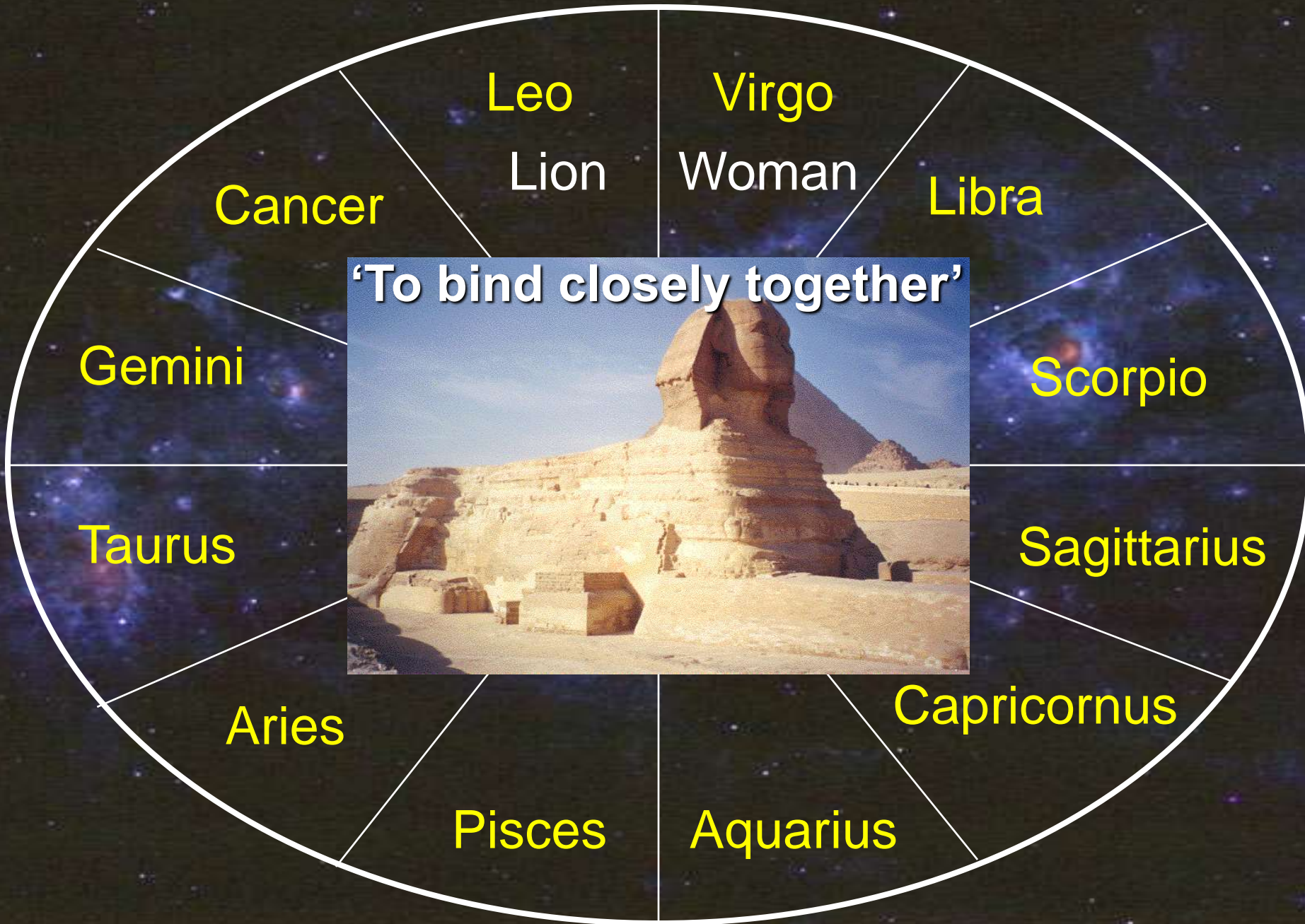
- Each constellation is made up of a groups of stars

- The stars have names –

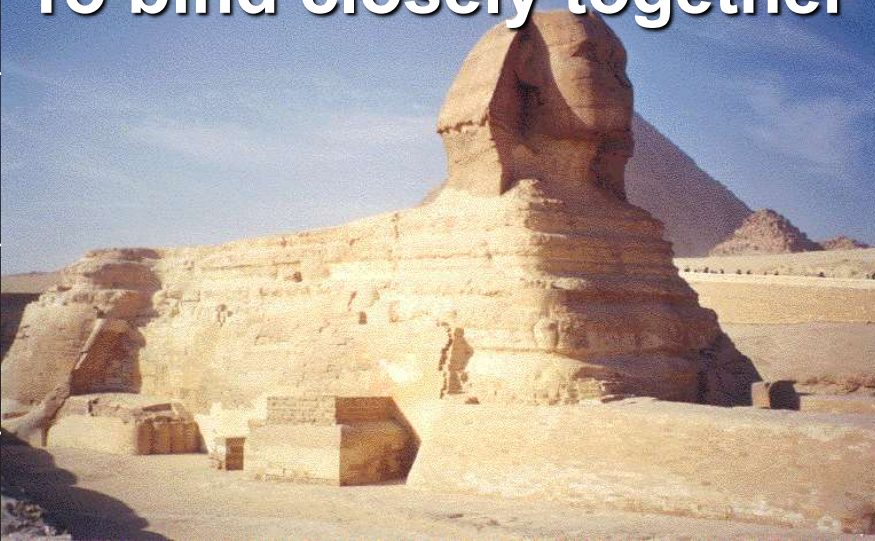
Ancient Persian & Arabian tradition ascribe the invention of astronomy to Adam/Seth/Enoch

