

Thank you for requesting my Power Point file from my presentation on 10/12/2013/ I am happy to share it with you. In addition, I have some observations which I did not have time to expound on during the presentation. I hope the following study notes are useful to you:

1. How did the world's history start? There are only two main possibilities: some one created it, or it came about by itself without any creator. If there is a God then He must have created the world and all the lives in it. But if there is no God then the earth came about by chance. The latter is what evolutionists want people to believe – that everything comes from the evolution process -- from simple to complex and from chaos to order. As I mentioned in the presentation, I have never seen anything ever evolved from simple to complex, or from chaos to order. On the contrary, things deteriorate and break down over time. The second law of thermodynamics states that everything moves towards entropy (disorder). To believe that evolution results in the world we live in and the human lives we have takes much more faith than believing in an Almighty God who creates from nothing. To me, God the Creator created everything, as He tells us at the beginning of the Bible, is good enough. Knowing where things come from is essential to knowing where and how things end in the future.
2. There are two schools of thoughts even among Christians concerning the age of our earth. Some feel the earth is millions of years old, since archaeologists tell us they found fossils of man and animals dated back to millions of years. Others feel the earth is only about 6,000 years young, as I have used in my presentation. Is the earth an old earth, or a relatively young earth?

Most people who advocate an old earth believe in evolution, since evolution takes a very long time to, achieve the desired results. For Christians to believe in an old earth, and in order to reconcile the dating of the fossils (i.e. an old earth) and the historical timeline given in the bible (i.e. a young earth), one must insert a wide time gap (millions of years) somewhere. And because of the apparent break (or at least the possibility of a break) between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, that might be a good (and probably only) place to insert it (inserting it after 1:2 would create insurmountable difficulties in terms of biblical chronology). But the problem with this view is: where is the biblical basis for the existence of such a wide time gap? Scientists and archeologists tell us fossils dated back million of years. But could fossils be formed not by the slow passage of time, but be created relatively quickly by some cataclysmic forces and impact? If it could, then couldn't the Flood be the cause? This is how Pastor John MacArthur explains the impact of the Flood on the formation of fossils:

What caused it (fossils)? There was clearly a tremendous rain of death all over the earth. There was clearly a massive, massive death and the Bible gives the absolutely accurate information into what it was. It was the universal, world-wide Flood, Genesis 6 and 7. And you can look into the science of that, it's absolutely fascinating. Very likely at that time the once

what scientists think was a super continent split up, fountains of the deep were broken up and the earth's surface was changed and tectonic plates collided and pushed up mountains which used to be at the bottom of the sea. That's why you find fish fossils in the Himalayas and in Grand Canyon. The whole earth was fractured. There's not enough rain water falling for 40 days to drown the earth above the Himalayas, in excess of 25 thousand feet in elevation. There's no enough rain water to fall, the water had to come from somewhere else. And it did. It came up from the ocean floors as lava cracked out and cracked open. The earth's surface cracked open and lava poured out heating the water to a fever pitch and as the water went into steam in to the sky and eventually vaporized again, turned back into water and fell on the earth and flooded the earth in a massive flood. All this...all this tectonic plate activity colliding...these plates colliding, pushing up mountains and all of that, can be traced back to the Flood.

Another difficulty in believing fossils were formed during a wide time gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 is when death entered the world. Of course when there was no death there was no fossil. But wasn't death entered the world only after Adam sinned, which happened after Genesis 1:2?

The other possibility is when God created the earth some things are already created with age. Adam was not created as an embryo or a new born baby. God can certainly create fossils instantaneously.

I do not claim my belief to be absolutely correct. It is just my opinion that the earth is only about 6,000 years old because that is what biblical chronology says. When I cannot find a biblical basis to explain something then I fall back on Deuteronomy 29:29 which says:

The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

3. The fact that almost every nation and every ethnic group in the world have in their history or folklore a global flood proves the biblical Noah flood to be true. But more importantly, Jesus Christ himself mentioned about Noah and the flood (Matt 24:37-38).
4. Even though Ishmael is not chosen by God to receive the Promise, God still blesses him (Genesis 17:20). It is sad that his decedents, the Arabs, turned to the false religion of Islam and became enemies of the Jews. Worst of all many Arabs will face damnation in hell because they have rejected Jesus as Lord and Savoir.
5. Even though the Jews are the chosen race, their constant disobedience and idol worshipping have brought them the wrath of God. They only enjoyed about 80

years of unity and peace in David and Solomon's time. Out of the 6000 years the Jews had their own sovereign nation for only about 500 years. For 2,500 years they were people without a country, being scattered all over the world, and met persecution everywhere they went. But God still has mercy on His people. Their captivity in Babylon lasted only 70 years, as prophet Jeremiah prophesied in Jeremiah 29:10). About 500 years later, as predicted by many prophets in the Old Testament including Daniel, the Messiah came. But the Jews worked with the Romans to kill Jesus, which fulfilled the prophecy in the Parable of the Husbandmen recorded in Matt 12:1-2). Their suffering and chastening continued for the next 1900 years until Israel gained independence in 1948. But they continued to turn away from Jesus. So their suffering continues until they come to the Lord, which will happen during the tribulation time in the end. But to comfort His people God revealed His future plans to Prophet Daniel. It is well worth every Christian's time to study the Book of Daniel carefully.

