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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

Gentiles Origins

Isaiah 13-23 Introduction Pilkey

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Explanation and Introduction

- In our study of Isaiah we are perched at chapter 13-23 to look at the Gentile nations that are listed for judgment and blessing.
- Since the Gentiles predate the Jews by 2000 years the Gentiles should be a subject of interest for Bible believers. God did not fill the early chapters of Genesis just to get to chapter 12!
- There are many histories that have not been cultivated and those that exist have been attacked by secularists.

Explanation and Introduction

- The result is that we know **next to nothing** about **this period** to explain the political world **especially the resettlement after the Flood**.
- There is genealogical information in Gen 5 and 10 for humanity to make its connection to Adam and Eve, and Noah.
- Laudable attempts have been made to identify the people groups, nations, that come out of Gen. 10.

Explanation and Introduction

- Today there is some help for this period. It will take patience, faith and industry to sort out what “actually” happened in these opening centuries.
- Now (Collective) we are working with the Bible, circumstantial evidence, and records of civilizations long gone.
- But cultures have left written histories in their own style and languages. All have to be deciphered.

Explanation and Introduction

- These histories have acquired the monicker “pagan myths,” by the same people who call the Bible a myth.
- For the conservative Bible readers the idea of a myth sends us into hysterics crying foul ball every time a “myth” is pitched.
- **But myth gives the wrong sense of these histories.**
- If we accept the histories written in the way the ancients saw them, then “myths” may be a source of information.



Explanation and Introduction

- But are we then like “Guernsey the cow” who is pushing against the fence, reaching out to get that favored grass—and pulls down the safety fence? Or do we have an overlooked diamond in the rough?
- Consulting history, or the world around us is helpful. For example, we know that the nation of Israel is in the prophetic diaspora.

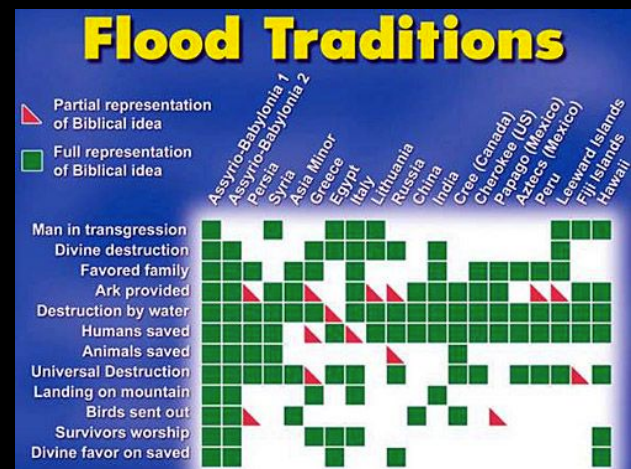
Explanation and Introduction

- Prophetic fulfillment can be seen in history. It is not detailed in the Bible (after a d 90). History shows that all countries of the world except the United States have at one time exiled the Jews—that is demonstrable history. Now back in the Land.
- That knowledge, is not essential but it makes the prophecy richer as we have seen truth worked out.
- We cannot ignore history just because it is not in the Bible.

