

7,000 Years of World History



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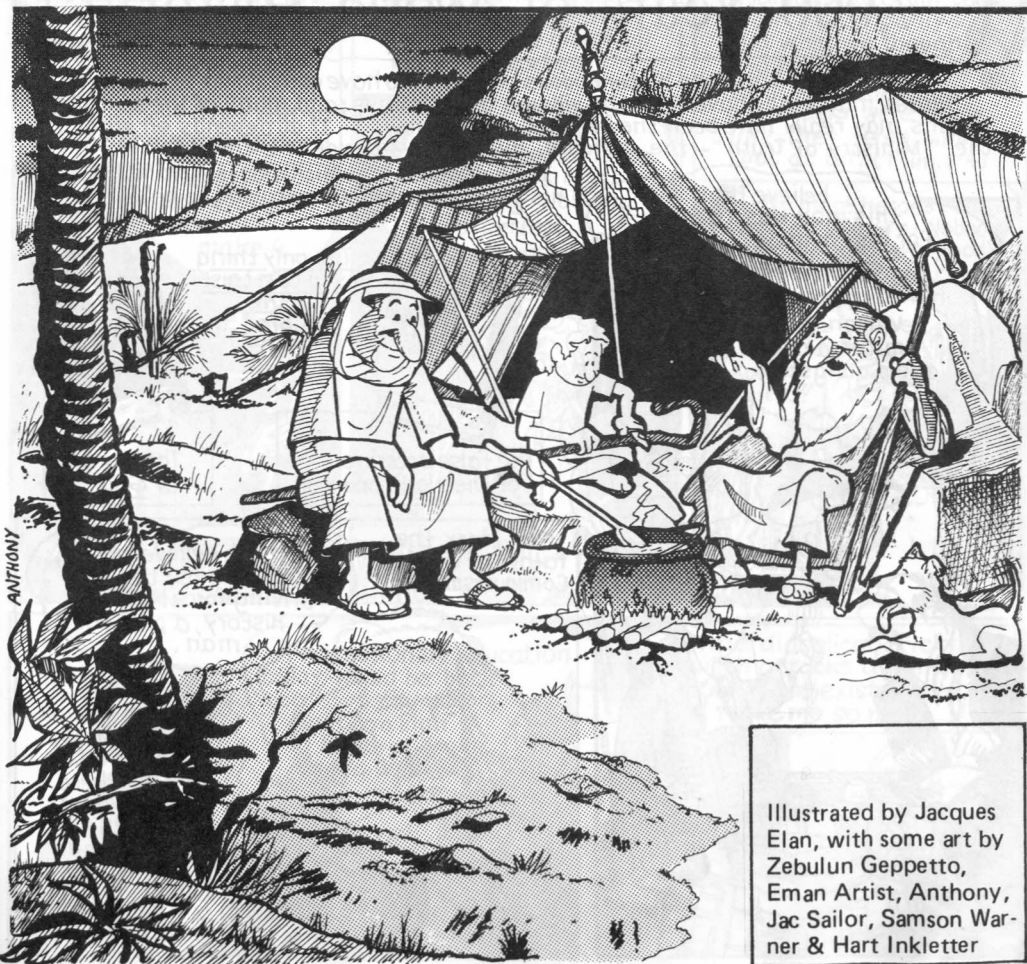
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DOES HISTORY JUST HAPPEN
OR IT IS PLANNED?

DID KARL MARX, THE FATHER OF
COMMUNISM, BELIEVE IN SUCH A PLAN?

IF SO, WHAT IS
THE PLAN?

IS THERE ANY HISTORY BOOK YOU CAN TRUST?

DO MOST HISTORIANS
LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE PLAN OF HISTORY
AND THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD AND HEROIC MEN?

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You can't trust the history books! Many who have gone down in history as heroes may really have been the villains of their days; and many of the so-called villains may really have been the heroes! — Who knows? It all depends on what the "Ministry of Truth"—the system's historians—decide to dictate!

