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# **AN APOLOGETICAL SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**

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There are 39 books or the O.T. Bible written in Aramaic, Chaldean & Hebrew by about 40 different authours. The Bible maybe divided into 5 types of books:

1. **Pentateuch (5 books),**
2. **History Joshua-Esther. (*1 & 2 chron are the official history books of the kings*)**
3. **Poetry – (5 books)**
4. **Prophets Major - Major because the books were longer.**
5. **Minor Prophets.**

Why study the OT? We would have to guess like everyone else about the origin and purpose for life. We have God's narrative of himself so we might know him and by knowing him we might want to enter a relationship with him. We are

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supposed to build our whole world view around this God. It should be an essential part of our lives. We submit to the scriptures because it has authority. It has authority because it is God speaking to us. We are not making a God of our own imagination. The Bible is God's revelation communicated through the authors. Whatever God gave to us he gave through the authors. We have to pursue the message, believe and respond to the message.

What did Jesus say o the road to Emmaus lk 24: from Moses & all prophets & all the scriptures where the scriptures pointed to Jesus. I believe the scriptures because Jesus said they all pointed to him.

The Bible has one continual message Jesus and the cross.

We start with creation. The beginning of God's interaction with his creation.

### **Is the Bible a Polemic**

### **Pre-history**

There is no such thing as pre-history or pre-historic animals or life. The Bible is the history of the world from its beginning.

### **God:**

Gen 1: God existed before time (start of universe/all matter), matter and space. So, God existed outside of space, time and matter. God is eternal i.e. having no need for time and existing without a beginning or end of time.

### **Creation/evolution:**

these two are **incongruent** because one says that;

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-There is no God and the other says there is a God

-Universe evolved and the other says the universe was created.

-Theistic evolutionists say there is a God who created the big bang and then let everything after that evolve on its own over millions of years. Genesis disagrees it says each day was a new creation act not an evolution.

-Man was created from an accident

-God said he breathed into a pile of dirt and it came to life.

### **Flat earth or spherical earth:**

There is greater evidence of a spherical earth than a flat earth. Flat earthers cannot produce the edge of the earth or a bottom of the earth nor the enclosed dome nor explain why we can travel in both directions of the globe and return to the original spot we started from.

### **In the beginning,**

there are many theories about this phrase. It is believed that Chapter is a second beginning but its just a detailed explanation of chapter one.

The word “WAS”, also stimulated much debate also. One such theory is that there was an older earth with people (pre-Adamic race) and the devil lied there after he sinned and corrupted it and God had to destroy it and God had to recreate the second Earth. A closer examination will reveal that there was no land only water in the beginning.

### **The first light:**

Since the creation of light an evening duration passed then a morning time passed when they ended that was the same time as the total length of time which light had existed since it was created. We believe this especial from the evidence of day 4

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FUNCTION: it caused a division or separation from the darkness.

PURPOSE-What was the purpose of the light?

(1) It illuminated the earth and (2) it indicated the number of days. (3) It counted time. this light shone over the face of the deep/abyss

It is no longer visible suggesting it had stopped shining or may have served its purpose which was temporary.

END OF FIRST LIGHT: Where is the first light today. Day 4 gives a clue. The sun and the moon were created for a purpose and were given authority to take over or to rule over the lighting of the Earth. No other light has that authority to shine upon the face of the earth from day 4 onward. Therefore, this infers that the Sun and moon brought an end to the first light function and purpose and probably implying it no longer existed and its purpose was temporary.

NO LONGER VISIBLE: all light is not visible.

We cannot say it was white like the sun and moon. But if it caused the effect of morning then it was probably visible. Anyway the light is not visible which implies it no longer exists.

### Young earth:

**1-**If a day was 1 mil yrs the sun shone for about ½ mil yrs without any night which would have killed all life with its heat and then then their would be night for ½ mil yrs killing everything with its coldness, darkness and lack of sunlight.

**2-**If Adam was 1 million or 1000 years old on day 6 and his age would have been counted in 1000s of years so he would be 9 million or 935,000 years and not 935 years old. Likewise, his children including Noah and his sons who lived after the flood may be millions of years old and alive today but couldn't because a mil years have not come yet since the flood.

**2- Man's age:** Noah's son Shem lived at the time of Abraham and Abraham's years were counted in the same timeline as Shem's. Shem's age was counted in the same time as Noah. Noah's age was counted in the same time as Adam.

**3- Days 4, 5 & 6** The Sun and moon shone for the same time duration as morning and evening



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in days 1,2,3. We can easily calculate the length of days 1,2,3.

**4- Days 1-6:** If days 1-6 are the same in duration due to the evening & morning then they were all 24 hr days. On the fourth day we realize that there was only one change. And that change was the first light seem to have ended in function and purpose and probably no longer existed. Then the sun and the moon we're given authority to take over or to rule no other light has that authority to shine upon the face of the earth other than the moon and the Sun. therefore sun & the moon came into existence and the time they shone for coincided with the evening and the morning which already existed before them. Now when we look today at the sun and the moon and the morning and the evening we see how long morning and evening took and that is 24 hours therefore if the evening and morning has remained the same since day one then we know how long days 1- 3 of creation took. The Evening and morning remain the original evidence from day one of creation. So we have two reliable instruments that were from the

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beginning that measured the time of creation, which are the sun and moon. So we know how long the days of creation were.