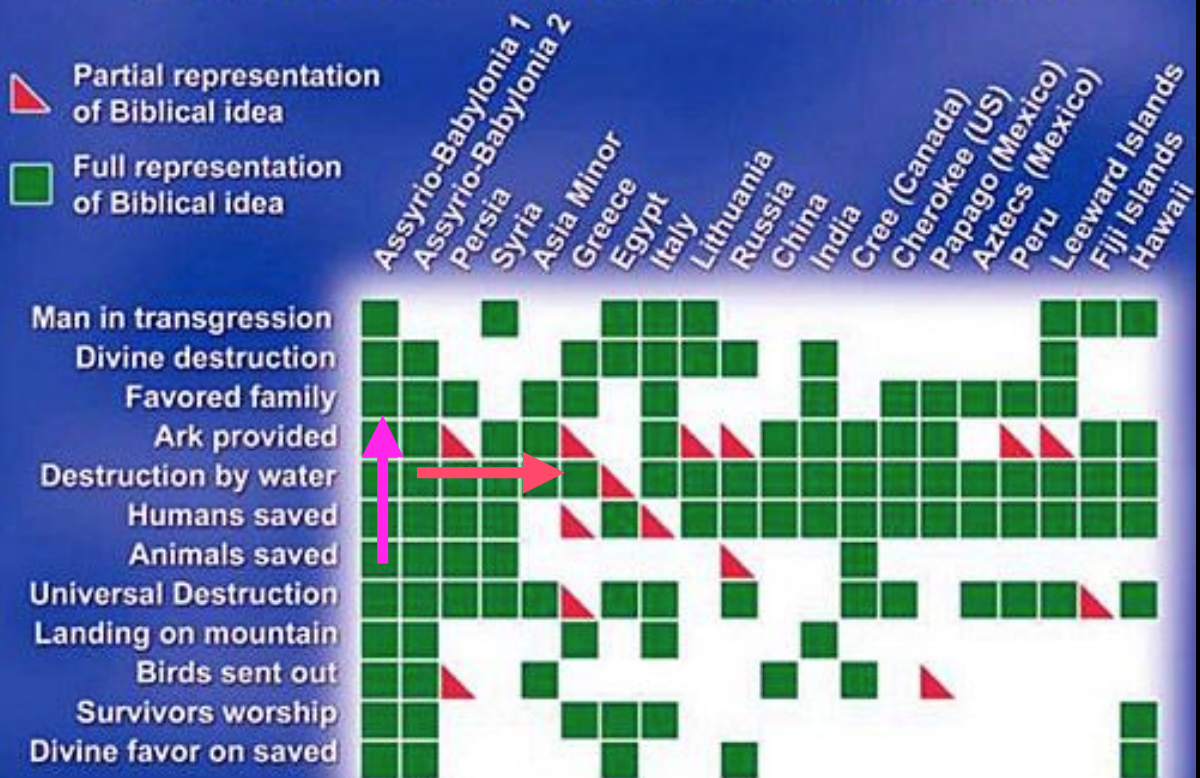
1948 War of Victory

Accessing History in the “Myths”

- Two examples—There are many “flood legends” in these **“mythological accounts.”**
- But the Flood was not a myth at all, it was a real event.
- Check Wiki and see the nations that have recorded “a flood event” in their records. Ahem, myths.

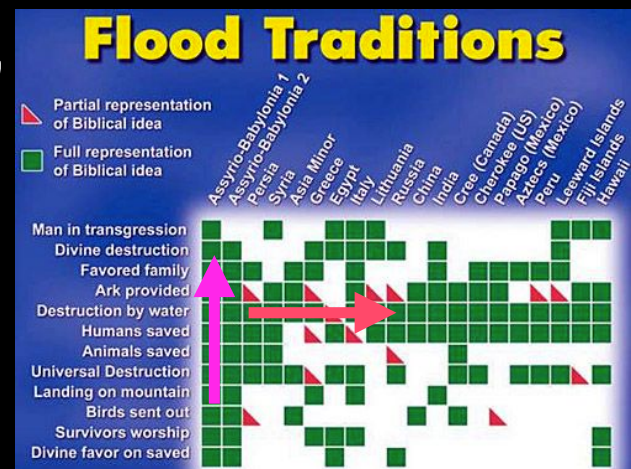


Flood Traditions



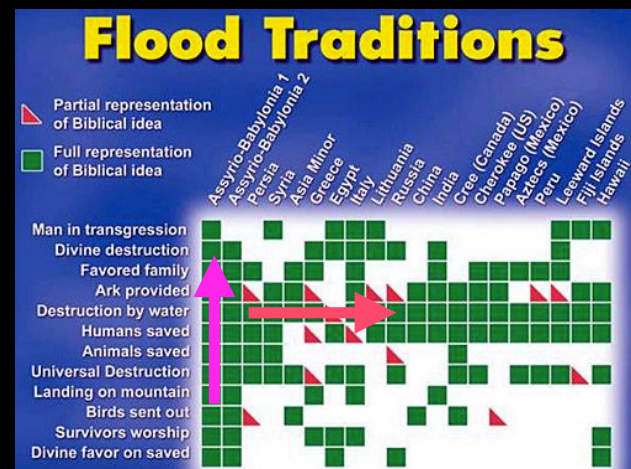
Accessing History in the “Myths”

- An interesting exercise— If we did not have the Bible only the mythological accounts could you put together a “likely” flood story based on these accounts?
- How accurate would it be?



