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The Great Pyramid & the Bible



"In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof...

And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt." —Isaiah 19:19-20

A SIGN FOR THE END TIMES

Many Christians today are looking for signs to confirm their faith—religious icons that bleed or cry, images of Jesus photographed in clouds, angels who appear bearing messages from God, etc. But the Bible itself cautioned about false signs and wonders which distract from the true prophetic signs that are promised. The signs which the Bible warned against were only those which are not confirmed by Scripture. Matt. 12:39; 24:26; 2Thess. 2:9-10

One remarkable prophetic *sign* that *is* confirmed by Scripture is found in our Isaiah 19 theme text pointing to the Great Pyramid in Egypt. It is one of the most dramatic signs given in Scripture, yet it is overlooked

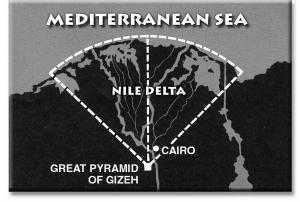
by most students of the Bible because of preconceived ideas as to the Pyramid's purpose, origin and meaning. It has been shrouded in mystery as a "cultish" object with claims of supernatural powers. In addition, Satan has done a masterful job of destroying this beautiful Bible prophecy and many other Bible truths by associating them with evil. The goal of this report is to re-establish the Great Pyramid of Gizeh as a beautiful "sign" and "witness" provided in the word of God for the upbuilding of faith "in that day"—the end times.

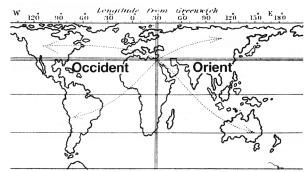
IN THE MIDST OF THE LAND AND AT THE BORDER

Our theme text states that there would be an altar and pillar "in the midst of the land of Egypt... and at the border..." How can something be in the middle and also at the border? First of all, the Great Pyramid is a monument situated near Gizeh in Egypt. The word "Gizeh" in Arabic means "border." Henry Mitchell, Chief Hydrographer of the United States Coast Survey discovered an additional clue to this riddle while working on a report for the Suez Canal in 1868. He noticed that the Nile Delta is pie-shaped. Plotting the sector on a map, he found that the Great Pyramid is at its exact center. This remarkable feature led him to exclaim, "That monument stands in a more important

physical situation than any other building erected by man." It is at the border of upper and lower Egypt, and it is at the border of the sector-shaped Nile Delta—yet it is in the midst of Egypt, at the Delta's exact mathematical center.

Also of significance is an observation in that same year by Professor C. Piazzi Smyth, Astronomer Royale of Scotland. He noted when examining the Great Pyramid's geographical latitude and meridian on an equal-surface projection map, that the structure is perfectly situated at the



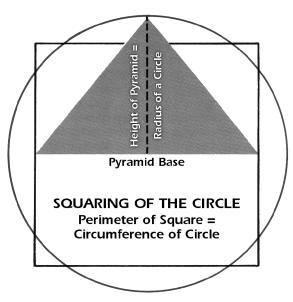


Geographical Center of the Earth's Land Surface center of the earth's land mass. It is truly in the "midst" of the earth, and he suggested that it would be the most suitable for "zero longitude" for all nations.

ASTOUNDING SCIENTIFIC FACTS

The measurements of the Great Pyramid have revealed remarkable mathematical and scientific facts which confirm an architect of superior knowledge. The following lists just a few of these astounding facts:

- Twice the height of the Pyramid, divided into the distance around the base equals the mathematical value termed π (pi) to the nearest 1/10,000. Only recently has man been able to calculate π to this accuracy.
- The Great Pyramid's unique proportions solve one of man's most difficult mathematical challenges—the squaring of the circle. When the radius of a circle equals the height of the pyramid, then the circumference of that circle equals the perimeter of the pyramid's base.



- The orientation of the Great Pyramid is within 3/4 inch of true north. A modern magnetic compass is usually far less accurate.
- The measurement used by the builders, the "pyramid cubit," when divided into the base length of the Great Pyramid is 365.242 pyramid cubits. This is precisely the number for the days in one year.
- The world's standard of measure is the meter approximately one 10-millionth of the curved line along the earth's surface from the North pole to the equator. In 1850 Sir John Herschel, a leading astronomer,

proposed that a more scientific alternative would be one 10-millionth of the earth's half axis — the straight line from the pole to the center of the earth. Unknown to Herschel, this distance he proposed had been the measuring rod of the Great Pyramid 4,000 years before in the pyramid cubit!

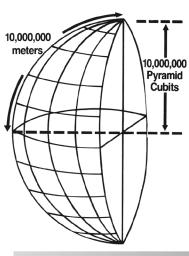
WHO BUILT THE GREAT PYRAMID AND WHY?