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### *Man, woman & humankind:*

The first man and woman were created on day 6 Gen 1:26 while Gen 2: is a detailing of the account not a new man and new woman. Pre-Adamic race? The Idea comes from reading Gen 2 as another creation of man and woman. The earth would have had sin prior to Adam and Eve which opposes the scripture **Rom 5:12**. Gen 1:26 speaks of the whole of mankind (male & female) when it says Adam. After this mankind was differentiated into male and female and they had their own names. Adam being the father of mankind retained the name Adam for God referred to him as Adam in the chapter 3 and Adam gave woman a name, Eve.

### **Historicity of Adam**

Sin is the only consistency for the cursed earth, death, disease and the degeneration of mankind morally. If there is no Adam how do we explain sin. No real Adam no sin, God cannot blame death, disease etc on mankind. No Adam, no sin, no need to save man from the penalty of sin, no reason for Jesus to show up. Jesus is a liar for he never redeemed humanity from sin.

The human race needs a first human in order to exist. No first person means no second and third. The human race exist so the first human must exist. The human race is real, therefore Adam has to be real and not a myth.

### **Pre-Adamic race?**

This theory advances the idea that they existed millions of years before Adam. A pre-Adamic race had to both live and die before Adam therefore, there was death before Adam and he would have been created out of dead people's

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dust and he lived in a grave yard. According to scripture death entered the world because of Adam's sin. This will be false if death was around before Adam.

*Dinosaurs: Job 40:15-24 Behemoth & 41:1, 19-21 Leviathan. The word is not in the O.T. because its Greek and it became popular after biologist and paleontologist, Sir Richard Owen coined the term "Dinosauria" in 1841. The word dinosaur derives from two greek words (deinos) "terrible, powerful, wondrous" + (sauros) "lizard". Since 1841 archeological finds of thousands of giant animal creatures have been found and recorded. Some resembling Behemoth. Cave drawings almost all over the world demonstrate man living with giant land animals which means they are not hundreds of millions of years old. Even the Carbon testing they used refutes millions of years. Carbon cannot exist in a dead creature for more than 10,000-20,000 years. Carbon has been found in many Dinosaurs this proves they are only thousands not millions of years.*

### **Classification of creatures.**

It is based on similarities that Carl Linnaeus decided to put together. He his own invented taxonomy method. Someone else would have had a different matrix or scheme. E.g. classifying by who they are able to breed with would produce a different scheme. If it was based on colour of skin it would be different also, for example the color scan of a chimpanzee, monkey or ape is white if you shaved all of the Apes and chimpanzees and look at the human beings on the planet you may think that they were brothers. Chimpanzees have tails and apes do not. Classifying by tails would have a different outcome.

God's classification system was easy. It was based on humans and beasts. Beasts were further classified by their own kind which means those animals which could interbreed with each other.

## Trinity revealed:

**Gen 3:26 “let us make man”, (1John 5:7 [KJV])**

*For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. Jesus said, (Luke 24:26 [KJV])*

*Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? John said, (John 12:38-41. 38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, **Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?** 39 Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40 **He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.** 41 These things said Esaias, **when he saw his glory,** and spake of him.*

When did Isiah saw Jesus' Glory? (Isa 6:1-3. 1In the year that king Uzziah died **I saw also the Lord** sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: **the whole earth is full of his glory.** The word **Lord** in Is

**6:1-4** H136 אֲדֹנָי 'Adonay (ad-o-noy') n-m. 1. (meaning)

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**Lord** (used as a proper name of God only). **2.** (*person*)  
**Adonai, The Lord God of Israel** (which is actually  
“Yahweh God of Israel” - see Exodus 5:1 and 120 other  
occurrences). Here John is saying Isaiah is speaking of  
Jesus and he saw Jesus as Adonai (Yaweh/Jahovah).

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### **The garden:**

the first temple relationship. A place where God was in the midst of his worshipers. is a literal place with geographical location (GPS) identified by scripture using 4 physical land marks Gen 2: Yes and not a spiritual place otherwise physical Adam and Eve could not reside in the mind or spiritual place where physical can't exist. After the flood and throughout history the geography and land typography has changed due to breaking up of the earth, water residing from the flood and the ice age. It cannot be properly identified.

God did not always intend for to dwell among us in a geographical sense. Then there was the built temples. Emanuel in in OT and God became flesh and God dwelt with us. Then when Jesus

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left he sent the Holy Spirit and we have God dwelling in us and we are his temple.

### Sexuality:

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There were only two sexes and one sexuality (heterosexuality). If there were both the same sex there would be no children. If God had created **another man** then human kind would have ended shortly after it started. If it was **sex** that made Adam lonely why did God not give him an animal. If it was **friendship**, why did he not create another man. He designed the **most suitable** creature for Adam- Woman. Not an animal not a man but a woman. A being that reflects many of the physical, emotional and psychological characteristics of Adam.

GREEKS- To the Greeks love is an expression between a man and a young boy. Women were only for procreation. In Phaedrus a book written by Plato about Socrates and Phaedrus, Socrates, considered the first philosopher, even described himself as being “experienced in the pursuit of men.” In the Symposium, he states that man



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“cannot have a less desirable protector or companion than the man who is in **love** with him.” We do not take our understanding of love from the Greeks or from a dictionary. We go to the Bible.

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### **Marriage:**

Gen 2:24 The first marriage is instituted on earth by God and it was done by God. It was a between man and woman and for man and woman. Did God ordain same sex marriage or heterosexual marriage.

### **Sin:**

Gen 3 Sin's first introduced to earth/humans. Death as a result of sin, a spiritual partition separates man from God & later a physical one in the temple. The partition was removed by Jesus after his death and man is reconciled to God Heb 7.

