

# ACE HISTORY HERALD

## Pharaoh's Son Dies

By Violet Caito

At day break, Pharaoh found his son dead. God warned Moses that an angel would come and kill every first-born male human and animal who lived in a home that did not have sheep's blood on the door posts. Pharaoh and most Egyptians would not listen to Moses' instructions. Every Hebrew, however, obeyed Moses and killed their finest sheep and took the blood to put on the door posts and lintel. They were not harmed.



After the death of his son, Pharaoh let all the Hebrews go as God had foretold, but as soon as they got to the sea, they saw Pharaoh and his whole army behind them. Moses, with God working through him, split the sea with his staff, making a safe passage for them to cross. They all hurried through, but Pharaoh was still right

behind them, so God closed the sea after Moses. The Egyptians all perished, and Moses and all of his people made it safely across and were free from slavery.

## Noah Builds Immense Ark

By Natalie Keyser

Noah, a well-known man in the community and a follower of God, has completed a massive ark to contain a great many animals. He claims it will rain and flood the whole world; therefore, all the animals must be kept safe. Since he is miles away from the ocean, it is very strange for Noah to be building a boat here.

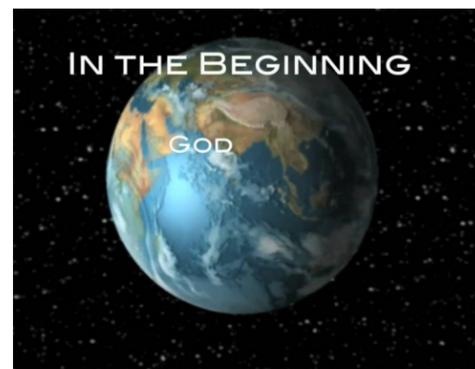
Everybody laughs and jeers at him, thinking him silly to build his ark so far away from the water, but still Noah perseveres through it all. Time will tell if Noah's alarming prediction will come true.

## Whole Planet Created from.....NOTHING!

By Lucy Kempf

Just seven days ago, there was nothing! Now look! Waters are teeming with sea creatures of every kind, and forests are flocked in wild animals. Clouds of birds are flying through the air, darkening the sky, and gardens and trees are laden with vegetables and fruits. There is every single kind of tree imaginable. Flowers blanket the fields of grass, so green and desirable, which the cattle, willingly and blissfully eat. The sky is brightly lit by the sun during the day. At night, it is filled with millions of stars and the moon brightly shines, like a lantern. The world, after only seven days, is covered with things God created! It is truly marvelous and amazing.

"I was so glad when God created woman, too," Adam said at an interview. "I was so lonely until Eve came."



## Missing...Presumed Dead!

By Virginia Barron

An appeal is being made to the public for any and all information as to the whereabouts of a missing local teenager, Joseph, son of Jacob.

Jacob told reporters: "His brothers were a long time at the fields, so I sent Joseph to get them. A while later, I saw my sons coming, and ran to greet them. That was when I noticed that Joseph was not among them. My son Simeon was carrying a bloody, ripped cloak that I recognized at once as a gift I had given to Joseph."



A friend of the family, who did not wish to be identified, told reporters that the above-mentioned cloak had actually caused a great deal of conflict in the family and that Joseph's brothers considered it to be an example of undue favoritism shown to Joseph by Jacob.

Jacob has offered a large reward for any information leading to the recovery of Joseph or his remains.

"He could have gotten into a fight with a wolf, and abandoning his cloak, he fled," said Jacob.

"He's out there somewhere. I can feel it," said Joseph's mother.

Neighbors and volunteers are scouring the nearby hills and fields for Joseph, but some are beginning to wonder if there is more to the story than they have been told.

"I think the brothers are hiding something," said the family's next-door neighbor. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the local department of missing persons. Meals for the family are being organized by the Women's Club at the local Synagogue.