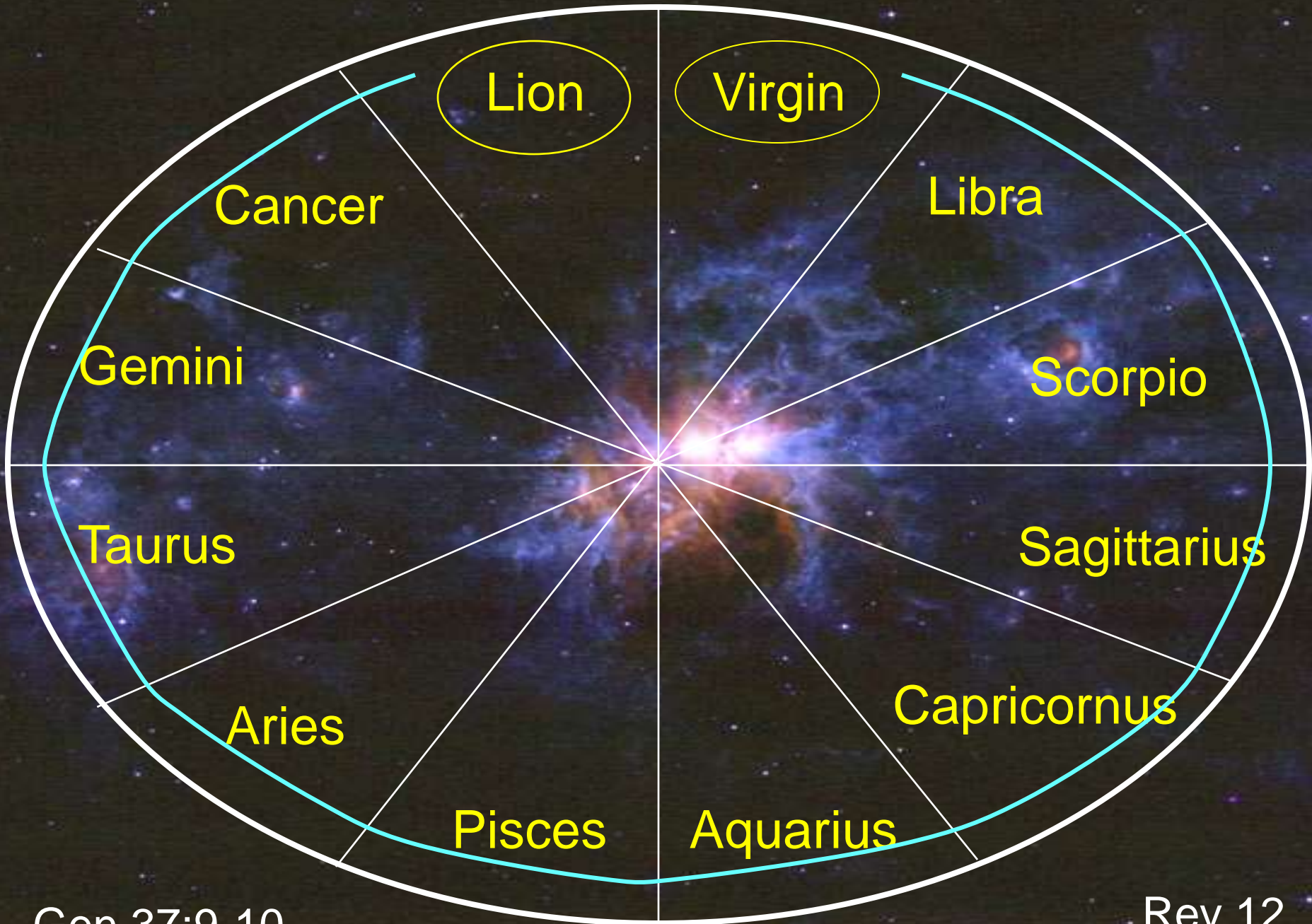
- The names tell a story

- The picture is an aid to help remember the star names



'To bind closely together'





Lion

Virgin

Cancer

Libra

Gemini

Scorpio

Taurus

Sagittarius

Aries

Capricornus

Pisces

Aquarius

Gen 37:9-10

Rev 12

Virgo – The Virgin

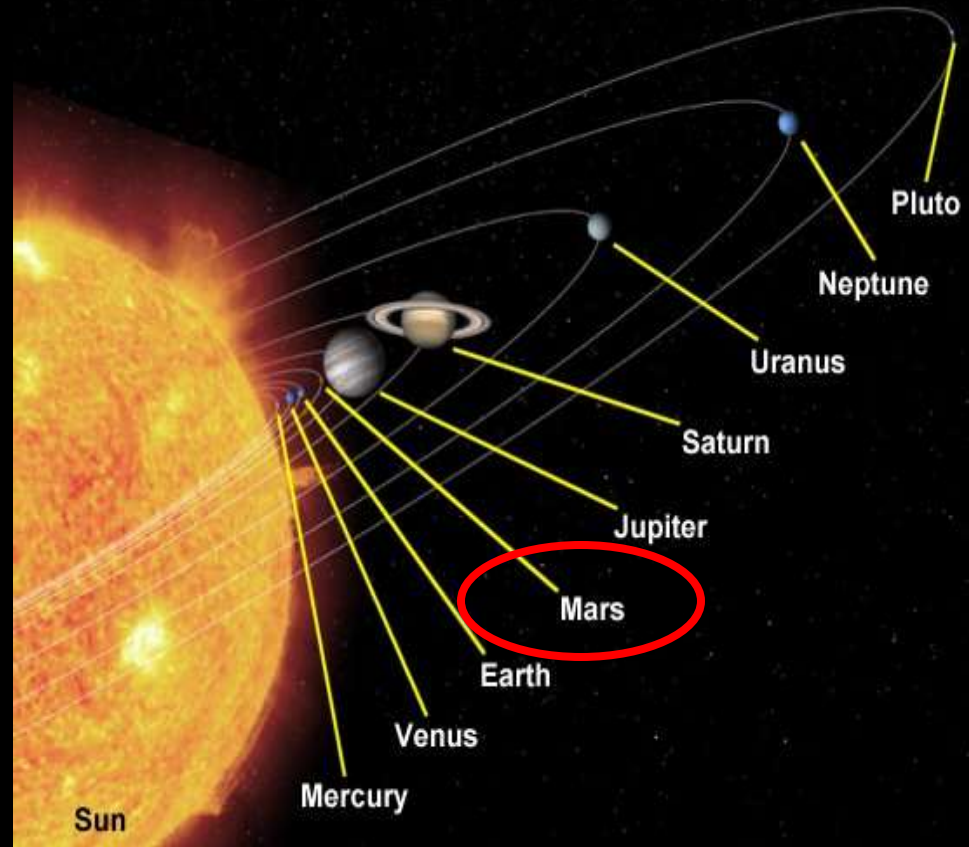
- Spica = Ear of Corn / Branch / The Seed
- Zavijaveh = Gloriously beautiful
- Al Mureddin = who shall have dominion
- Coma = the Desired
- Centaurus = the Despised
- Bootes = The Coming One
- Arcturus = He Cometh
- Al Katurops = treading under foot
- Nekka = the pierced