### **The apple/fruit:**

One reason is that the Latin for evil is *malum* and the Latin word for apple is also *mālum* (just with a long-a). In the fourth century A.D., the word *malum* appeared in the Latin Vulgate translation of Genesis in the phrase ‘the tree of knowledge of good and evil’. From that time on people began to associate the apple with the fruit which Eve ate. The Bible does not identify the fruit of the tree by name.

### **Serpent:**

We can actually link various verses in the bible that would indicate that the devil was in the garden and had either influence the serpent to communicate or he was actually in the form of a serpent.

1. If it was serpent and not the actual devil but only the devil’s influence on him then why was the serpent species punished because of the devil’s use of him.

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2. The serpent: The devil was not the actual serpent but the influencer such as with the king of Tyre, Judas, the possessed boy and the pigs in the legion incident. The devil's actual legs were not removed and crawled on the ground. That was an actual physical snake with physical legs. The devil is a spirit being (was an angel) that does not have physical legs that when removed he falls to the ground.
3. Was he created? Ezekiel 28:13 the day that thou wast created.
4. **what is it:** (Rev 12:9 [KJV]) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
5. **How old is he:** (I John 3:8) He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

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6. **WAS He AN ANGEL:** EZK 28:14-19  
Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon mthe holy mountain of God;
7. **what power did he have:** ANGEL POWERS, free will, ability to deceive humans, tempt them.
8. **what role he plays in Genesis?** Ezekiel 28:13 Thou hast been in **Eden the garden** of God;
9. **Is it a he: John 8:44** - Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning.
10. **What authority/power he has:** 2 Corinthians 4:4 he is the God of the world.
11. **Where did he/come from: Isaiah 14:12-15 How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!** How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!
12. **What was his goal: Isaiah 14:12-15)For you have said in your heart:** 'I will

ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, **I will be like the Most High.**'

13. **What was his goal:** (1Pet 5:8 [NET2])  
Be sober and alert. Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, is on the prowl looking for someone to devour.
14. **What shall happen to him:** Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit." (Isaiah 14:12-15)
15. **He is a liar:** "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. **He was a murderer from the beginning**, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for **he is a liar and the father of it.** (John 8:44).
16. **Is he presently active and involved in worldly deception:** some say he is

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bound up. (1Pet 5:8 [NET2]) Be sober and alert. Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, is on the prowl looking for someone to devour.

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### **Cain's family:**

Cain took a wife Gen 4: we can only conclude his wife was his kin since the Bible said there was only Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel these were the only two children.

### **Age of the Earth (**

#### **practical for the class)**

Calculation the age of the earth by calculating the age of man from Adam to Shem.

Answer= \_\_\_\_\_

### **Giants**

Sons of Seth vs sons of Adam.

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**Angels:** Gen 6, Gen 19, Dan 9, Jude 1:6 the morphing of angels to man was very real and their bodies were real, observable (seen & touched), they consumed food and spoke. Angels can talk, touch and kiss women. They could become fully human including penis? Jude said the angels left their first estate (can mean home or bodily home). Sons of God sang when the earth was made (Job), Sons of God married the women of mankind. Sons of God existed before the world began so they were no mankind was some would suggest.

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### **Flood Gen 6:9, 8:22 :**

**all** creeping flesh died including humans. all means all in this case otherwise there would be other humans that populated the world not Noe's sons and the Bible lied.

Worldwide or local flood- The flood covered the whole earth not part. All animals on Earth did not enter the ark only two of a kind. Dinosaurs entered the Ark. If the flood was just local there will be no need to promise not to flood it again.

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In fact, that there have been millions of local floods since then. If the flood was local he could have send Noah on a vacation just a few miles a way. Based on height of the flood a local flood is impossible. The flood as tall as mountains that stopped flowing any further would have tall walls of water on its edges as high as mountains- it would look like a tall glass of water.

Rainbow: Did God create the rainbow at the end of the flood. No, He simply use it as a sign.

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**Population inflation. calculating the amount of persons on the earth today.....**

### **Curse of Canaan (not Ham): 9:18-29**

Black people were not cursed as Mormons used to teach. The Mormons promoted this for years but once it was rejected by the American society, they changed their theology. The curse about Canaan being ruled by his brothers the Children of Shem. Abraham is from Ur of Chaldea which is where Shem's children (**Shemites or Semites**).



**This is where we get the Semitic language from)** settled and he moved to Canaan and ruled it. Later his children the Israelites came out of Egypt and ruled Canaan.

*Origin of giants:* Gen 6: clearly indicates that giants existed in large numbers before the flood and after the flood. Their origin seemed to be caused by the interaction between sons of God and human women. Who then were the sons of God.

### **Table of nations: *Gen 10:***

all mankind after flood came from 8 persons and know the names and direction they travelled and places they travelled to. Ham-canaan, Nimrod, Cush, Mizrahim, Phut. Japhet= Caucasus, Gog (Europe), Magog Russia, Javan Greece, Shem (semetic)= Iran, Persia, Assyria,

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### **Races: Gen 1:26, Act 17:26**

we are made one blood of every nation. Noah's children repopulated the world. Population densities and calculations support a 6000 years earth rather millions of years which would have people standing on each other's head in layers.

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### ***Ages of men post flood:***

#### **Shem to Abraham timeline: 10:**

##### ***class practical***

1-List the Patriarchs in order. Moses, Isaac, Shem, David, Noah, Joseph, Jacob, Abraham, Solomon, Adam,

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2-identify an event associated with the individual patriarch.