6. The future of the Middle East and the Jews are clearly given in the Book of Daniel, the Book of Revelation, Paul's writing especially in 1Cor 15 and 1Thes 4, and Jesus' teaching in John 14, Matt 24, Luke 21. My materials on the future of the Middle East are based on these scriptures. It is my belief that the rapture of the church (all believers) will happen at the beginning of the Great Tribulation because the tribulation is primarily an event aimed to bring Jews to Christ (there are going to be great evangelistic events by the 144,000 Jewish evangelists, 12,000 from every tribe as recorded in Rev. 7, by two Prophets who can perform miracles as recorded in Rev. 11). The Great Tribulation is not meant for the church which is the body of Christ. I am aware that there are other opinions concerning the timing of the rapture.
7. Paul in 1Cor 15:23 talked about "the order of resurrection" (各人是按着自己的次序復活). My presentation outlined a rough order of resurrection, starting from those who are asleep in the Lord, then those who are still living at the time of the rapture. This is taken from 1Thes 4: 15(我們這活着還存留到主降臨的人、斷不能在那已經睡了的人之先。)
8. The 7 years of Great Tribulation is first mentioned in the Book of Daniel when it was revealed to him that there is going to be 70 times 7=490 years (Dan 9:24). Then these years are divided into 3 parts: 49 years, 434 years and 7 years. (Dan 9:25) The 49 years is from the time the Jews are permitted to return to Jerusalem to rebuild Jerusalem (Dan 9:25, the actual date according to historical record is March 14,445 BC) to when it was finished. The 434 years continued all the way to the time when Jesus was crucified (cut off, as stated in Daniel 9:26). These two prophecies had already been fulfilled in 483 years from the time the Jews are permitted to rebuild Jerusalem. But what about the last 7 years? These are the years of the Great Tribulation. So there is a time gap between the first 483 years and the last 7 years. This time gap is the Church Age when God's grace is available to all who would accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We are living in that time

gap now, and the gap runs all the way to the rapture and then the Great Tribulation.

9. The Great Tribulation is divided into the first 3-1/2 years and the last 3-1/2 years. During the first part Anti-Christ protected Israel and made peace with it. Then it turned on Israel and inflicted great pain on it. This is recorded in the Book of Daniel 9:2.

10. I raised the question “What happened to America in the end times?” The bible does not mention America at all. Perhaps moral decay and economic collapse will cause America to lose its position as a world power in the end times. Perhaps it will cease to be Israel’s protector, thus necessitating the peace treaty between the Anti-Christ and Israel in the first half of the Great Tribulation. We do not know. Bur if America does not repent and turn from its increasing evil ways then it is very possible that God will remove its blessing and America will just become another once-great empire like Egypt, Iraq, Turkey, Greece, Great Britain, etc.