## Egyptians Invent Amazing Written Language

By Jack Keyser

Ancient Egyptians have developed hieroglyphics to read and to communicate to one another. Hieroglyphics are pictures that represent letters or words. Egyptians do not use punctuation and also can write up, down, right, or left.

Scribes are the only Egyptians who can write hieroglyphics. Not only is it very challenging to learn, but only the most prosperous and learned people can study hieroglyphics, because these individuals do not have to labor and can spend more time studying.

Hieroglyphics mean so much to Egyptians, because they no longer have to communicate orally. Now, they can write stories that their grandchildren can read and send messages with increased ease.



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## Great Flood Destroys All

By Catrice Friedrick, Heavenly News

The Great Flood has destroyed everything except for Noah and his family.

God told Noah to build an ark because He was going to flood the whole earth and destroy all mankind. Noah obeyed and built the ark, which took him more than 100 years. He then put his wife, his three sons and their wives, and two of every beast aboard the ark.

Some souls had some questions like, "Why did you destroy the world?" and "Why did you pick Noah and not another man?" God answered these questions at last night's conference. "Mankind was becoming way too evil, and Noah was the only righteous man left out of all creation." Some souls are still not sure it was the best decision, but are trusting in God to do what's best.

## Jericho's Walls Fall

By Leo Brown

"Hail Joshua!" Voices are sounding from afar. Jericho's walls have just finished crumbling--and in a most spectacular way! It all started when Joshua ordered his army to march around Jericho for six days straight. He took with him seven priests whom he ordered blow seven trumpets also for six days. On the end of the sixth day, Jericho's walls came crashing down; therefore, making it easy to defeat.



## Adam and Eve Evicted from Eden

By Zachary Casabella

Deceived by the wicked serpent, Adam and Eve have disobeyed God's orders and eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The snake told Eve that if she would eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge, she would have the knowledge of God. Entranced by the delicious smell of the fruit, she ate. She then offered a bite to Adam.

Immediately, they saw that they were naked and covered themselves with leaves in shame. Upon hearing God's voice in the garden, they hid themselves.

God questioned "Adam where art thou?" And Adam answered, "I heard thy voice in paradise; and I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself." Knowing that Adam and Eve had sinned, God cast both out from Eden forever, leaving an angel with a flaming sword to guard the entrance.



## Hyksos Kings Conquered Egyptian Empire

By Simon Kempf

Yesterday, the Hyksos kings, also known as Shepherd kings, conquered Egypt. They left from Syria and Palestine a week ago in search of a new home and, after conquering the Egyptians, will settle there.

The Hyksos kings brought highly advanced armory, which helped them take over Egypt.

The incumbent Pharaoh, who reigned during this time, fled. No one has any idea of his whereabouts, although, the Hyksos kings have sent out a contingent of soldiers to try and locate him. Most people think that the Hyksos kings will follow the Egyptians example and crown their own Pharaoh.

## Moses Discovers Burning Bush

By Isaac Byers

Yesterday, Moses was herding his sheep in the desert when he stumbled upon a burning bush. To his astonishment, the bush was not burning up and, even stranger, a voice came out of the bush. The voice said it was holy ground and told Moses to take off his shoes. Then the voice told Moses to go to Egypt and command the pharaoh to let the Israelites go.



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## King Shamshi Rises to Power

By Caleb Wilson

An Amorite king named Shamshi-Adad has risen to power.

He had been exiled by Narim-Sin, king of Eshunna, who had conquered his father's lands. Shamshi-Adad retook the city of Ekallatum before returning home after the death of Narim-Sin. He then overthrew king Erishchamll of Assyria.

A temple has been for the king, called the temple of Assur, where inscriptions have been carved proclaiming him the "Unifier of the lands between the Tigris and Euphrates."

Shamshi -Adad has also outlined market prices, as one shekel of silver being worth 2 loaves of barley, 15 mihas of wool, and 2 seahs of oil.