Leo – The Lion

- Regulus = treading under foot
 - Denebola = the judge cometh
 - Deneb Aleced = the judge shall reign
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- Hydra = the fleeing serpent
 - Crater = the cup of fire
 - Corvus = the ravens (will eat - Rev 19)

The Days of the Week

- Sun-daeg
- Moon-daeg
- Tiwes-daeg (Mars' day)
- Odens-daeg (Mercury's day)
- Thors-daeg (Jupiter's day)
- Freyia-daeg (Venus' day)
- Saturn's-daeg



Astronomy Challenge

Which one is Mars?



The Planet Mars

- All the ancient cultures feared Mars
- The Roman god of war
- Homer described 'Ares' as 'bane of mortals'
- Areopagus – 'Mars Hill' – seat of Judgment
- Epic of Gilgamesh blames Mars for the flood!

- (But) Enlil shall not come near to the offering, because without reflection he brought on the deluge and consigned my people to destruction! As soon as Enlil arrived and saw the ship, Enlil was wroth!

The Planet Mars

- Talmudic literature and the Apocrypha both list 7 Archangels – The Talmud assigns these to the 7 planets as ‘guardians’
 - Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus
 - ‘Sammael’ was assigned Mars
 - ‘Sammael’ was believed to be Satan!

The Planet Mars

- Most ancient cultures worshipped Mars
- Believed to be Baal of the Old Testament
 - 2 Kings 23:5 et al
- Romans had two days set aside to honour Mars
 - Tubulustrium – day of trouble, turmoil, tumult – March 20/21
 - Armilustrium – day of alarm – October 24
 - Tubulustrium – coincides with the Passover – March 20/21
 - Armilustrium – coincides with Noah's flood – October 24
- Romulus founded Rome 750 B.C. about 15 miles upstream of the river Tiber! – Why?
- Ancient Troy rebuilt 7 times – Why?

The Mars Scenario

- Biblical support?
- In the Old Testament, catastrophes are not only a repeating scenario; they are periodic.
- Usually they are reported to involve earthquakes, cosmic lightning, thunderous cosmic noise, volcanism and celestial flyby scenery.
- Four times in Hebrew records, the night of March 20-21 involved an angel from the heavens bringing fire, celestial noise, earthquakes, lightning and sudden destruction

Psalm 18

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul:

And he said, □

Psalm 18: Introduction

Psalm 18

¹ I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. ² The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. ³ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. □

Psalm 18:1-19

Psalm 18

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. □

Psalm 18:1-19

Psalm 18

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. 8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.

Psalm 18:1-19

Psalm 18

¹¹ He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. ¹² At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. ¹³ The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. ¹⁴ Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. □

Psalm 18:1-19

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¹⁵ Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils. □

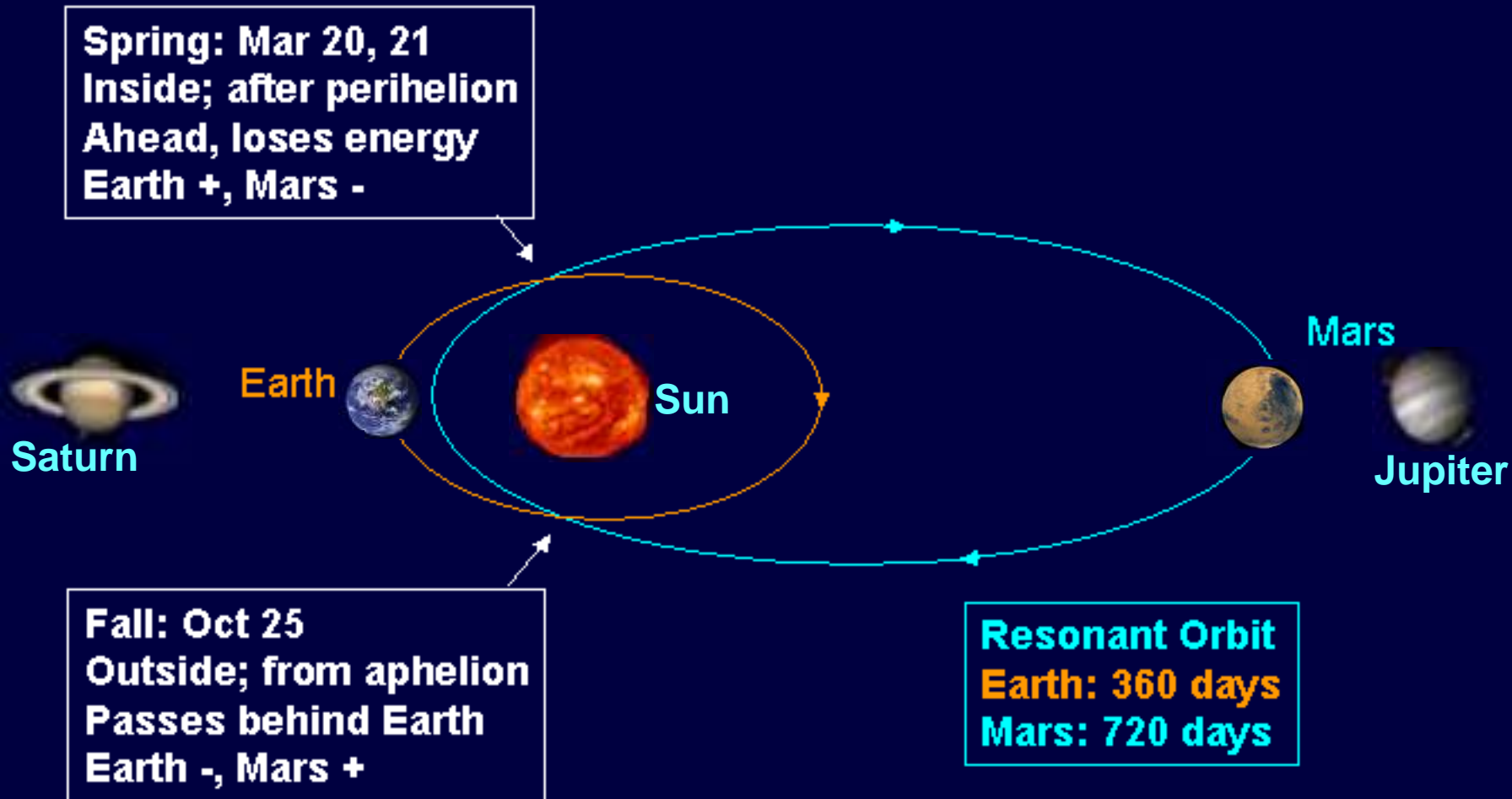
¹⁶ He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. ¹⁷ He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. ¹⁸ They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. ¹⁹ He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. □