Of the seven ancient wonders of the world, the Great Pyramid of Gizeh alone has survived the ravages of time. Because of its immense size along with the fact that it is the oldest building in the world, it has been universally recognized as standing preeminent among the *wonders*. For forty-one centuries it has kept silent watch over the Nile Delta, and each succeeding generation has asked: Why was it built, and who was the architect of this structure which holds the measurements of the universe?

Many theories have been advocated as to the purpose of the Great Pyramid. Among these, it has been claimed that it was a temple to the Sun and Moon, a sacrificial altar, a granary for the patriarch Joseph, an astronomical observatory, etc. But the most popular theory is that it was a gigantic tomb for an ancient pharaoh. Indeed, most pyramids were built as tombs, however, there is abundant proof that the Great Pyramid is unique and was not intended as a tomb. Just as instructions were given to Noah for the building of the ark, and to Moses for the assembling of the Tabernacle, we submit that God gave instructions for the construction of the Pyramid that it might testify in the last days as to His infinite wisdom and foreknowledge.

The concept that the Great Pyramid was erected for this purpose is not new. It first came into prominence in 1860 by pyramid explorer, John Taylor. What convinced him was primarily the many important scientific truths embodied in the measurements and angles of this wonderful structure. As has been shown, these and many other scientific and mathematical features built into the Great Pyramid could only have been known by the architect of the universe.

Taylor was assisted in his conclusions by the writings of ancient historians, Herodotus and Manetho. They recorded that Egyptians helped to build the Great Pyramid under the direction of a shepherd king named Philitis. Manetho, himself an Egyptian wrote: "There came up from the East, in a strange manner, men of an ignoble race, who had the confidence to invade our country, and easily subdued it by their power without a battle." These humble, peaceful invaders were styled *Hyksos*, that is, *shepherd kings*. He then related how afterwards they departed for Judea and built a city there, named Jerusalem. Another possibility is that this shepherd king was Shem, a faithful son of Noah, also known as Melchizedec, the King of Salem (peace—Jerusalem). Shem would have been alive at the time of the building of the Great Pyramid. This and other evidence points to a non-Egyptian architect and builder of the Great Pyramid, and one that was closely associated with the God of the Bible.



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THE PRESENT EVIL WORLD

This is the "night of weeping" from all men groan to be released. (Rom 19, 2Pet. 3:6-13) There is some righteousness in the world, but evil predominates.

AIR PASSAGES

Symbolizing that life will be provided for all men on earth (see Queen's Chamber) and faithful followers of Christ in heaven (see King's Chamber).

GRAND GALLERY

"HALL OF TRUTH IN LIGHT"*

28 feet high, 155 feet long, but only 6 feet wide. Its steep, narrow, but vaulted climb symbolizes the privileges and difficulties of the "narrow way to life" which Christ's faithful followers walk at the present time and throughout the Christian Age. It leads to the King's Chamber, which represents heaven.

FIRST ASCENDING PASSAGE "HALL OF TRUTH IN DARKNESS"*

Only the Great Pyramid has ascending passages, making it unique among any of the other pyramids. The first of the Great Pyramid's upward passages represer promise of life given to all Jews who keep the law. It is blocked at its low by an immovable 50-ton granite Granite in the Great Pyramid symb that which is divine. Thus, the granit demonstrates that none could gain life the Jewish age because none could ke perfect requirements of the divine law

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In the Scriptures, Christ Jesus is likened to the head cornerstone of a pyramid. Usually, the cornerstone is at the base of a building, however, with a pyramid, the cornerstone is the top-stone, and all other stones must conform to it, so that the final structure itself looks exactly like the top-stone. A pyramid is the only structure which offers this unique feature. The crowning feature of God's Kingdom fulfilled will be Christ, the acknowledged Head over all—its top-stone; and each symbolic stone will be fitly framed into the glorious building. That it does represent Christ is indicated, not only by its exact fitness as a symbol of Christ, but also by numerous references to the symbol by prophets,

apostles and by our Lord Jesus himself.

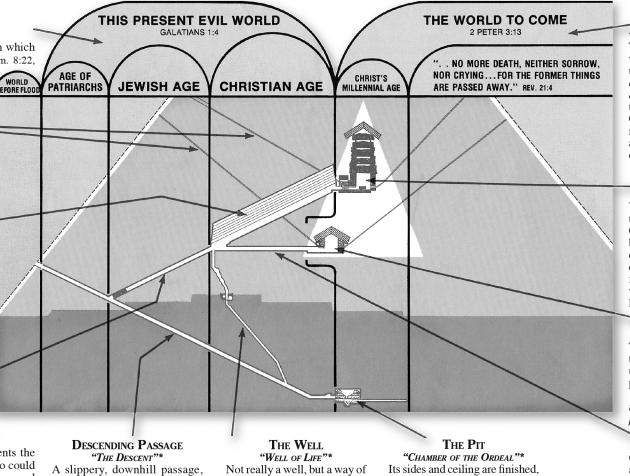
Isaiah 28:16 refers to Christ as the "precious cornerstone." Zechariah 4:7 refers to its placement at the top of the completed edifice, with great rejoicing, saying, "He shall bring forth the headstone..." The Prophet David, too, refers to our Lord, and uses a figure of speech exactly corresponding to that of this stone "witness" of Egypt. He says, prophetically, from the standpoint of the future, "The stone which the builders rejected is become the head-cornerstone." (Psa. 118:22-24) Our Lord applied this very prophecy to himself, showing