#### **Abraham to Jesus:.**

*Abraham's origin and covenant:* **CHALDEANS**  
*Mesopotamia* comes from the ancient Greek root

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words μέσος (*meso*) "middle" and ποταμός (*potamia*) "river" and literally means "(Land) between rivers. The north was Assyria and the south Chaldea & Babylon

Where is the Chaldea? Tribes of Semitic / Shemetic (from Shem) migrants who arrived in the region known as the *Chaldeans* or the *Chaldees*. Chaldea is south west Babylon. (a part of Babylon)

*So Abraham was called out of Chaldeans south of Babylonia.* THE CALL. Genesis 12: 1-3 The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.”<sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.”<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

*Melchisedec* Malkitzedek & Jesus, **Gen 14:18-20**

After defeating the Kings of Mesopotamia (of Elam the Shemetic king) Ibram met Melchisedec and gave him a tenth. Melchisedec was not human because he had no human

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parents. No human is immortal. He is a Priest to God. Jesus priest hood is this same type. Did he ruled over an actual place called peace (salem/shalem). King of peace does not necessarily mean a place but could mean peace (living in harmony with God) or was that the title given to him by God. Shalem is believed to be an earthly place. Some say he is a theophany. “Theophany is a theological term used to refer to either a **visible or auditory manifestation** of God.

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**Melchisedec:** 14:18-20; Heb 7: Psalms 110: no father, no mother, eternal therefore cannot be human. Was a High Priest to God.

Let us compare him to Adonizedek a king of an actual earthly place called Jerusalem (” יְרוּשָׁלַיִם **Yruwshalayim** (yer-oo- shaw-lah'-yim) [rarely] **1.** (*meaning*) **founded peaceful.**

**(Josh 10:1 [KJV])** *Now it came to pass, when Adonizedek king of Jerusalem (Yerushalayim) had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace*

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*with Israel, and were among them; .... (Josh 10:4 [KJV]) Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.* This king of Jerusalem actually waged war against Joshua servant of the most-high God.

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### THE COVENANT SEEMED THREATENED

Abram was called by God to leave his father Terah's house and native land of Mesopotamia in return for a new land, family, and inheritance in Canaan, the promised land. Threats to the covenant arose –

1. difficulties in producing an heir,
2. the threat of bondage in Egypt, of lack of fear of God – but all were overcome and the covenant was established.
3. The call to kill his son,

### **Abram's obedience: 11:27—12:9**

Did God say he was going to raise Isaac from the dead Heb 11:17-19 (*Heb 11:17 [NET2] By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. He had received the*

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*promises, yet he was ready to offer up his only son.<sup>18</sup> God had told him, “**Through Isaac descendants will carry on your name,**”<sup>19</sup> and he reasoned that God could even raise him from the dead, and in a sense he received him back from there? No! but Abraham believed he would according to Paul’s argument.*

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### **Human sacrifice (Jephthah’s daughter)**

Abraham was told by God to sacrifice his son Isaac and God stopped him **Gen 22: 12**. The only sacrifice God wants is when we offer ourselves as living not dead sacrifice **Rom 12:1**. Vowed to offer as a sacrifice to God the first thing that comes out of his house. His daughter was the first thing to come out his house and He committed to his vow. This was a foolish vow and God had nothing to do with this folly.

### **Sodom, Gomorrah & homosexuality: 19:**

Gay theology said it was rape which they agree was wrong but it was not homosexuality.

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However, the rejection of the daughters suggests rape was not the intent by the people but homosexual indoctrination. **Jude 1:7** tells us why Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed but the LGBT only quote (*Ezek 16:49 [KJV]*) *Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.<sup>50</sup> [KJV]* *And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.*

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**Ishmael & Islam: *Gen 17:8; Genesis 17:21; 21:12-13***. We see that Ishmael was blessed, because he was the son of Abraham, but he was not the one through whom God's covenant blessings would be passed down. God kept His promise to make Ishmael a great nation of him (21:18), but that is the limit. There is no Biblical or historical evidence that the Muslims are descendants of Ishmael. Quran claims Abraham left Canaan with Ishmael and went 100miles south to Arabia and built the Kabba (a square building with a black stone) in Mecca. History, geography and the peoples and cultures sited in the Qu'ran proves that place Mecca in the location mentioned by Mohammed never existed to 250-300 years after

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Islam began \*the original area that was the popular trade city at the time was located somewhere else in Petra. The Kabba was in Petra and there were two annual pilgrimages to Petra. This means that Muslims took it or built a similar one in Mecca to shift the pilgrimages to Mecca.

### Black Israelites -who are the real Israelites?

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### Who are the

gentiles?.....

## Jacob:

God seem to ordain these set of circumstances. His cousin Rachel (his family) was there at the well as if coming to meet him. However she was not the one God ordained for him to bring the Messiah through, it was Leah. Rachel would bare Joseph who will protect and provide for their safety in Egypt and fulfil God's prophecy that they will spend 400years. In **ch 28:13** God made a promise that he will inherit the land he was lying on, and in **28:14** he promised that through his seed the earth will be blessed. God is omniscient. This is the beginnings of God's



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fulfilment. God brings him into an identity as a child of God. **Eph 1:11** trust in God when he made a promise to you. So, Jacob will begin to know the power of God for himself. Before he knew of God from dad and grand-dad but now it will become personal. **Ps 139:16.**

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### **Esau the first white man**