Catastrophes Implied?

Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

Isaiah 24:1

Mars Near Pass-Bys?



Effects of a Mars Pass-by

- 200ft tides (Tsunamis)
- Land tides (+Polar shifts)
- It would cause meteor and bolide showers 30k/mph
- Lengthen the day by changing the precession
 - Legend of a 'long night' in China (Vilako
 - Could this be why March was named the 'lengthened month' – from where we get 'Lent' (*pass-by in Mar 20th*)
- Mars may have come within 35,000 miles of earth!
- The last pass-by occurred in 701 B.C. after which the orbits stabilised requiring 5 ¼ days to be added to our calendar

Catastrophism & the O.T.

Donald W Patten / Ronald R Hatch

- Oct 2484 B.C. Flood of Noah began
- Oct 1944 B.C. Tower of Babel destroyed
- Mar 1879 B.C. Sodom & Gomorrah destroyed
- Mar 1447 B.C. Exodus Plagues
- Oct 1404 B.C. Long Day of Joshua
- Oct 1296 B.C. Sisera's encounter
- Oct 1241 B.C. Gideon
- Oct 864 B.C. Elijah on Mt. Carmel
- Oct 756 B.C. Joel-Amos catastrophe
- Mar 701 B.C. Sennacherib (185,000 Assyrians died)

The High Places

² Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:

³ And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place.

Deuteronomy 12:2-3

The High Places

⁵ But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

Deuteronomy 12:5

The High Places

- 98x in scripture
- 36x in Kings
- They were the place of idolatrous worship
- Ancient cultures worshipped the stars & planets...
- Therefore the 'high places' were the optimum location as being closest
- This was the reason for the building of the Tower of Babel

The High Places

- *“There were two reasons for the prohibition of high-places; first, the danger of the old idolatry creeping back if the old localities were retained for worship; and, secondly, the danger to the unity of the nation if there should be more than one legitimate religious centre. The existence of the worship at high places did, in fact, facilitate the division of the kingdom.”*

– Albert Barnes

The High Places

⁵² Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places

Numbers 35:52

The High Places

- What do the high places represent to us?
- Anything that exults itself against the knowledge of God
- Any form of idolatry in our lives
 - Is God no.1?
- Worshipping God in the way that suits us
 - Do we come humbly before Him?
 - Are we coming on our terms?

The Tower of Bab-El



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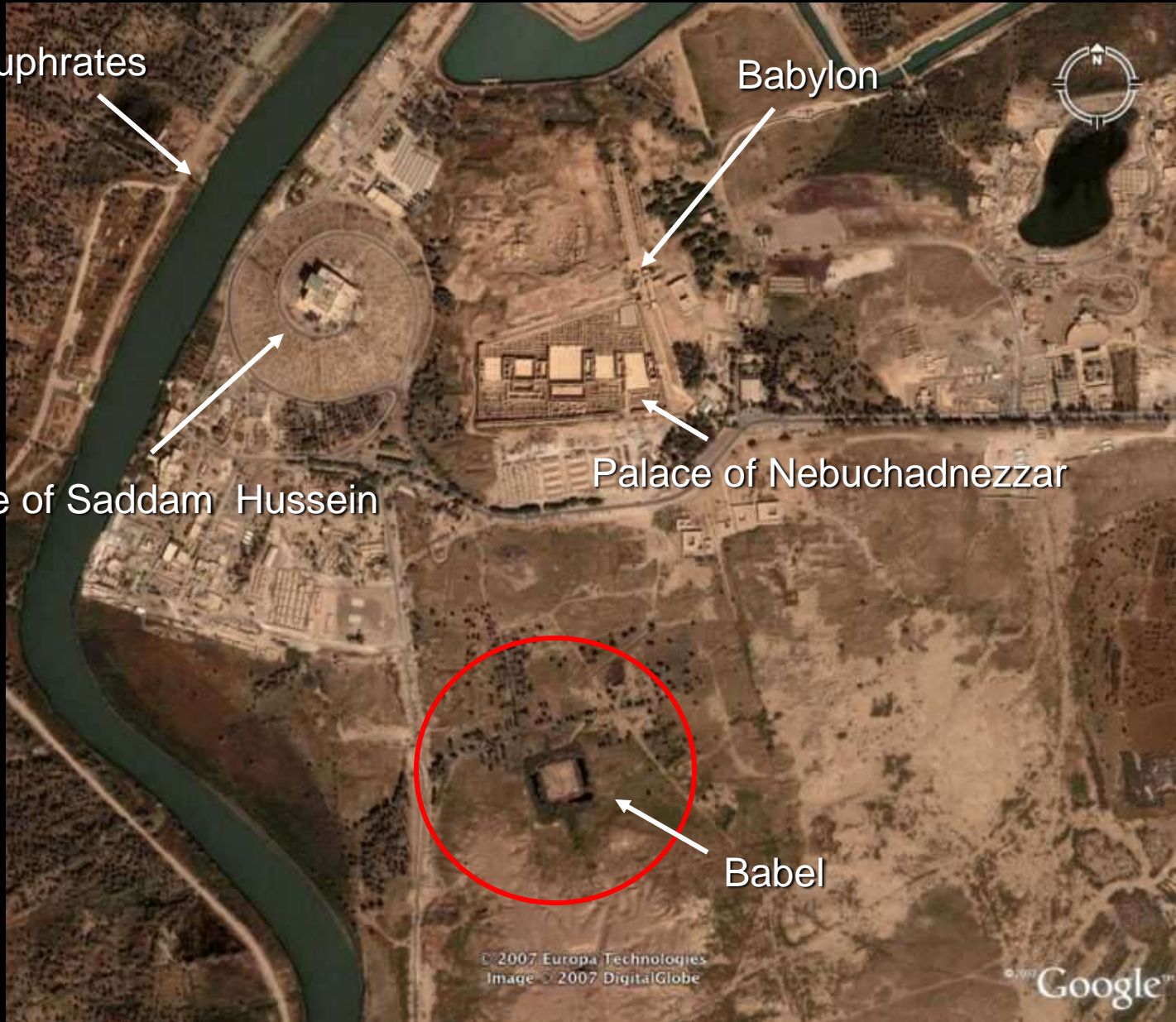
River Euphrates

