Old Testament Genesis

GOD IN HISTORY

Genesis one

• Chapter 1: Account of first six days came from God. o "There was evening and there was morning..." 24 hour days 1st day: heavens, earth (formless, the "deep"), light 2nd day: the expanse (space) separated the waters o 3rd day: dry land (Pangea) & vegetation (after its kind) • 4th day: lights in the expanse (sun, moon, starts) for signs/seasons 5th day: waters swarm with creatures; birds fly on expanse "face" o 6th day: land creatures (after their kind) & man in likeness of God o 7th day: God rested from his work and blessed the 7th day

Genesis two & three

- God made Adam who did not find a helper fit for him
- God formed Eve from Adam ("flesh of my flesh")
- Satan beguiled Eve who forgot; Adam sinned knowingly • Eve was "innocent," had "paraphrased" what God or Adam said
- Adam "blamed" God: "The woman you gave me..."
- Offspring of Eve shall bruise the head of the serpent/Satan
- Eve's desire shall be contrary to Adam's, but he shall rule
- First blood sacrifice (first death); presages atonement
- All creation cursed & awaits the Sons of God (Rom 8)

Genesis four & five

- Cain; did Eve hope Cain was the offspring to bruise Satan?
- Cain brought offering "in course of time." Reluctantly?
- God: "Sin's desire is contrary to you; you must rule over it."
- Cain killed Able (first death of man). Manslaughter?
- Seth born after Able; ancestor of Jesus Christ.
- Noah born 9th gen after Adam; 1056 years after creation
- Naamah is only named daughter born prior to flood • Descendent of Cain; possibly married to Ham

Genesis six, seven, eight & nine

- Sons of God took daughters of man as wives

 Descendants of Seth took wives from descendants of Cain?
- "The wickedness of man was great in the earth..." vs. 5
- "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." vs. 8
- Flood started when Noah was 600; 1656 yrs after creation
- Noah & family departed the ark after ~370 days
- God blessed Noah & sons: "...multiply & fill the earth."
- Canaan cursed, not Ham. Many possible reasons, all sinful

Genesis ten - sixteen

- Peleg born 101 yrs after flood. Earth divided/assigned by Noah
- Babel founded ~114 years after flood by Nimrod(?).
- Abram born either 292 or 352 years after the flood

 Was Abram born when Terah 70 or 130? See vs. 26, 32 and 12:4
 Terah died at 205; Abram 75 when he left Haran. After death of Terah?
- Possible that all 8 people on ark alive when Abram born
- Likely there were >1 million people alive when Abram was born
- The Lord blessed Ishmael though he was not promised offspring • Was Ishmael part of God's plan? (Faith is honed or revealed in conflict.)
- Question: why did idolatry spread so quickly (within a couple hundred years) after the flood?

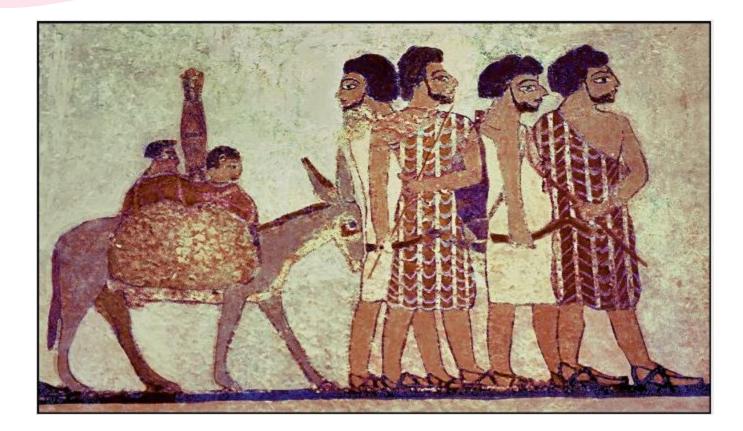
Genesis – rise of idolatry

- Enmerkar (Nimrod?) claims to have brought Inanna (Naamah?, wife of Ham) down from the mountains.
- Enmerkar called Bel (Babylonian form of Baal or Marduk)
- Inanna becomes the Semitic Ishtar, biblically called Ashtaroth, the consort of Baal.

o Also, Astarte by Syrians, Isis to Egyptians, Aphrodite to Greeks...

- Inanna (Naamah?) later ruled in Egypt after Nimrod was killed in battle and may have lived until birth of Abram.
- Her tomb is in Egypt where she ruled for 6 mns/year as the "male" Pharaoh Uadji and 6 mns/yr as Queen Meret-Neith

Genesis – The Vizier Joseph in Egypt



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Asiatics (Semites) entering Egypt to trade, wearing their multicolored coats, during the late 12th Dynasty (reign of Senuseret II).

This is the only time in Egyptian history that we see Asiatics wearing these multicolored garments.

Wall painting from the tomb of Khnumhotep at Beni Hassan.