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**12 tribes:** The 12 tribes of Israel. When the time came Ruben the first born did not receive the blessing since he had angered Jacob by having a relationship with zilpah. Joseph the first born from Rachel was Jacob's favorite and received the blessing. Before Jacob who was renamed Israel after he wrestled with an Angel for night Dade, he passed on the birthright blessings to his grandsons, Ephraim and Manasseh. In doing this Israel was giving Joseph a double portion among the 12 tribes of Israel. Each of the Israel's son was the father of a tribe sound no but for Levi wrong the priestly tribe who did not receive an inheritance within Israel And were scattered throughout the nation. Out loud although no tribe bore the name of Joseph his sons Manasseh and

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Ephraim each became a distinct tribe among Israel's sons. Thus the 12 tribes of Israel the Sons and grandsons of Jacob (Israel) Who 400 years later after the death of Moses took possession of the land of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua

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### **Joseph:**

Joseph was the child that God worked through to take the Hebrews into Egypt for 400 years. He was not given land in Canaan but his children did after ruben was denied because he slept with Jacobs wife and his brother's mother.

### **Moses (a prophet like Moses)**

Muslims believe Muhammed is the Messiah like Moses as they say **Deuteronomy 18:18** says, *I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.*

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1) The only people referenced in the context before are the Israelites.

2) Muhammed is not an Israelite declares the Quran. He said he is the grand son of Ishmael this is not true. The Bible shows from 19 to 10<sup>th</sup> century the Ishmaelites lived in Sinai peninsula below Israel not in Arabia. The Quran said Ismael and Abraham flew to Mecca on a winged camel to live and they built the Kabba. They claim Ishmael and the Ishmaelites lived in Mecca all his life. This contradicts historical timelines that say Islam also claims that Abraham and Ishmael founded the city of Mecca, but Mecca was not in existence prior to the 4th century A.D.

3) **Daniel 9:25-26** (*<sup>25</sup> Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. <sup>26</sup> And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself*) Clearly the Messiah was prophesied to come and be killed 400+ years after the decree of the Persian king to rebuild the

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second temple and before the second temple would be destroyed.

### The Exodus

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10 Miracles in Egypt. No scientific explanation for miracles.

Miriam leprosy the beginning of the white race  
*Numbers 12:1-10?*

Moses red sea crossing. A miracle cannot be explained by scientific method. Chariots at the bottom of the sea today have not been verified by others including other Christian scientists.

**Pharaoh's mind & free will, (Exodus 9:12).**

#### **ANSWER:**

Actually, scripture also said Pharaoh hardened his own heart. Exodus 8:32, Exodus 8:15, Exodus 7:13-14. Hardening a heart did not require God to turn off Pharaoh's free will but hardening his heart can't be done without his free will. It means the person (pharaoh) becomes progressively worse to the point of not repenting in his sin due to circumstances God presented to

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him. The more Moses requested and worked miracles from his God, -Pharaoh (a god worshiped by the Egyptians) became more & more insulted and his sinful pride in self (as god of Egypt) grew worse. (2) you may ask was God loving when he did it. The acts of God upon Pharaoh also were two-fold it provided opportunities to recognise accept the only God and to humble himself, repent, worship God & be saved. Yes God was loving when he did it.

### Egyptian kings list

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### The Pyramids

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### Moral law/law giver,

God taught love in the desert. Love God and thy neighbour as thy self (10 commandments). Can humans have morals without God i.e. being created in the image of God or if they had evolved will they be able to have morals? What we know from science and otherwise is that nature does not care or have purpose. All things

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in nature, rape, kill, some eat each other with out it being a wrong thong to do. They do not need a reason nor an explanation for their actions.

Self-preservation [that is, ones belly and procreation of your kind] is all that drives all of your actions. Actions beyond this go beyond nature.

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### **Giants in the land:**

Giants continued after the flood does this mean they were all not killed? **Gen 7:21** says all were killed. They most likely were produced by the children of Noah maybe through the wives they intermarried. Few Gigantic people today exists and this is blamed on the pituitary gland etc. The post flood giants most likely extinct through wars with the smaller human. Bible is filled with battles against Giants. Many newspaper articles in the last 2 centuries documented unearth burials of giants.

**Nephilim, Noah's Giants pre-flood -Genesis 6:4;  
Joshua 12:4).**

Rephaim, Emims & Zuzims **Abraham/Sodom**  
Genesis 14:5

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**Anak** in Canaan Giants **Moses'** spies reported  
Numbers 13:33

**EMIMS** (Deuteronomy 2:10-11)

**Zamzummims-** (Deuteronomy 2:20)

**OG**, king of Bashan (Deuteronomy 3:11)

**Anakites** (Deuteronomy 9:1-2)

**Goliath** (2 Samuel 21:19) maybe nine or ten feet tall

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### **False giant report**

**Nephilim (Anak)** in Canaan Giants **Moses'** spies reported Numbers 13:33. They said they were like grasshoppers to the giants. Some religious groups take this literally and teach the giants were about 100 feet tall. Well the bible said it was a false report (not to believe it).

### **Killing of the Canaanites:**

the moral question. Joshua 10:12 Genocide of the Amorites /Canaanites?.

**Did God give us a reason or justification for his actions that we can work with?** Yes. Sin (against God) had reached a high level. He told Abraham *Gen*

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**15: 13-16 Gen 15:13** Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign country. They will be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years. **Gen 15:14** But I will execute judgment on the nation that they will serve. Afterward they will come out with many possessions. **Gen 15:15** But as for you, you will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. **Gen 15:16** In the fourth generation your descendants will return here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its limit.”