Babylon

Palace of Saddam Hussein

Palace of Nebuchadnezzar

Babel



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Genesis 11

⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

⁶ And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

⁷ Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

Genesis 11

⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

⁹ Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Gen 11:8-9

Building without God = confusion

Building with God = harmony (Acts 2)

The Rebellion of Cush

- *“Cush is generally represented as having been a ringleader in the great apostasy...”*
- *Cush as the son of Ham, was Her-mes or Mercury; for Hermes is just an Egyptian synonym for the “son of Ham”.*
- *Now, Hermes was the great original prophet of idolatry; for he was recognised by the pagans as the author of their religious rites.”*

– Rev Alexander Hislop

The Rebellion of Cush

- *“Hyginus shows that he [Cush] was known as the grand agent in that movement which produced the division of tongues*
- *“For many ages, men lived under the government of Jove, without cities and laws, and all speaking one language. But after that, Mercury interpreted the speeches of men (whence an interpreter is called Hermeneuties), the same individual distributed the nations then discord began.*
– *Rev Alexander Hislop*

The Rebellion of Cush

- *“Mercury, then, or Hermes, or Cush, “the son of Ham”, was the “divider of the speeches of men”. He, it would seem, had been the ringleader in the scheme for building the great city and Tower of Babel”*
 - *Rev Alexander Hislop*

The Rebellion of Cush

- *“...Bel signified “the confounder”. ...And to this meaning of the name of the Babylonian Bel, there is a very distinct illusion in Jeremiah 1:2, where it is said “Bel is confounded”, that is, “the confounder is brought to confusion”.
– Rev Alexander Hislop*

The Rebellion of Cush

- *“That Cush was known to pagan antiquity under the very character of Bel, “the confounder”, a statement of Ovid very clearly proves: “the ancients... called me Chaos”. Now, first this decisively shows that Chaos was known not merely as a state of confusion, but as the “god of confusion”. ...Chaos is just one of the established forms of the name of Chus or Cush”*
 - *Rev Alexander Hislop*

The Rebellion of Cush

- Cush aka Vulcan, cf Vulcan's hammer
 - How is the hammer of the whole earth, cut asunder and broken! - Jeremiah 51:23
- Cush aka Bel
 - Bel is confounded: Merodach is broken in pieces – Jeremiah 50:2

The Rebellion of Cush

- Re. Nimrod :
- *“It is stated that it was by the command of a “certain king” that this ringleader in apostasy was put to death. Who could this king be, who was so determinedly opposed to the host of heaven?*
- *Who then, was most likely to head the opposition to the apostasy from the primitive worship? If Shem was at that time alive, as beyond question he was, who so likely as he?”*
– *Rev Alexander Hislop*

The Tower of Babel



- Pieter Bruegel's painting of Babel

Europe – Hidden Agenda?



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- ‘Tower Building’

- European parliament building in Strasburg

Europe – Hidden Agenda?



- Each of the 679 seats assigned to an individual
- Except for seat no. 666 – presently unallocated!



“There is a question of continuing interest to students of Bible prophecy who are watching current events. There is a fundamental difference of outlook between Britain and the Continental national and the impact of this on **events will gradually separate the two...**

The detail of how an unbridgeable gulf will develop we do not know... (p70)

