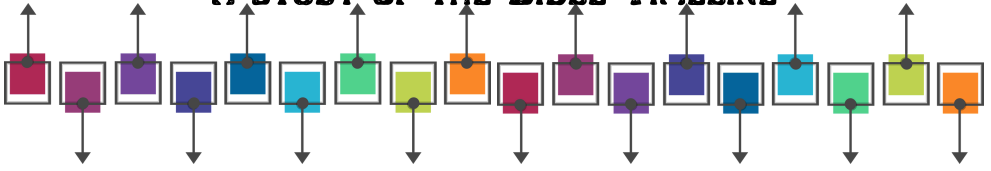


TRUST THE STORY

A STUDY OF THE BIBLE TIMELINE



BABEL

- THE WORD "BEGINNING" IN GENESIS 1:1 IS THE HEBREW WORD "RE'SHIYTH (RAY-SHEETH)" WHICH MEANS "FIRST, BEGINNING, BEST, CHIEF."
 - THE CREATION STORY WAS BOTH FIRST IN TIMELINE ORDER AND FIRST IN IMPORTANCE IN THE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE.
- AFTER CREATION, GOD SAW THAT HIS CREATION WAS GOOD. HE TRUSTED THE STORY.
- ADAM AND EVE WERE THE FIRST HUMANS AND THE ONLY PART OF CREATION MADE "IMAGO DEI" OR "IN THE IMAGE OF GOD."
- SEVERAL GENERATIONS AFTER ADAM AND EVE (AND EXACTLY 1,656 YEARS AFTER ADAM WAS CREATED), GOD SENT A FLOOD THAT WIPED OUT ALL LIFE ON EARTH EXCEPT THE LIFE THAT WAS IN A BOAT.
 - THAT BOAT WAS NOAH'S ARK
- GENERATIONS AFTER NOAH, PEOPLE DECIDED TO STAY IN ONE SPOT AND BUILD A TOWER.
 - TECHNOLOGY WAS ADVANCING QUICKLY - WE SEE THAT IN THE CREATION OF THE BRICKS AND THE AMBITION OF BUILDING SUCH A BIG STRUCTURE.
 - THE PEOPLE DID NOT TRUST IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S STORY.
 - THEY DID NOT FILL THE EARTH AS GOD COMMANDED.
 - THEY WANTED TO MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF HUMBLING THEMSELVES BEFORE GOD.
- GOD CONFUSED THE LANGUAGES OF THE PEOPLE TO DISPERSE THEM AND STOP THEM FROM COMPLETING THE TASK OF BUILDING A GIANT TOWER.
 - GOD SPECIFICALLY MADE NOTE OF HOW HUMANS WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED AT BUILDING THIS TOWER AND IT WOULD HAVE ONLY BEEN THE BEGINNING OF WHAT HUMANS WOULD DO TOGETHER.
 - WITH SUCH SUCCESS AND POWER, HUMANS WOULD HAVE LIKELY BEEN OVERCOME WITH PRIDE AND UNABLE TO REALIZE THEIR NEED FOR GOD.
 - AFTER THE LANGUAGES WERE CONFUSED, PEOPLE SPREAD OUT OVER THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH.
 - THIS IS WHY IT WAS CALLED "BABEL."