that he was the rejected stone, and that Israel rejected him, under the leadership of their priests and Pharisees. (Matt. 21:42,44; Acts 4:11) This is especially appropriate, because the Great Pyramid has no topstone, nor has one ever been found.

The pyramid figure represents perfection and completeness, and speaks to us in symbol of the plan of God, showing that "in the dispensation of the fulness of times, he will gather together [into one harmonious family, though on different planes of being], under one Head, all things in heaven and on earth, under Christ"—all not being conformable being cut off. Eph. 1:10; 2:20-22—Diaglott

Prophetic Confirmation: "The Bible in Stone"

ole) should hold their peace, the STONES would immeed, as Isaiah 19 states, the Great Pyramid is a marvelous striking religious symbolism of the Great Pyramid and ible prophecy and chronology have prompted the name wing chart will illustrate this corroborative testimony. eak down Bible history and prophesy. When superimposed over the passage systems of the Great Pyramid, note the amazing correspondences of history with the symbolisms of these passage systems. The Egyptian names for these passages (*) provide clues as to the symbolisms intended by the Pyramid's architect. The most important features of God's plan were carefully written into the blue print of the Great Pyramid. These ages are not arbitrarily drawn, but precise measurements of the chambers and passageways coincide inch by inch (pyramid inch = one year) with man's history as detailed by the Bible.



A suppery, downful passage, Jesus called it the "Broad Way" to destruction. (Matt. 7:13) All men have traveled this path toward death, but all men will gain a complete opportunity for life through Christ in the resurrection.

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Not really a well, but a way of escape from death to life for those in the lower reaches of the Pyramid. It symbolizes Christ, whose death as a ransom sacrifice will provide a way of escape for all — even those in the "pit" of death.

but its floor is unfinished, but its floor is unfinished and extremely uneven. Thus it is "bottomless." This symbolizes the condition of death. All men will be raised from the dead by Christ with a fresh opportunity for life. Job 33:24; Acts 24:15

THE WORLD TO COME . . .

wherein dwelleth righteousness. This is the "morning of joy" for which all men pray when they utter the words, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth." The first 1,000 years of this endless age is set aside in God's plan for the restoring of man to health and happiness, and the conquering of sin and death. Acts 3:19-21, 1 Cor. 15:25

King's Chamber

"OPEN TOMB OF RESURRECTION"*
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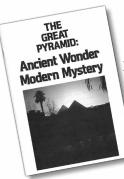
QUEEN'S CHAMBER

"CHAMBER OF REGENERATION"*
This large chamber symbolizes the everlasting home for all men upon the earth. After they reach perfection in Christ's Kingdom, "there will be no more death, neither sorrow, crying, nor pain." Rev. 21:4

HORIZONTAL PASSAGE

6/7 of its length is cramped and low, and the last 1/7 has room for a man to walk upright. This symbolizes 6,000 years of "night of weeping" followed by a 1,000-year sabbath rest and refreshing, which God promised his human family. Isa. 26:9, 35:1-10

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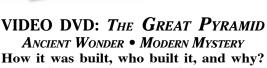
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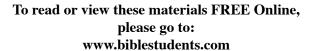
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God pleads with His chosen people through the miracles of Israel's restoration and preservation to recognize their Abrahamic inheritance. This is a test as to whether they hold fast to this promise, or compromise under world pressure. Jewish society is deeply divided over questions not only about the peace process, but even about the nature of the Israeli government. Traditionally, Israel has had a government strongly integrated with and guided by their religious principles. Is this now about to change? Is God pleased?

God declares that in the future, the purified Jewish nation will be the "light unto the nations" blessing everyone through the New Covenant to be made with Israel. God has a definite plan for Israel, and has said, "This land is mine." Thus, "peace initiatives" which have compromised God's directives are only temporary, because prophecy shows that God's chosen people will eventually regain all of their original promised land, and will rule it in real and lasting peace with God as the head of their government.

Isa. 60:1-3; Gen. 17:6-8; Heb. 8:10-11; Ezk. 20:32-38



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