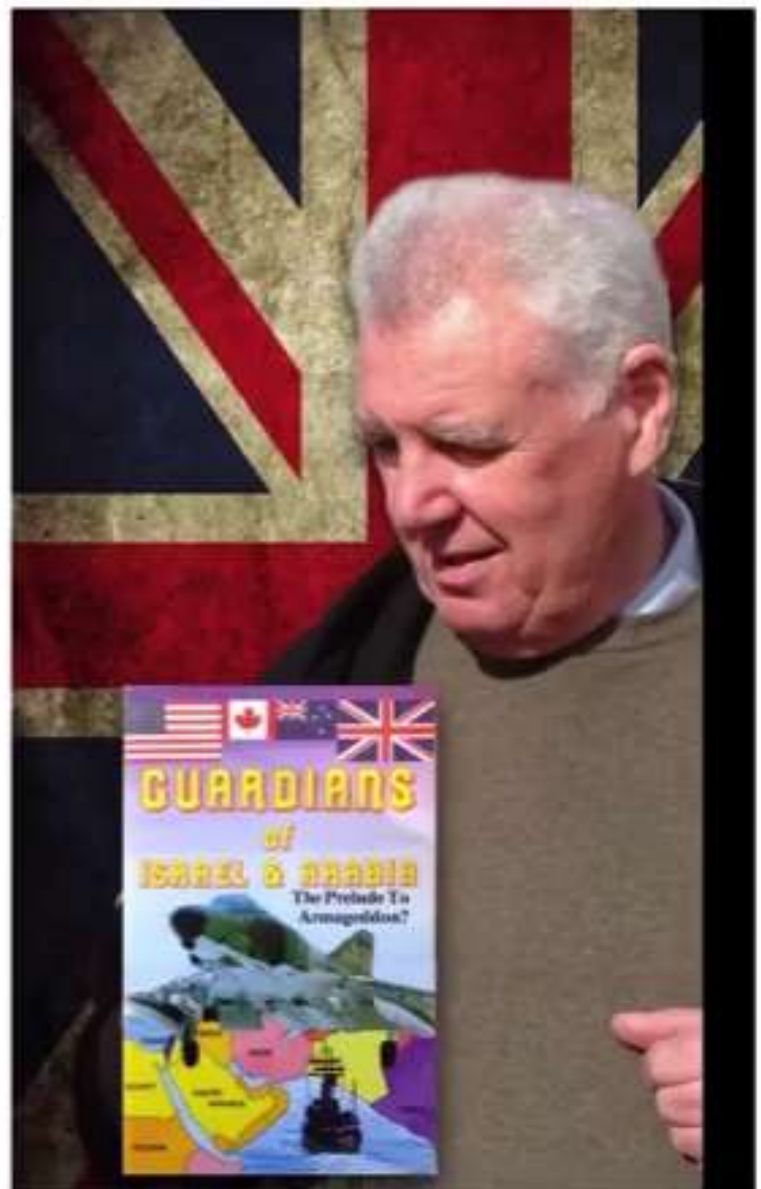
“We expect that as Britain becomes estranged from Europe she will restore her old strong trading links with these countries (Sheba, Dedan and the commonwealth nations)... (p71)

“Britain has been under God’s control for His purpose, a purpose to be revealed in the near future. **Britain has no abiding place in Europe. She will be separated.**” (p80)

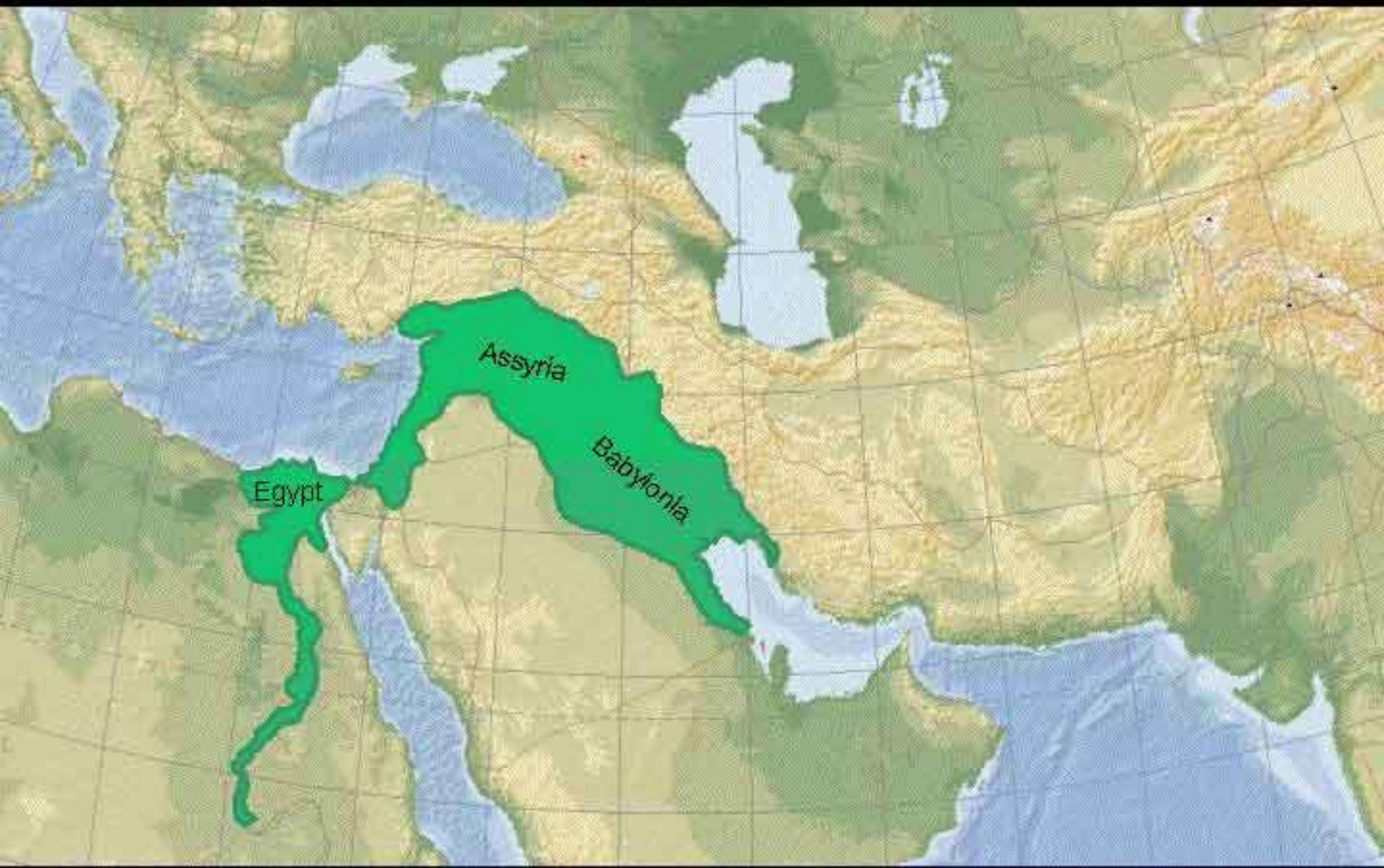
-Graham Pearce, Milestones, 1989

Britain is identified in prophecies that concern those who protest and oppose the aggressive northern power who comes to invade Israel. She cannot protest and oppose herself, she is therefore perforce, not part of the European System when these prophecies are finally fulfilled. For this reason, writers over many years—some over a century ago—have seen Britain as being separated from Europe.