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**Who were the Amorites? Gen 10:15** Canaan was the father of Sidon his firstborn, Heth, **16** the Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites, Then when the Israelites came out of Egypt it was the time the sins of the Canaanites were full.

**What were the sins of the Canaanites? Lev 18:1-30** many sexual sins.

**The land vomited them up. Lev 18:26**  
**You**

*yourselves must obey my statutes and my regulations and must not do any of these abominations, both the native citizen and the resident foreigner in your midst, Lev 18:27* for the people who were in the land



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*before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become unclean. **Lev 18:28** So do not make the land vomit you out because you defile it just as it has vomited out the nations that were before you.*

**Was it Genocide/extinction of all Canaanites?** No.

A specific group of Canaanites were named/identified not all.

**Is God the creator of the land and the people's bodies?**

**Did God establish his laws?** Yes.

**Did the Canaanites break his laws (sinned)?** Yes.

**Morality: Is God the law maker, Jury and Judge?**

Yes, therefore he can punish all who violate his laws. Judgment is and punishment are acceptable and morally good actions.

**Joshua (sun stand still): Joshua 10:13**

God's power over other "gods": there is a school of thought that argues that because the Amorites were sun and moon worshippers. For these 'deities' to have been forced to obey the God of Israel must have been a devastating experience for the Amorites, and this might well have been the

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reason why God performed this particular miracle. This could very well be the case.

**Does the sun move?** Yes, but not around the earth.

**Is it probable that there could be sunlight for more than 12 hours?**

Yes. The north pole can have 24hr sun at times. God can tilt the earth or cause a refraction of light.

Can God anything? Yes. If we say God is limited, that it is possible that He could not have done this also because of arguments like He can't make a square a circle etc. However, at this point I cannot say how the miracle was done. Historically, there are records of a long day. Heroditus said Egyptian Priests showed him a record; the Mexicans also have a record and the Chinese say it happened at the time of Emperor Yeo who was a contemporary of Joshua.

**Can the sun obey a human. No.**

**NO SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION FOR HOW THIS IS POSSIBLE.** All current

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scientific knowledge will agree this is not possible.

**Answer: it is definitely a miracle.** Miracles defy scientific knowledge and man's ability. Miracles do not follow scientific theories. They don't agree. Science cannot explain how miracles happen.

**Jericho.** Archaeologists say there is no walled city in Jericho, no Hittites. Today, many years later you can get a doctorate in the study of the Hittites due to the enormous amount of information on the Hittites.

Scientific evidence shows sound can break walls. Were the horns and the shouts naturally powerful enough or did God also give a boost? We can't say.

**SCIENCE:** Mechanical resonance is a reality and can destroy a bridge. So the sound causing the walls to fall is highly probable but do not look for a scientific explanation for miracles. How can Joshua possibly know this without conducting experiments or seeing it before.

**Answer:** evidence for an all knowing intelligent being-God. Why was this not done with all other

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walls. God was showing off his various abilities and inside knowledge.

This one scientific knowledge says its possible and maybe in the future ability of man to pull off.

Archaeologists say, "The mound, or 'tell,' of Jericho was surrounded by a great earthen rampart, or embankment, with a stone retaining wall at its base. The retaining wall was some 12-15 ft high. On top of that was a mudbrick wall 6 ft thick and about 20-26 ft high (Sellin and Watzinger 1973: 58)" ..."Within the upper wall was an area of approximately 6 acres, while the total area of the upper city and fortification system together was half again as large, or about 9 acres". [The Walls of Jericho - Associates for Biblical Research \(biblearchaeology.org\)](http://biblearchaeology.org)

### **Crossing the Jordan river.**

Joshua saw Moses red sea crossing.

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SCIENCE: The only science here would be to build a bridge.

There was no bridge- It was faith.

**Answer:** Supernatural source of power is pointed to again. God's miracles defy scientific knowledge.

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### David and Johnathan were Gay

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David -king who?

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*Solomon (Hiram biff/Free masonry)*

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## Imprecatory Psalms

The Bible records what was said in prayers to God. The prayers revealed the hearts of men. God inspired the writers to record these prayers.

*Ps 137:8 O daughter Babylon, soon to be devastated! How blessed will be the one who repays you for what you dished out to us! Ps 137:9 How blessed will be the one who grabs your babies and smashes them on a rock!*

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**Ps 109:10** *May his children roam around begging, asking for handouts as they leave their ruined home!*

**Ps 58:6** *O God, break the teeth in their mouths! Smash the jawbones of the lions, O LORD!*

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### **Marijuana in temple worship.**

Traces of Marijuana was found in the small old temples on the border walls of Jerusalem. This is highly probable because after Solomon the new Israelite king engaged in pagan practices, creating temples and worshipping other gods, thereby burning foreign incense.

### **Number of temples:**

Moses built the first temple in the desert and it was movable,  
Solomon built the [1s] first permanent structure,  
Zerubbabel built the [2<sup>nd</sup>] second permanent one  
and King Herod enlarged the second permanent one.

### Deborah praised Jael, the Murderess

The Bible never endorsed nor defends the murder, the murderess nor the praise of the prophet Deborah. It simply records all the details. It does not endorse everything the Prophet Balaam nor Deborah would have spoken. Neither is every utterance of a Prophetess the inspired word of God. Another example may be found in **1Kgs 13:18** *Then the old prophet said, "I too am a prophet like you. And an angel has told me in a message from the LORD, 'Bring him back with you to your house so he can eat food and drink water.'" But he had lied to him.*

### Did God send a Lying Spirit? 1 kings 22:

Yes.

Ahab king of Israel wanted Jehoshaphat king of Judah to join him in battle against the Syrians. God wanted Ahab to hear two prophesies. A lie from his false prophets and their false gods whom he worshipped and the truth from YHWH (who was rejected) and from YHWH's prophet whom he hated.

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So, He sent an angel to tell Ahab's prophets to tell him he will win the battle so he will fight. Jehoshaphat wanted to hear from God's prophet if there were any in Israel. They sent for Micha and the messenger begged him to agree with the other prophets. So Micha told a lie and agreed with the prophets.

Ahab got upset and said tell me the truth. Micha then said, your prophets are lying to you because God deceived them. You are going to go to battle and lose and you will die.

Ahab had a decision to make, accept the truth from God's prophet or continue accept lying false prophets and worshiping false gods. Ahab had free will to choose but once again rejected God's true messenger. God would have required repentance from Ahab and faith in Him. He had a choice and chose the false gods over YHWH. God Himself did not lie. He asked who will lie. A spirit said I will lie. He asked how he will lie. God approved the lie and instructed the spirit to lie.



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**Why God sent the lying angel?** God was setting up a perfect opportunity for Ahab to choose between YHWH and false gods.

It seems Micha was telling Ahab this is a set up.. He explained the plan orchestrated by God. God wanted Ahab to know that this was a set up. He allowed Micha to reveal the plan. God is giving him a chance take it.

It seems as if judgement was not finalized for Ahab but it seemed it was conditional where He could have been saved if he had just believe. Was Ahab truly deceived since God come clean with the whole truth about what was going on?

Class practical

**List in order the world powers**

Roman, Aegypt, Greek, Assyrian, Persian & Babylonian.

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**Assyrian diaspora (Mormon/ America).**

Although some of the Jews were returned to Canaan and settled in Samaria (Samaritans) the Mormons say some went to the Americas and

this is why Jesus said I have other sheep who are not to this fold. He then visited his sheep in America. Those who are not Jewish fold would be the pagans who convert to Christianity. All who follow Jesus are his disciples/sheep. At that time he had Jewish followers and would later have non-Jewish followers.

### **Jonah and the whale**

The Bible never said it was a whale. Jesus said great fish and the Septuagint said great fish. We think of a whale because that's all we know of but gigantic creatures roamed the Earth for 1000s of years and many continue to say whale. The Bible doesn't specify what sort of marine animal it was. The Hebrew phrase in the Old Testament, *gadawl dag*, literally means great fish. The Greek in the New Testament is *kētos*, which means sea creature. It was a great fish capable of achieving the goal God determined for Jonah. Most whales are incapable of swallowing people into its gut but the Cachalot whale is said to vomit or eject its contents when dying and some of its contents are known to be a

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shark 15 foot shark and other items as big as a 8x6x6 house. So it is possible for a human to fit with room to spare.

### **Naman's leprosy.**

Leprosy is white man skin

No. The idea that Jews and people all over the world today who have leprosy turn from being black people to white people is not true. If this was true then all white people everywhere is contagious and are passing on leprosy to blacks and changing them to Caucasians. According to the Bible in ([Deu 13:12,13,17](#),) Leprosy is a contagious disease that comes and goes. It can't alter you DNA or phenotype to Caucasian or black skin doesn't become white and then change back to black or Caucasian.

Realistically, Leprosy is a highly contagious disease and people who get it turn ashy or chalk white. However, the Bible said that if there is complete whiteness, he is clean and not diseased.

### **Is Leprosy Genetic?**

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No. You can see that black with leprosy are still black people, and nothing genetically changes on the inside. There is no mutation. There is no change in genetics. I can touch you and give you leprosy.

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It is not vitiligo. People who have vitiligo can touch other people and it would not be contagious. They do not have to be quarantined, they are not sickly and, they can still work.

Vitiligo is not a contagious disease of Leprosy.

It's not Albinism. Albinism is not leprosy of the Bible. People are born Albino. They don't become infected by touching an infected person. Albinos are not quarantined. It is not socially transmissible by touching.

Anti-White/Eurocentric sentiments: Rejecting the white Bible.

### **Babylonian captivity:**

Jeremiah warned the Jews God said to give in to Babylon. Temple destroyed in 586. The 3 Jewish boys were put in the furnace and did not die.

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This is the time Daniel was in the lion's den.  
Daniel lived through Nebuchadnezzar,  
Belshazzar and Cyrus the Great 550-530 all ruled  
Babylon.

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Cambysees 530-522 impedes progress on the  
temple, Pseudo Smerdis 522 (tried to establish  
Medes religion and was assassinated),  
Darius the Great 522-486, stormed the castle and  
killed him, reinstated the policies of Cyrus and  
commits himself to the finishing of the temple,  
Xeses 486-464 Ahasuerus, (Herodotus Greek  
historian wrote about him) he fought and lost 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Persian Greek war 481-479.

Vashti is deposed 483 Est 1: Esther said he had  
his celebration in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

481 march to Sardis (1 million soldiers).