Accessing History in the “Myths”

- So wherever a flood account exists it by definition loses its mythological character and favors the real history as recored in Gen. 6ff. Are they accurate? Maybe, maybe not.



Accessing History in the “Myths”

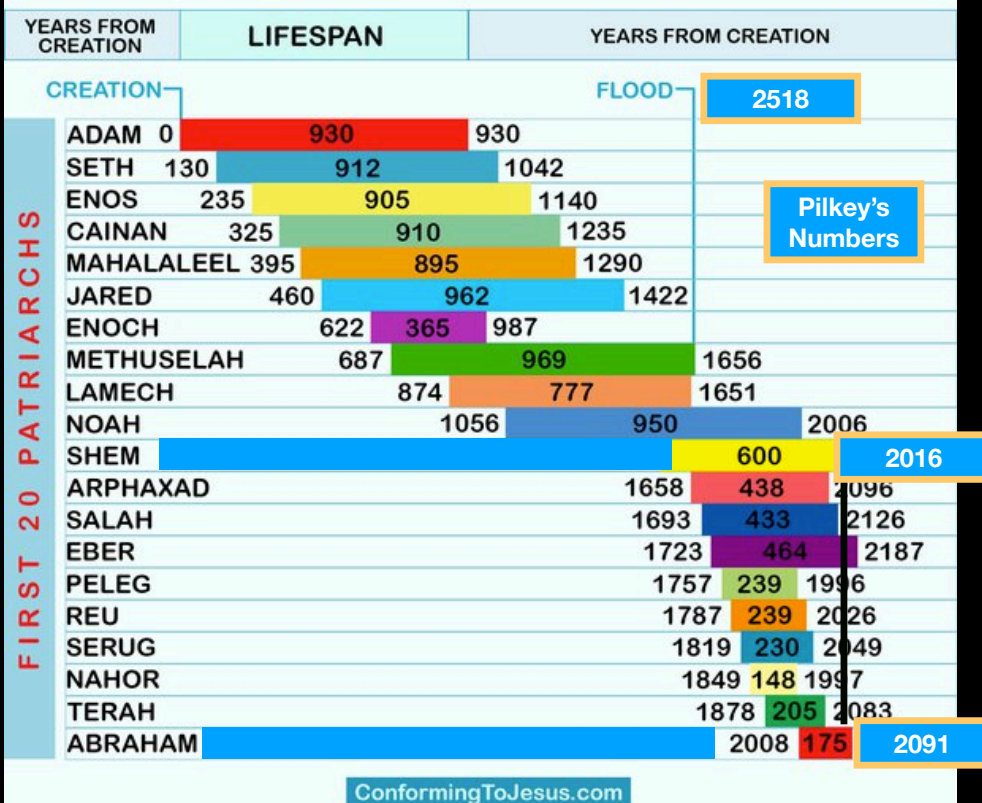
- Further if these stories have a common event in them, then there is a possibility of it being true rises with the numbers of mentions. Of course the event cannot contradict Scripture.
- Conclusion is that if a number of myths record the same event then that event should not be discarded—but “considered.”
- To complicate things we have—name changes by usage, language and culture.
- Therefore we have **cognate** forms of names.
- **IKE is a cognate of ISAAC; Bob of (Rob)ert.** Some connect by sounds, some are pictograph “spellings,”—“alphabets” very greatly.

Accessing History in the “Myths”

- Another “red flag” for evangelicals is the term “**gods**” that occur in the **myth** accounts. Again we cry foul ball and quit the game.
- **However, we must acknowledge that the original Ark family, lived centuries after their descendants—the last of 51 elites died 1987 b c.**
 - **64 years after Abraham’s death in 2051 b c.**
- These men and women **seemed immortal**. Imagine today a 400 year old man, who “**will not die?**” **Generations come and go. He is still here!** A “god” of sorts. They were revered as wise and “divine” etc.
- **WE NEED TO KEEP THIS IN MIND, THAT ALL GODS WERE HUMAN BEINGS, that some outlived at least 9 generations. (Say 300 yrs, 1722)**
- Shem was such a god. Melchizedek priest of the Most High God.
- Shem out lives Abraham—35 yrs!