-Paul Billington, 1990,
Guardians of Israel and Arabia, p24



The Fertile Crescent



The Tower of Bab-El

Genesis 11

- Tale of Two Cities
 - Babylon – the City of Man
 - Jerusalem – the City of God



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Zechariah 5

The Woman in the Ephah

Zech 5:5-7

Suggests a return of false religion to Babylon in the last days

The Woman in the Ephah

Zechariah 5:5-11

- Ephah
 - Woman called “Wickedness”
 - Sealed in with talent of lead
- Carried by two women
 - With wings of a stork
 - Between the earth and heaven
 - *“To build it a house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.”*

The Doom of Babylon

- **Destruction of Babylon** Isaiah 13, 14; Jeremiah 50, 51
 - “Never to be inhabited”
 - “Building materials never reused”
 - “Like Sodom and Gomorrah”
- **Fall of Babylon** 539 BC
 - Without a battle
 - Became Alexander’s capital
 - Atrophied over the centuries
 - Presently being rebuilt
- **“Mystery Babylon?”** Revelation 17-18

Destruction of Babylon

	Isaiah		Jeremiah		Revelation	
	13	14	50	51	17	18
Many Nations Attacking	4, 5	2, 26	2, 9 41, 46	7	16	
Israel in the Land, Forgiven		1	4, 20			
Like Sodom & Gomorrah	19		40			
Never to be inhabited Bricks never reused	20	23	13, 26 39	26, 29 37		
During “Day of the Lord”	6, 10 11, 13		25		/	/
Literal (Chaldean) Babylon	19	22	50	4, 24 63		
King’s fornication Drunk with wine				7	2	3, 9
Scarlet, purple Golden Cup				7	3, 4	6, 16

Revelation 17 & 18

- Note: one account (not two)
 - Some propose this is a duel judgment on a ‘Spiritual Babylon’ and ‘Political Babylon’
- Theme - Judgment of the Great Harlot
 - Chapter 17 will give us Her Description
 - Chapter 18 will give us Her Destruction
- Chapter breaks were not included until the 12th century

Identity of the Harlot

- The false religious system that has led people away from the worship of the true God, and symbolised as this woman, has been skilfully established by Satan since the time of the Tower of Babel
- With one purpose: to unite all mankind, thus reversing the effects of the Tower of Babel where God confused the languages of the people (Gen 11:7).

Identity of the Harlot

- Once mankind has been reunited again (through this false religious system) Satan will have no further uses for it and will then cause all mankind to worship him in the person of Antichrist. (See again Rev 13:3-4 / also Isaiah 14:14)

Identity of the City

- Babylon, not Rome
- Jeremiah 50, 51
- Isaiah 13, 14
- All deal with the destruction of literal Babylon
 - This has not taken place to date!
 - Babylon has been inhabited though the ages
 - Cyrus makes it his capitol, followed by Alexander the Great

