

TEXT - Gen. 1:1, Rev. 22:

INTRO – The history of the world from creation to flood, from flood to Abraham to Moses to kings to the church to the closing of the age.

### Prehistoric life

The diverse organisms that inhabited Earth from the origin of life about 3.5 billion years ago to the time when humans began to keep written records, about 3500 BC. During the course of evolution, new forms of life developed and many other forms, such as the dinosaurs, became extinct. Prehistoric life evolved over this vast timespan from simple bacteria like cells in the oceans to algae and protozoans and complex multicellular forms such as worms, mollusks, crustaceans, fishes, insects, land plants, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals. On a geological timescale human beings evolved relatively recently, about 4 million years ago, although the exact dating is a matter of some debate.

### Civilization

The earliest civilizations evolved in the Old World from advanced Neolithic farming societies in the Middle East (Sumer in 3500 BC; Egypt in 3000 BC), the Indus Valley (in 2500 BC), and China (in 2200 BC).

### Origins of human species

The African apes are shown by anatomical and molecular comparisons to be the closest living relatives of humans. Molecular studies put the date of the split between the human and African ape lines at 5-10 million years ago. The oldest known hominids, found in Ethiopia and Tanzania, date from 3.5 to 4 million years ago. It is thought to be close to the initial divergence of the great apes and humans, although genetic studies indicate that the last common ancestor between chimpanzees and humans lived 6 to 8 million years ago.

### Evolution

The slow process of change from one form to another, as in the evolution of the universe from its formation in the Big Bang to its present state, or in the evolution of life on Earth. Darwin assigned the major role in evolutionary change to natural selection acting on randomly occurring variations (now known to be produced by spontaneous changes or mutations in the genetic material of organisms).

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Historians - Can not go back to identifiable civilization before 3500 B.C.

Archaeology - Dates back to no earlier than 2500 B.C.

Stone Age no earlier than 8000 B.C.

Literature - Dates back to 2000 B.C.

No earlier than 2500 B.C. Ebla Tablets

History - 2100 B.C. The Sumerians

Flood Myths - Sumerian - Akkadian - Babylonian

Religion - Dates back to approximately 2100 B.C.

**We have been lied to about the evolutionary theory!**

### DISTINCTIVENESS OF ISRAEL

#### 1. Monotheistic

a. Deut. 6:4 The Shema

b. All deity placed in one supreme being

#### 2. Moralistic

a. Laws spoken and written

b. Keeping the Sabbath

#### 3. Temple -

a. Without images or idols

b. Pointed the way to salvation vs. cosmic house of god

c. God needed no temple vs. Dwelling place for the gods

#### 4. A Covenant

a. Land

1. Palestine promised to Israel

2. They would no longer be nomadic

b. Priesthood

c. Offerings

d. Set apart people

e. Circumcision

CALL OF ABRAHAM 2100 B.C.

PERIOD OF KINGS 1000 B.C.

TIME OF CHRIST 0 B.C.

DARK AGES 1000 A.D.

END TIMES 2000 A.D.

### I. PERIOD OF INNOCENCE Gen. 1-2

A. Man's condition - Innocent but not ignorant of sin

B. Man's responsibility - Not to eat the tree, obey God's Word

C. Man's failure - Ate the fruit, believed Satan

D. God's judgment - Death, work and toil

E. God's provision - Coats of skin

## II. PERIOD OF CONCIENCE Gen. 3-7

- A. Man's condition - Knowledge of good and evil
- B. Man's responsibility - Abstain from evil, blood sacrifices
- C. Man's failure - Total degeneration
- D. God's judgment - Spirit ceased to strive with man, flood
- E. God's provision - Noah's family saved through flood

## III. PERIOD OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT

- A. Man's condition - Noah is righteous leader
- B. Man's responsibility - Rule over man righteously
- C. Man's failure - Humanism, Tower of Babel
- D. God's judgment - Confounded language
- E. God's provision - The call of Abraham

## IV. PERIOD OF PROMISE

- A. Man's condition - Idolatress
- B. Man's responsibility - Live life of faith
- C. Man's failure - Forgot covenant
- D. God's judgment - Slavery
- E. God's provision - Moses the deliverer

## V. PERIOD OF LAW

- A. Man's condition - No specific laws of government
- B. Man's responsibility - Keep the law
- C. Man's failure - Broke the law
- D. God's judgment - Captivity
- E. God's provision - Messiah

## VI. PERIOD OF CHURCH

- A. Man's condition - Individual failure
- B. Man's responsibility - Receive Christ by Faith
- C. Man's failure - Rejects the gospel
- D. God's judgment - Tribulation
- E. God's provision - Christ's Kingdom

## VII. PERIOD OF KINGDOM

- A. Man's condition - Man under forced obedience
- B. Man's responsibility - Submission from the heart
- C. Man's failure - Inward heart not obedient
- D. God's judgment - Final destruction
- E. God's provision - Eternity with Christ

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

### 1. Scoffers

**2 Pet 3:3-4** *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

### 2. Apostasy

**2 Th 2:3** *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

### 3. False teachers

**2 Pet 2:1-2** *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.*

**Mat 24:24** *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

### 4. Spiritism

**1 Tim 4:1-3** *Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*

### 5. Perilous Times

**2 Tim 3:1-4** *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*

### 6. Fig Tree

**Mat 24:32-34** *Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*

### **7. The distress of the nations**

**Luke 21:24-27** *And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

### **8. Noah's days**

**Luke 17:26-30** *And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*

**CONCL** -If the Bible is true, we best heed it's teachings. **Are you saved?**