CHRONOLOGY CHART FROM ADAM TO ABRAHAM

Lifespan of the Biblical Patriarchs



The years of birth and death do not match what is suggested by Pilkey but the relationship should be comparable for the generational lapses.

Accessing History in the “Myths”

- What we have then is the ancient Gordian knot. We need someone to cut the magic cord.
- We offer John Pilkey as one qualified to get the research going.
- He is a Bible believer, Dispensational, and gave his life time (47yrs) to study material that evangelicals since the 1850 (Darwin) ignored as not worthy of study. Again 200 years has been lost in this science.



Accessing History in the “Myths”

- There are many things that go against our Christian brain. But there is no reason not to trust our “guide” knowing that he makes mistakes as all do—we are not committing a fatal sin if we get some things wrong. But someone must try! Two hundred years have been lost!
- But the overall picture he paints fits reality as we can observe it.

Accessing History in the “Myths”

- If our guide were any other person we would not pursue this subject.
- But Pilkey has no reason to falsify his discoveries. He has a high view of Scripture, Dispensational, was a Professor at the Masters College in California. He may have died or at least is not writing—Ross Marshall is carrying on his work. I have little information about him.

Accessing History in the “Myths”

- In order to put something accessible to more people we will read into the record his opening comments which are repeated in a number of his volumes.
- We will abbreviate them for time and our purposes.
- The following is from **Mesopotamia Time Line.**

I first heard of Pilkey from Chas Clough in his Framework Study Series of the Bible.
Pilkey's first work 1984 was Origin of the Nations And Kingship at its Source.
2007
(Kingship comes down from Heaven)

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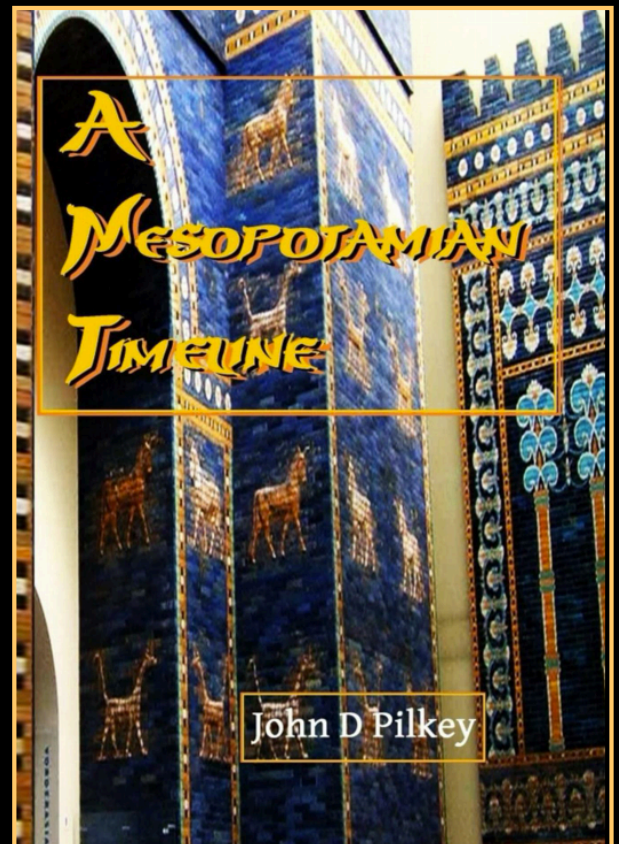
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Reading is in Pause Mode

- We will not finish his introduction. I do not want to extend this any further **but all of it will be posted with the Lesson this afternoon.** You can read and ponder it there!
- **We will make clarifications along the way and stop when we run out of time.**
- Lesson objective. I want you to gain a sense for this material not a knowledge of its details—so just relax and listen to his explanations.
- **There are a few issues that will stretch our sensibilities to the breaking point. But hear him out!**