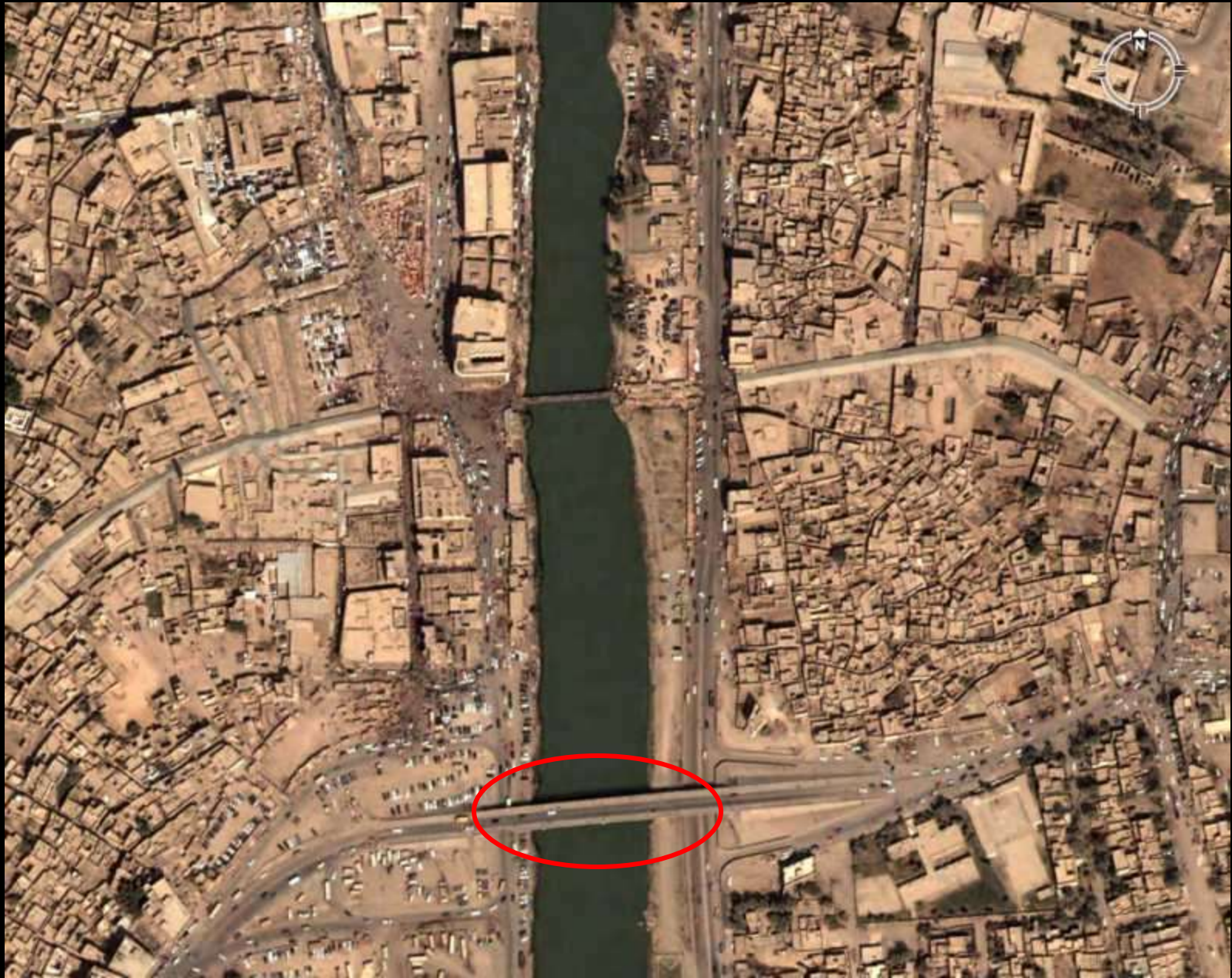
Babylon Today



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Babylon

(55 Miles South
of Baghdad)

Saddam Hussein's
Palace

Ruins of
Tower of Babel



Processional Way



Processional Way

Museum

Palace of Nebuchadnezzar

Palace of Saddam Hussein



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Palace of Saddam Hussein



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Rebuilt City of Babylon



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Genesis 11

¹⁰ These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood:

¹¹ And Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹² And Arphaxad lived five and thirty years, and begat Salah:

¹³ And Arphaxad lived after he begat Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹⁴ And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber:

Genesis 11

¹⁵ And Salah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹⁶ And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg:

¹⁷ And Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.

¹⁸ And Peleg lived thirty years, and begat Reu:

¹⁹ And Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.

Genesis 11

²⁰ And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug: ²¹ And Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters. ²² And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nahor: ²³ And Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. ²⁴ And Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah: ²⁵ And Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.

Genesis 11

²⁶ And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran. ²⁷ Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. ²⁸ And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. ²⁹ And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Iscah.

Genesis 11

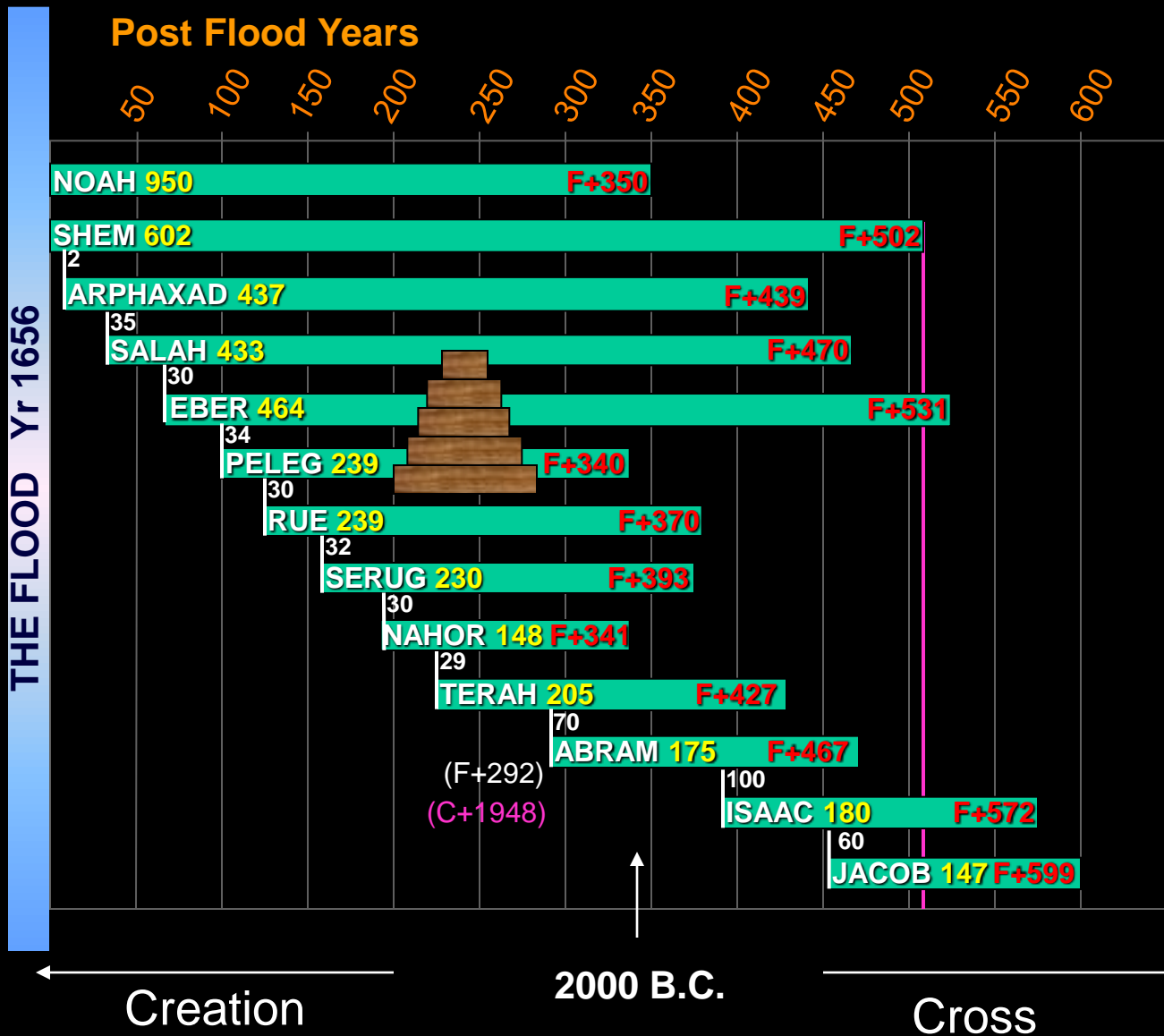
³⁰ But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

³¹ And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

³² And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

Gen 11:30-32

The Generations of Shem



Jacob could have known Shem for 50 Years!

Next Session

- The Call of Abraham



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