It all depends on which side is writing the history! So, who are you going to believe?

I believe that
this man was a hero
for his country!

No, my dear
Wilson. He was
a traitor, a crook
and a gangster!

Hum!
Hum!



The false doctrine
of the World and man.

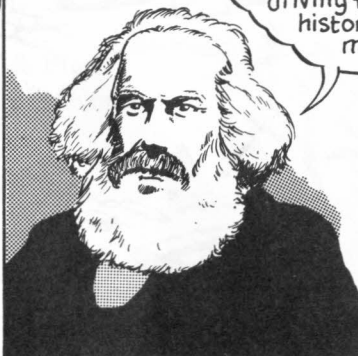
The only thing
you can trust
is the
Bible!



The Word
of God.

Karl Marx, the
father of Godless
Communism, said:

I do not believe in God,
but there must be a
driving force behind
history, a plan for
man.



But if you
confess that,
you have to
confess there
is a Designer
behind the
Design and
a Planter behind
the Plan!
—A God behind
History!

History really proves the existence of God ; God even plans and allows the Rise and fall of empires because of either their righteousness or wickedness. (Ezk. 33:29)

We're defeated!
-- Just as the
prophets
predicted!

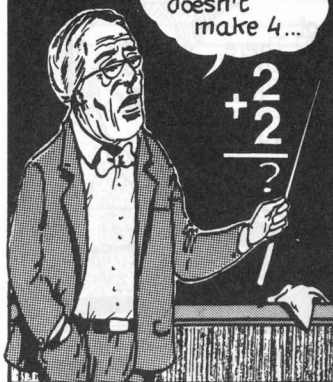


This is one of the surest proofs there is of the existence of God and the rules, including fulfilled prophecy. (Ezk. 33:33; Jn. 13:19)

So what did the Reprobate Historians have to do with History? They had to debunk or disprove History.

There are no absolutes. 2+2 doesn't make 4...

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I don't know whether you recall or not, but it hasn't been long since it was very popular to debunk all the historical heroic characters.

There were no heroes. It ain't necessarily so. Nothing is right or wrong. Nothing is perfect...



This is still a favourite occupation of the reprobate historians, to claim that it ain't necessarily so, that what we thought and heard all our lives about what these good characters were really like, they weren't like that at all. (1Tim. 1:4)

No more heroes : they were all villains ! Nobody was ever good, everybody's bad ! There weren't any good or heroic men .

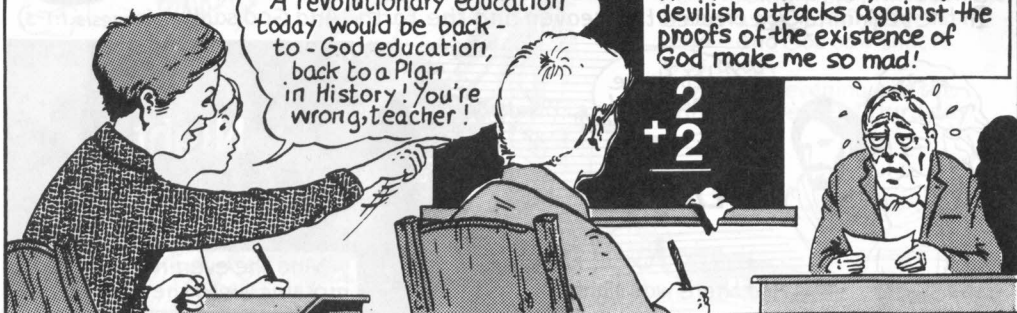
Oh, my, I'm feeling sooooo sick!!!



A revolutionary education today would be back-to-God education, back to a Plan in History ! You're wrong, teacher !

All the diabolical, tricky, devilish attacks against the proofs of the existence of God make me so mad!

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Today it takes an archaeologist* who comes in and clears away the rubble and digs out the Bible from under all the trash and reveals it to you as it really is and really was.

But it takes a lot of hard work and a lot of digging and clearing away the rubble of centuries; all the false teachings and examples and false systems, to uncover the basic foundations and the real Plan. In this case I'm your archaeologist!