?? Esther chosen as **Queen Esther** 2:

### **Esther**

*“The Jews were protected.*

*God used a female to deliver a message to the  
king to spare the lives of the Jews. God did not*

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*want to allow the genocide of the Jews. Therefore, God had to intervene. The Jews were given authority to defend themselves. Whom God favour who can stand against you. This was all done to glorify the God of the Jews.*

**Historical Background** • *The events of Esther span a decade during the reign of Ahasuerus (Xerxes), who succeeded his father Darius as ruler of the Persian Empire in 486 B.C. During his reign (486–465 B.C.), Ahasuerus continued his father’s campaign against Greece for its role in the Ionian revolt. After suffering defeat, he retired to Shushan, one of the four capitals of the Persian Empire. Around 483 B.C. he threw an extravagant feast in Shushan to celebrate his achievements and ten years later he executed Haman for his evil schemes (1:3; 7:9).*

### **Return to Jerusalem:**

*The Jews in Babylon were released in 3 deportation waves. The captivity formally ended in 538 BCE, when the Persian conqueror of Babylonia, Cyrus the Great, gave the Jews permission to return to Palestine. that not all*

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*Jews were forced to leave their homeland, that returning Jews left Babylonia at various times, and that some Jews chose to remain in Babylonia. 586 to about 516 (the year when the rebuilt Temple was dedicated in Jerusalem). Elders supervised the Jewish communities, and Ezekiel was one of several prophets during the Babylon captivity who kept alive the hope of one day returning home. Daniels was another prophet in Babylon. This was possibly also the period when synagogues were first established, for the Jews observed the Sabbath and religious holidays, practiced circumcision, and substituted prayers for former ritual sacrifices in the Temple. The degree to which the Jews looked upon Cyrus the Great as their benefactor and a servant of their God is reflected at several points in the Hebrew Bible—e.g., at Isaiah 45:1–3, where he is actually called God’s anointed”.*

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### **New leadership after Babylon**

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In 539 BCE the Persians conquered Babylon, and in 537 BCE Cyrus the Great allowed Jews to return to Judea and rebuild the Temple. He did not, however, allow the restoration of the Judean monarchy, which left the Judean priests as the dominant authority. Without the constraining power of the monarchy, the authority of the Temple in civic life was amplified. It was around this time that the Sadducee party emerged as the party of priests and allied elites. It seemed that although the priests controlled the rituals of the Temple, the scribes and sages, later called rabbis (Hebrew word for Teacher/master), dominated the study of the Torah, they taught at the houses of study believed to be introduced in Ezra's time.

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### **New leadership under the Hellenists (Greeks)**

The Hellenistic period of Jewish history began when Alexander the Great conquered Persia in 332 BCE. The rift between the priests and the sages developed during this time, when Jews



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faced new political and cultural struggles. After Alexander's death in 323 BCE, Judea was ruled by the Egyptian-Hellenic Ptolemies until 198 BCE, when the Syrian-Hellenic Seleucid Empire, under Antiochus III, seized control. Then, in 167 BCE, the Seleucid king Antiochus IV invaded Judea, entered the Temple, and stripped it of money and ceremonial objects. He imposed a program of forced Hellenization, requiring Jews to abandon their own laws and customs, thus precipitating the [Maccabean Revolt](#). Jerusalem was liberated in 165 BCE and the Temple was restored. In 141 BCE an assembly of priests and others affirmed Simon Maccabeus as high priest and leader, in effect establishing the Hasmonean dynasty.

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### Pharisees

The Pharisee ("separatist") party emerged largely out of the group of scribes and sages. The word is believed to be from the Hebrew and Aramaic Parush while 'Pharisee' is a Greek word. This group resisted Hellenisation (Greek culture,

religion and politics). The Pharisees and Sadducees were both religious and political.

### Sadducees

Their name may have derived from that of Zadok, who was high priest in the time of kings David and Solomon. Ezekiel later selected this family as worthy of being entrusted with control of the Temple, and Zadokites formed the Temple hierarchy down to the 2nd century BC.

“The Sadducees were the **party** of high priests, aristocratic families, and merchants—the wealthier elements of the population. They came under the influence of Hellenism (Greek culture, religion, language), tended to have good relations with the Roman rulers of Palestine, and generally represented the conservative view within Judaism. While their rivals, the **Pharisees, claimed the authority of piety and learning, the Sadducees claimed that of birth and social and economic position.** During the long period of the two parties struggle which

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lasted until the Romans destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD the Sadducees dominated the Temple and its priesthood.

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The Sadducees refused to go beyond the written Torah (first five books of the Bible) and thus, unlike the Pharisees, denied the immortality of the soul, bodily resurrection after death, and the existence of angelic spirits. For the Sadducees, the Oral Law, *i.e.*, the vast body of post-biblical Jewish legal traditions meant next to nothing. By contrast, the Pharisees revered the Torah but further claimed that oral tradition was part and parcel of Mosaic Law”.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Sadducee>

The Sadducees mixed the Torah and Greek philosophy.

### **Time of Maccabees:**

about 400 years of silence from God.

Intertestamental period *i.e.* between the two testaments.

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The Maccabean revolts. The early ones may have been from priests who found the religious compromises in Hellenistic Jerusalem totally unacceptable.

### **Septuagint:**

During the reign of King Ptolemy Philadelphos of Egypt (285-246 BC), seventy (LXX) scholars gathered in Alexandria, Egypt to translate the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek. The LXX, being very close to the Masoretic Text (AD 916) we have today, helped to confirm the reliability of the transmission of the Scriptures through the years. There are other documents that could be appealed to for verification of the genuineness of the Old Testament manuscripts and their reliability of being faithfully transmitted down through the centuries.

### **The seventy LXX.**

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Following the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 586 BC, the Jews were scattered throughout the Middle East. Many never returned home as one empire after another dominated the land of Palestine, therefore because of this Diaspora, the scattered Jews **James 1:1** needed a copy of the Hebrew Scriptures in the new international language of Greek.

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