Joseph in Egypt

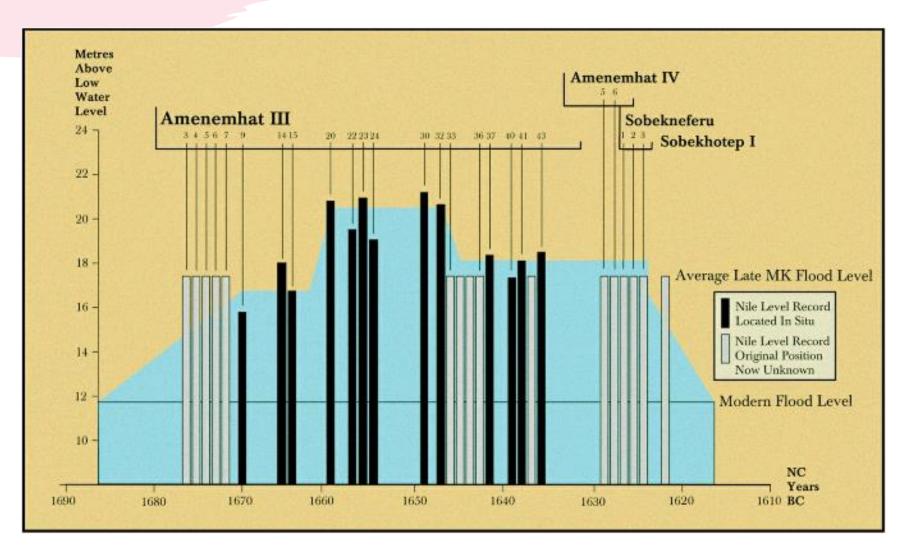
The statues of Senuseret III display the same careworn features as those of his son, Amenemhat III, showing the stresses and strains of kingship in the later years of the 12th Dynasty, the downturned mouth, bags under the eyes, worry lines, and hollow eyes.

Recent archaeological evidence from Dashur has shown that Amenemhat III was the co-regent of his father for the last 21 years of Senuseret's reign. So both kings were alive to witness the famine of Joseph's time.

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During the time of Amenemhat III for a period of twelve years, catastrophic floods struck the Nile valley. Each year the inundation of the fields lasted well beyond the time for plowing and planting which, as a result, meant no harvest. Famine threatened Egypt on an unprecedented scale.

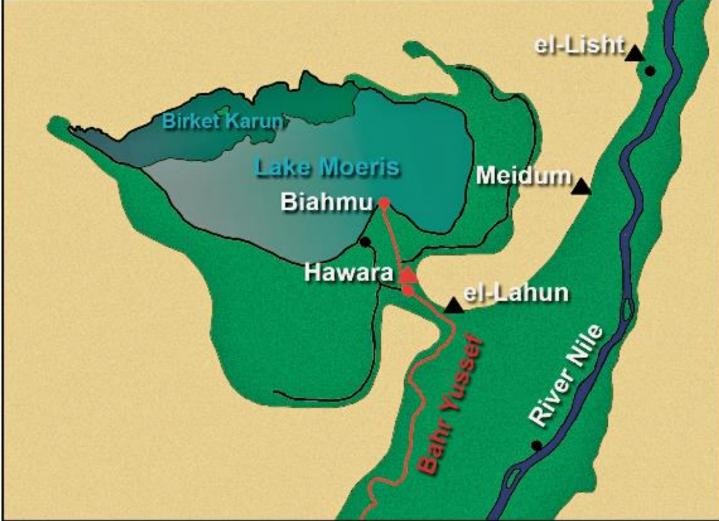
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Joseph in Egypt



The Bahr Yussef ('Waterway of Joseph') close to where it separates from the Nile near Asyut in middle Egypt.

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Avaris in Goshen (Nile delta)

Kantir PI-RAMESSE

19th Dynasty Temple

19th Dynasty Palace

Pelusiac Nie 12th Dynasty Royal Palace

Joseph's Palace

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The two cities of Avaris (Middle Kingdom) and Pi Ramesse (New Kingdom) located on the Pelusiac branch of the Nile in pa-Kes/Goshen.

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Joseph, Vizier of Egypt

- Vizier Ankhu lived at time of Joseph and the great famine.
- If Ankhu is pa-Aneah (Hebrew for Joseph's Egyptian name) then Joseph is in the records of Egyptian Middle Kingdom.
- Joseph was vizier at age 30 in c. 1670 BC.
- Jacob settled in Goshen c. 1662 BC.
- Joseph died at 110 => was vizier for 80 yrs until c. 1590 BC.
- Ephraim & Manasseh likely served for many more decades.
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Noah: 9th gen after creation (Gen 5)

Father	Son	Father's Age	Birth Year	Gen
Adam	Seth	130	0	1
Seth	Enosh	105	130	2
Enosh	Kenan	90	235	3
Kenan	Mahalalel	70	395	4
Mahalalel	Jared	65	460	5
Jared	Enoch	162	622	6
Enoch	Methusela	h 65	687	7
Methuselah	Lamech	187	874	8
Lamech	Noah	182	1056	9