*(Archaeologist = a scientist who studies fossils & old historical remains.)

Wow! Look! It's wonderful!

Thank God! Now we can see the Truth again!



Most of the recorded history which has been discovered, in either Egyptian hieroglyphics* or Assyrian cuneiform, only date back about 3 or 4 thousand years B.C. The oldest genuine historical records are only a few thousand years old, and date back to about 4,000 B.C.

*(Picture writing.)

The Big Lie!

EVOLUTION
5,000,000,000,000

...as you all know, this prehistoric man lived a long, long, long... well, we don't know how long exactly, but for sure it was a long time ago...

The TRUTH!

Man was not "prehistoric"! There is no such thing! We have the history of everything right in the Bible, and it wasn't billions of years ago either!

In fact, it wasn't even hundreds of thousands, it was just 6,000 years ago! Anything that goes back beyond 6,000 years ago--outside of God Himself--anybody that tries to tell you about what happened before that is a liar!

In the beginning God created the heaven and the Earth. And God said: (Genesis.1:1-5)

DAY
I



Let there be light!

Day

And there was light.

Night

And the evening and the morning were the first day.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And it was so.

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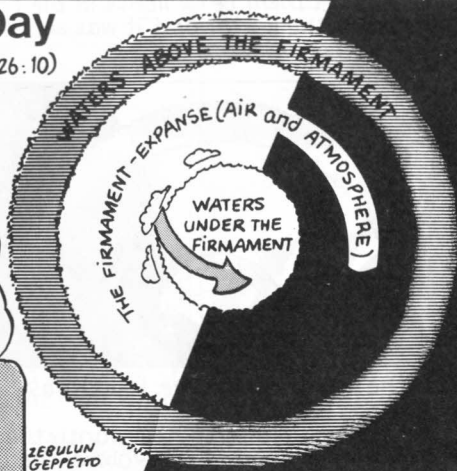
Genesis 1:6-8

And God called the Firmament Heaven. (Job 26:10)

Day

How could it be a day when there was no sun yet?

Simple! Days aren't measured by the sun! They're measured by the turning of the Earth! The Earth was turning, so it had an evening and a morning!



Night

And the evening and the morning were the second day.

So God created light before He created the Sun, "And God called the light day and the darkness He called night." (Gen. 1:5)

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

DAY

3

Genesis 1:9-13

And God called the dry land Earth.

And the gathering together of the waters called He Seas.

WATER VAPOUR

And God said, Let the Earth bring forth...



...grass, the herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind - and God saw that it was good.

And the evening and the morning were the third day.

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the Earth: and it was so.
And God made two great lights:

DAY

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Genesis 1:14-19
Psalm 33:6

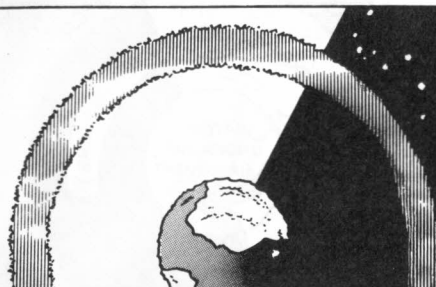
the greater light
to rule the day...



...and the lesser light
to rule the night.



He made the stars also.



And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the Earth in the open firmament of heaven.

DAY

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(Genesis 1:20-23)



And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the Earth.