Conventional Christian Understanding

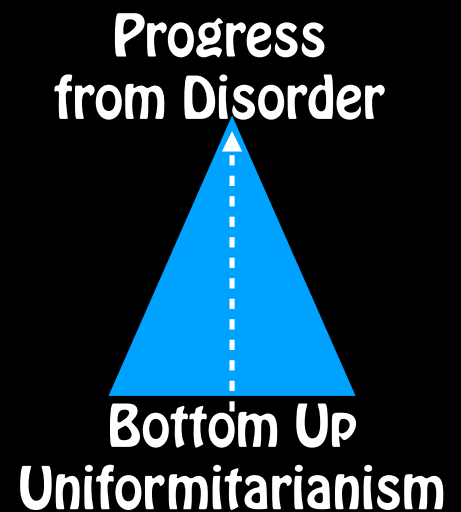
- The Noahic family died out long before Abraham.
- The Family did not stray far from the Ark.
- The sin of Ham happened in the shadows of the Ark.
- The earth is populated without any knowledge of how that happened.
- The families of Adam and Noah were of the same skin color. The antediluvian world spoke one language, were of one “race.”
- That Abraham although genealogically connected to Shem makes a fresh start leaving his pagan family switches to the God of the Most High with Melchizedek—here to fore unknown.
- Mel. is an unconnected man out of nowhere to represent the God of Heaven. Some even suggest that Melchizedek is the incarnate Christ.

Conventional Christian Understanding

- With the appearance of “science” (1800) as the objective spokesmen, Christians have yielded the floor to secular archeological research, a new science (1880).
- Our origins was only one claim made in the name of Darwin. Yes,
- Even Dispensationalists added ages/gaps of years/to the Genesis genealogical record because science was unbreakable.
- With Darwin came the model that all **things developed haphazardly** to become the organisms of animals **and the development of our cultures**. Unwittingly, Christians drank from the same poisoned “scientific spring” for their understanding of the postdiluvian world.

Conventional Christian Understanding

- To express the difference in the way culture developed the secularists scientists saw that culture developed from the bottom up to the organized world of today.

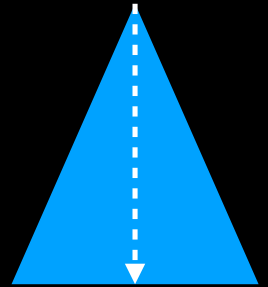


Conventional Christian Understanding

- However, that is not how the postdiluvian world was occupied.
- It was mandated to Noah to organize and repopulate the whole world.

Here is how Pilkey states the case—

Top Down
One Family



Organized
Progress

Conventional Christian Understanding

- Pilkey: “The image of Noah has been conceived as a pious but hapless old man in a bathrobe.



Conventional Christian Understanding

- **Ed: The hapless man in the robe gives no explanations for the ancient civilizations that cropped up all over the world. This includes the South and North American continents.**
- **The remains of these, are often pyramid looking shapes defy all uniformitarian ideas.**
- **The culture at 12k in South American that floated reed boats like in Egypt are an enigma to the secular world.**
- **Check out their non-explanations—visit the highest Lake Titicaca on the Bolivian Peruvian border.**

Conventional Christian Understanding

- Also enigmatic is the calendar of events. The argument of men like John Whitcomb is that there is not enough time for these events or nations to grow in a tight geneological time.
- So Whitcomb suggests gaps (but not persuading) and postulates to add 1000 (reasonable) to 100,000 years to the Bible.
- Henry Morris did not agree with that assessment, held to the biblical viewpoint without gaps—which is correct.

Conventional Christian Understanding

- Pilkey has the Flood 2518 about 170 years earlier than 2348. Abraham's b. 2226 death at 2151. This differs from Usher's. I did not locate why Pilkey is sooner.
- Net— 179 yrs earlier for the Flood and (2051- 1975) 76 yrs earlier for Abraham's death,
- Net gain is three generations.
- This may have helped Whitcomb relieve the pressure of secular ideas of deep time.

From Pilkey Preamble

- Pilkey: “Noah survived the Flood in order to build a world; and worlds are not built without the intervention of great political and creative power. Noah's family were the human building blocks of the nations and were the most powerful ruling house in the history of humankind, prototypes of the Emperors of Agade (1st Empire, Sumer/ Babylon area) and the Pharaohs of Egypt.”
- Ed: Old Kingdom Egypt are roughly Noah's Grandchildren

Thus far—