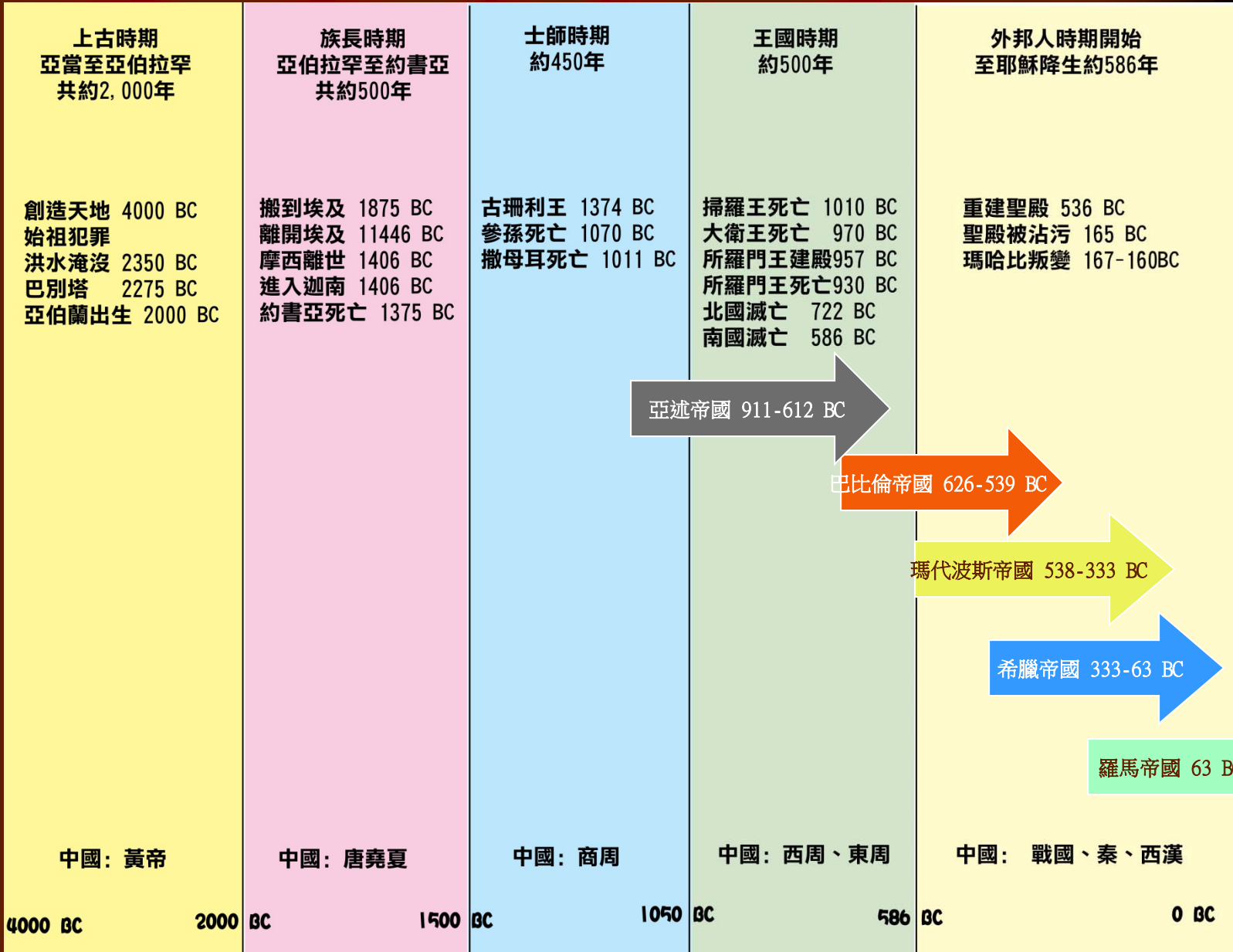
I hope reviewing Middle East history and future will draw you closer to God. If you are not yet a Christian you need to know that we are in the window of grace when you can still confess your sin, accept Jesus Christ into your heart as your Lord and Savior, and receive eternal security that you will spend eternity with Jesus Christ. If you are already a Christian, may you live fully to further His Kingdom, which one day will be the place where we will dwell forever, while praising and ruling with Christ forever.

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中東的過去

從創造到以色列復國

林修榮



外邦人時期繼續，教會時期同時進行，直到將來教會被提

羅馬帝國 63BC-476 AD

東羅馬(拜占廷)時代 330 AD - 1453 AD

土耳其帝國 1453-1923 AD

大不列顛帝國 1948 撤出中東

以色列亡國猶太人四散世界各國,受迫害2500+年後於1948年5月14日復國

幾乎全部阿拉伯國家與北非歸信回教

33 AD

耶穌被釘十字架，復活，升天，教會時代開始

610 AD

伊斯蘭教開始

685 AD

在聖殿位置建成金頂回教寺

1096-1291
十字軍東征

1517

馬丁路德改教，基督教產生

1935-1945

希特拉屠殺猶太人

5/14/1948

以色列國重建

70 AD

第二聖殿被毀

33AD

610

1000

1500

1948

中東的未來

從教會時代到新天新地

外邦人/教會/末世時期 繼續同時進行

這亦是恩典時代，恩典 之門大開，人人可以選 擇相信耶穌基督，獲得 救恩/永生

你該知道，末世必有危險的日子來到。因為那時人要專顧自己、貪愛錢財、自誇、狂傲、謗讒、違背父母、忘恩負義、心不聖潔... 提後3: 1-7

在末世必有好譏諷的人、隨從自己的私慾出來譏諷說、主要降臨的應許在哪裏呢？彼後3: 3-4

看哪、現在正是悅納的時候、現在正是拯救的日子。林後6: 2

2013 → ??

羅馬帝國以十王聯盟重現
敵基督從十王中興起

七年大災難

已睡了的
信徒身體
先**復活**，
接著還活
著的信徒
突然被提，
與主耶穌
在半空相
會

後3年半敵基督
突然毀約，襲
擊以色列，沾
污聖殿，殘酷
地迫害猶太人，
世界大戰在阿
米吉多頓平原

前3年半敵基
督統治世界，
與以色列訂立
和約，並幫助
以色列重建聖
殿，世界進入
和平安定，但
這是個假象，
各國大軍攻擊
敵基督

耶穌第二次降
臨，打敗敵基
督，大災難中
信主者**復活**，
魔鬼暫時被拘
禁**1000**年

千禧年

魔鬼被釋放，
作最後一擊，
被永遠落在
火湖，不信
主者**復活**受
審判，並與
魔鬼一同被
扔在火湖，
天地被烈火
焚燒，神重
建新天新地。

新天新地，永恒國度

信徒與主永
遠同在，主
耶穌掌權直
到永遠。