## The Life of a Nomad

By Millie Barron

Many families across the Mesopotamian, Canaanite, and Egyptian deserts are noticing a new trend among large families of herders. Great numbers of shepherds are now traveling almost constantly, always searching for good land across the great deserts.

These wandering herders, or "nomads," keep only the most essential items with them, and set up camp for a short time before moving their families again. Much to the chagrin of local landowners, these nomads often "borrow" land that doesn't belong to them, for as much time as they decide to remain there. An anonymous individual referred to these nomads as "presumptuous and rude... thinking they can 'borrow' our land for months at a time."

In fact, many prestigious families across the land share this same opinion regarding the nomads. But the nomads do not seem to intend any harm toward the cities and households in which they settle. They have simply grown used to the nomadic life and see no reason why they should not be allowed to live it. One Kenanaiah, the head of a large shepherding family from Mesopotamia, told reporters simply, "We nomads are unhappy when we are not traveling. We have tried the city life and find it contradictory to our most natural inclinations."

Many questions regarding the nomads are being asked all across the land: Is there any hope for peace between the city-dwellers and the nomads? Will the nomadic life ever be accepted into our culture? Only time will tell.



## Jonah: Straight From the Whale's Mouth

By Annie Bauer

By Methusahael Of Nineveh – I recently had the privilege of interviewing Jonah the Prophet, the Hero of Nineveh in person.

Q: “How did you end up out on the sea Jonah?”

A: “So there I was, standing at the edge of the sea. I didn't want to go save Nineveh from God's wrath. He was going to destroy it because the people had turned away from him. I was running away from what God wanted.”

Q: “Wow! That isn't good! Just look at what almost happened to Nineveh for that!”

A: “Yeah, it was close! Anyhow, I found a boat that was going as far away from Nineveh as possible on such short notice, and I boarded. No sooner had we left port than a raging tempest rose up, threatening to sink the ship!”



Q: “Interesting! What did you do?”

A: “You see I knew it was my fault. ‘Throw me into the sea!’ I shouted to the sailors. They did! I thought I was a goner for sure. But God sent a whale to swallow me. I spent three days in the beast's belly, then it spit me out on the land, close to Nineveh. So in the end, I went to Nineveh, and told you and the people in your city to repent. After a while, they did. And that's my story.”

Q: “Well thank you Jonah for telling us! I hope we can speak again soon.”

A: “I do too sir Mr. Methusahael! I am glad I could help save your city. God is so wonderful, he always forgives, even if you have done a great wrong.”

Artwork by Maria Hofmeister

## The Trojan War Ends

By Isabella Brown

The Trojan War is, at long last, over! After 10 long years of struggle between the Greeks and Trojans, the Greeks have emerged victorious, reclaiming the Helen of Sparta and burning the city of Troy.

The Greeks' tactic for victory was deception. Odysseus, one of King Agamemnon's many allies and also the King of Ithaca, came up with the astonishingly simple, yet effective idea of building an enormous wooden horse. He hid a few Greeks inside, offered it to the Trojans as a surrender gift, and then had the rest of the army sail out to sea, under the pretense of going home.

When the Trojans received this incredibly clever gift, they overcame their suspicions, accepted the gift, and ultimately consecrated it to Athena. Then, assured that all was well and the war over, they went unsuspectingly to bed.

Meanwhile, Odysseus and the Greeks who had all this time been hiding in the horse, silently crawled out through a secret door underneath and opened the city gates. The remainder of the Greek army, which was secretly waiting nearby, came storming in and burned Troy to the ground, taking all its treasures and many captives. Thus the great city of Troy was defeated, and Helen reclaimed.

## Pyramid Scheme: Pharaohs' Plan to Live Forever

By Joseph Bauer

Egyptians built the pyramids to hold their king who they believed was a god. A pharaoh means king in Egyptian. The pyramids would allow the pharaoh's “ka” to travel into the afterlife. The “ka” was his body's spiritual duplicate.