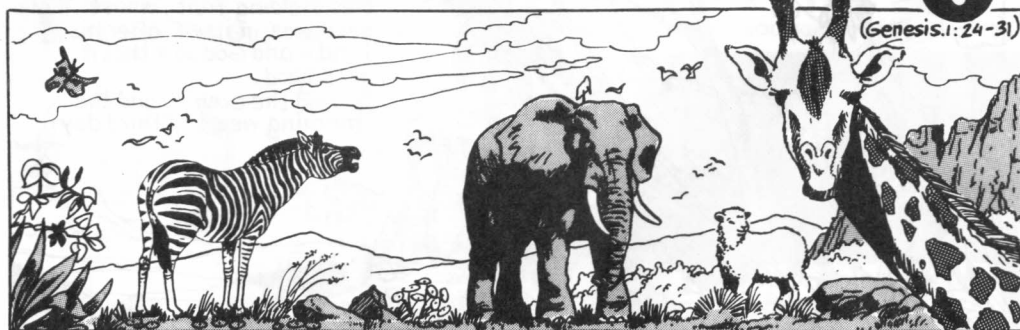
And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

And God said, Let the Earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping thing, and beast of the Earth after his kind: and it was so.

DAY

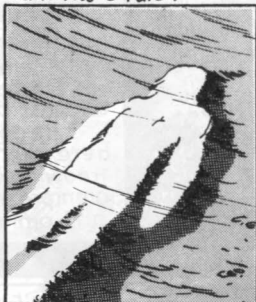
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(Genesis 1:24-31)



And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness :and let them have dominion* over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the Earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the Earth.

*(dominion = authority & rule.)



And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed.

And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him. And the Lord God made a woman, and brought her unto the man.

And God blessed them and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the Earth, and subdue it.



And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the Earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.

DAY

7

Genesis 2:1-3

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.

And those days weren't millions of years long either (as some people say). Days were days even then because the World just turns around once every 24 hours - "the morning and the evening".

"But how do we know God made the World? - Why does there have to be a God at all?"

To this I give the classic illustration of Dr. Robert A. Milliken, the great nuclear physicist or scientist who believed in God and said:



Just as behind this watch there had to be a watchmaker, so behind the intricate precision and timing of this Great Universe there had to be a Great Creator or Designer!



So, if there is a God, where did He come from?

If you knew the answer, you'd be God!





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God simply says that He has always been: He is the Great "I Am", Who lives in the Eternal Now, where there is no past nor future where "Time shall be no more" (as Einstein, the genius scientist proved.)

He does exist and He is here, ever-present, all knowing and all-powerful: omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent!

When God created man, He created him already civilized, full-grown, intelligent and taught him to wear clothes, and write and everything else.

I do believe in cavemen, but I don't believe in cavemen as half-ape like the Evolutionists do. There's no doubt that later some men lived in caves after Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden. When man lost the Garden he had to just live wherever he could.

(Gen. 3:23)



However, some men immediately built cities. (Gen. 4:17)



With these new weapons, the sons of Cain will be invincible in battle!

Right away man began making tools of stone and brass and iron; it just depended on what they could find wherever they were. (Gen. 4:22) Don't lower the Bible to the level of science and try to compromise the Bible with all the lies of Paleontology. "Paleontology" -- the so-called "Ages" and the "Stone Age", and all this blah, blah -- it's a bunch of baloney! All pure lies and fabrications! Absolutely pure fiction, man's guess-work, and it's all lies to contradict the Bible!

*(Paleontology: the false "science" that divides the Earth's history into "prehistoric ages".)



"Well, don't you believe all those big animals like dinosaurs existed?"

Most people immediately think of evolution when you talk about dinosaurs.

They are taught that evolution is based on some of these actual discoveries of prehistoric "monsters" (dinosaurs), and they're taught to believe that amongst these actual fossils of real "prehistoric" creatures there have also been discovered the remains of "prehistoric" ape-like man -- the missing link -- which is not true!



Shoo! Quit stealing from my garden, you varmints!!

However, the "prehistoric" monsters--the dinosaurs--did exist before the Flood! And you'll even find records of them in the Bible in the "Behemoth" and "Leviathan", the mastodon and dinosaurs of Job 40 and 41. (see also Ps.104:26) And you'll also find there the ancient fire-breathing dragons of historic legends -- such as the story of Saint George and the Dragon -- which have actual basis in historic fact!

These things did exist!



Don't worry, boy -- That leviathan won't hurt us! He just eats herbs like you and me!

"Well, why aren't they here now then?" