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INTRODUCTION

I love looking for buried treasure, don't you? That means I love digging into the past and exploring history. Pyramids. Pirates. Treasure chests filled with diamonds and gold! And the best thing about history is to learn more about how history relates to His Story—God's exciting, marvelous plan for this great big universe—including His big plans for you and me.

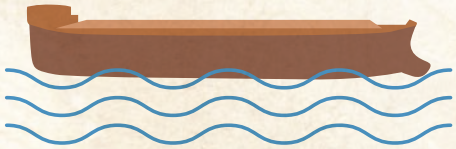
This encyclopedia of world history isn't like any other. The *Master Books World History Encyclopedia* looks at history with a Christian, biblical worldview. What does this mean? We believe the Bible is God's holy Word. We use the Bible as the trusted authority on history that began on Day 1 when God spoke the cosmos into existence and all the way to that thrilling day when God will establish a perfect, brand-new heaven and earth where His children will live with Him forever.

You'll discover why we can trust the Bible as our lens to look through as we investigate history. You'll get to know dinosaurs. Travel to faraway islands in the seas. You'll study fascinating facts about places and past events from the ziggurats in ancient Sumer to painted caves in Africa to King Solomon's temple of gold. You'll meet people in ancient civilizations from the Land of the Rising Sun in Japan to the Nazca in ancient Peru to the Romans who built an empire. The Bible is the starting point for our adventures as we travel back through time to find out about people, places, and amazing things that have happened since time began. It's all here—and more!

It's perfect for gathering information you need to complete homework assignments, school projects, and to enjoy for family-time learning and fun. Explore the full-color photographs and illustrations, sidebars, handy charts, important dates, and helpful maps as they bring history to life on this great big globe we call home.

TIMELINE: 4004 B.C. – 1500 B.C.

God creates Adam and Eve, the parents of all humankind (Gen. 3:20) 4004 B.C.



The Worldwide Flood: Noah and the Ark (Genesis 7) c. 2348 B.C.

Javan founds Greece 2089 B.C.

Adam, the first farmer (Gen. 3:17–19) 4004 B.C.

Creation: God Creates the Heavens and the Earth (Genesis 1) 4004 B.C.

Musical instruments (Gen. 4:21) c. 3475 B.C.

Nimrod took Babylon (Mesopotamia) as the first center of his kingdom 2234 B.C.

Noah born 2948 B.C.

The Fall: Adam and Eve and the First Sin (Genesis 3) 4004 B.C.

Living in tents (Gen. 4:20) c. 3874 B.C.

Death of Adam 3074 B.C.

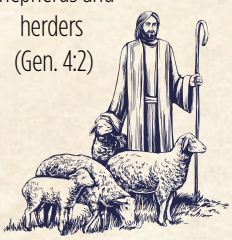
4000 B.C. — 3000 B.C.

4004 B.C. Dinosaurs live on the earth (Gen. 1:24)

4004 B.C. God creates the sacred institutions of two genders, marriage between a husband and a wife, the family, and the sanctity of life (Gen. 1:26–31)

4004 B.C. God promises a Savior (Gen. 3:15)

c. 3874 B.C. Shepherds and herders (Gen. 4:2)



c. 3750 B.C. First cities built (Genesis 4:17)

c. 3475 B.C. Bronze and iron tools used (Gen. 4:22)

3017 B.C. Enoch taken to heaven

2247-2242 B.C. Tower of Babel

2188 B.C. Mizraim founds Egypt

c. 2070 B.C. Indus River Valley Civilization forms

Yellow River Valley civilization forms c. 2070 B.C.

Abraham leaves Haran 1921 B.C.

Medical instruments used in Babylon c. 1800 B.C.

Jacob and sons move to Egypt in famine c. 1706 B.C.

Emperor Tang founds the Shang Dynasty c. 1600 B.C.

Chinese weave silk cloth for trade c. 1500 B.C.

Book of Job is written c. 1500-500 B.C.

Death of Noah 1998 B.C.

First Assyrian Empire 1810 B.C.

Babylonian Empire defeats Assyria 1760 B.C.

Jacob dies in Egypt 1689 B.C.

Moses born 1571 B.C.

Aryans invade India c. 1500 B.C.

2000 B.C. — 1000 B.C.

c. 2000 B.C. Horse-drawn chariots with spoked wheels used in Mesopotamia

1996 B.C. Birth of Abraham

1921 B.C. Abraham arrives in Canaan

c. 1800s B.C. Great Pyramid built

c. 1792 B.C. Code of Hammurabi

c. 1728 B.C. Joseph sold into Egypt

c. 1700 B.C. Trading at Poverty Point (Louisiana)

1635 B.C. Joseph dies

c. 1591 B.C. Hittites attack Babylon; end of the First Babylonian Empire

c. 1550 B.C. Rhind Papyrus

c. 1500 B.C. Glass bottles made in Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Greece

c. 1500-1000 B.C. Bantu migration across Africa