The people served willingly to build the pyramids because it was part of their religion to serve their god. So the Egyptian people freely constructed them from yellow limestone from nearby quarries along the Nile river. The workers would put wooden wedges into the rock then soak them in water. The wood would absorb the water and expand, breaking the rock. Then copper tools were used to smooth out the outside of the rock. They floated it on boats across the Nile and then dragged it on a sled or rolled it on logs.

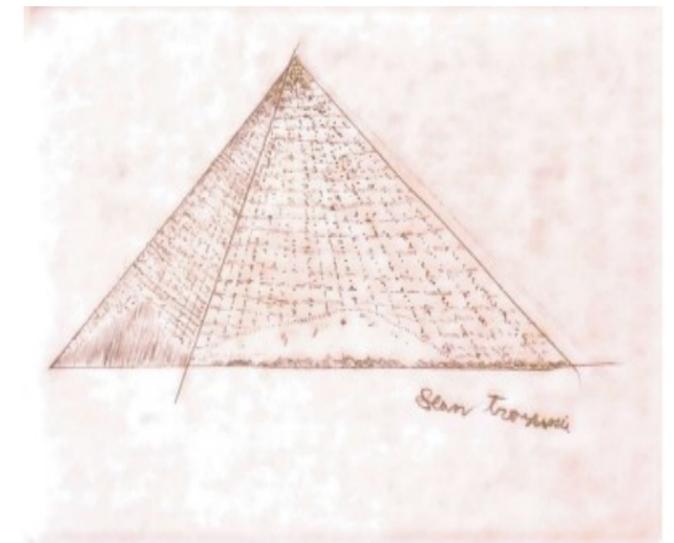
There were two main types of pyramid: the step pyramid, which came first, and then later, the true pyramid. The step pyramid represented a stairway to the afterlife. The true pyramid with flat, sloping sides represents the beginning of time where ground emerges out of the sea. It also may show the sun shining down on pharaoh.

The Egyptians built the first pyramid in 2630 BC. The great age of the pyramid lasted 400 years. The pharaohs did not succeed in living forever, but his pyramids did.

## The Great Pyramid at Giza is Completed

By Marie Malinoski

After 20 long years, the Great Pyramid is finished. Pharaoh Khufu decreed that this enormous structure was for his body after death. “I want to be prepared for the afterlife when I am a god.” said the great Pharaoh Khufu. The pharaohs of the time believed that after death they became gods, so Pharaoh put everything he would need in the Pyramid for the afterlife. This building took 20 years and 100,000 men to construct. It is the largest pyramid ever built.



Artwork by Sean Trzybinski

## Pharaoh's Daughter Adds Family Member

By Ariana Caito, Egyptian News

River Nile, Egypt – Pharaoh's daughter was going down to the river to wash around 9 a.m. when something caught her eye that would change her life.

“I was about to wash when I saw a basket and heard a noise come from it,” she said. “I sent my maid to fetch it, and when we opened it, there was a crying baby. I was very shocked! To find a baby so small and in a basket was extremely sad. That someone would abandon a baby like him is crazy!”

That shock would turn into love. Pharaoh's daughter has amazingly added on to the royal family. Now there is a new Prince, and she said she could have never been happier.

“I have named him Moses because I found him in the water.” she said. “I just love his smile!”

Moses will be formally announced as Prince two weeks from now.

## Advent of the Iron Age

By Peter Vanderhulst

The new technology of the Iron Age has changed many people's lives. We were lucky enough to interview Bob from one of the villages here in Britain where iron working has just been introduced.

Q: So Bob, how's that new roundhouse?

A: Well, Phil, the house is coming along just great. Most of the house is made of oak wood. The roof is made of thatch and straw. Surprisingly, it holds up well from the rain. We have been very blessed with all the advances that have come with the Iron Age. For one, we have new technology to face invaders. The iron makes much better weapons than the stone and bronze that we were previously using.

Q: Wow, Iron Age Bob, can you tell us some of other ways life has changed since the Age of Iron spread to Britain?

A: Sure, Phil, we are now able to till fields with our new iron plows. We are able to dig much deeper than with the bronze plows so our crops are much better.

Q: One last question, Bob, can you tell us more about the process of making iron?

A: Of course, Phil, we extract the metal from a rock called ore. Then we put it in a blast furnace to soften it so we can mold.

Q: One last question for real this time, where did you learn this new stuff?

A: Well Phil, the new technology spread to us from all the way across Europe.

We are thankful for the time Bob has shared with us. We hope to be sharing more news on the improvements of the early world in our next column.

## Traders from Sumer Have Arrived

By Sophia Byers

Local residents spotted Sumerian vessels sailing up the river this morning. Likely the boats are loaded with pottery and beads. Last year, the Sumerians sold toy pigs, drinking cups, and cooking pots. The Sumerians often trade for beads, wood, cotton, and spices. Gold and jasper jewelry bring high prices, as do bronze and copper figures. Come to the market place of Mohenjodaro and make your fortune!



## Isaac Saved From Sacrifice

By Evangeline Brown

Abraham's son, Isaac, has just been saved from being sacrificed.

God appeared to Abraham earlier today and ordered him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Abraham was shocked and, at the same time, very troubled. However he immediately obeyed.

Abraham took Isaac and traveled up the mountain with a bundle of firewood. On approaching the top of the mountain, they piled it on a tall flat boulder. And then to Isaac's horror, he himself was placed on top while his father tied up his hands and feet. Abraham slowly lifted up his dagger and as it flew through the air an angel appeared out of nowhere and stopped the blow.

God now knew that Abraham had much faith in him.

## The First Calendar Invented

By Rose Malinoski

After many different types and versions of this useful timekeeping device, the Egyptians have settled on one formed of 12 30-day months and the addition of five extra days at the end of each year.

For years, people have been trying to discover exactly how many days it takes for the earth to make a full orbit around the sun. Some have tried to develop a type of calendar based on the



appearance of the new moon, declaring a new month to have started every time a full moon was sighted.

One widely used calendar was called the Julian calendar, but after some time it was discovered to be off track. Pope Gregory XIII later reformed it, even though many people believed that spending time trying to figure out exactly how many days were in a year was silly.

Although these calendars are not entirely accurate, they are very close to the actual amount of time in each year.

*The picture above is an ancient Egypt temple wall used to track the motion of the moon.*

## Upper and Lower Egypt Unify

By Brogan Wilson

Mighty King Menes went to lower Egypt to unite the two Egypts, and he has come back victorious. Egypt was split into two regions: the flat flood plains are in the north leading to the Mediterranean Sea and the higher ground with narrow valleys and gorges is in the south. There is a great celebration, and the people watch as King Menes puts the crown of lower Egypt on his head over his own white one. This signifies that upper and lower Egypt are united.



## Jacob and Esau: A Biography

By Kierra Wilson

Jacob was the youngest son of Isaac and Rebekah, and he was favored by his mother. Esau was the oldest son of Isaac and Rebekah, and he was favored by his father. As a young man, Jacob convinced his older brother, Esau, to sell him his birthright for a bowl of soup. Later on, Jacob stole the blessing bestowed on the oldest son by the father from Esau. Because of this, Jacob had to leave the place where he lived so as to flee from the wrath of Esau. Later in life, Esau sought out and forgave Jacob of all the wrong that he had done to him. Jacob had 12 sons, and he died in Egypt. Esau died a happy man. ☺



## God Strikes Down Hebrews by Confusing Language

By Ainsley Wilson

The Hebrews are trying to build a tower to Heaven. God is displeased by this so He strikes down the Hebrews, causing them to speak in many different languages. The Hebrews cannot understand each other any longer. The confusion is so great that the Hebrews stop work on the tower. Finally, building the tower of Babel is forgotten.

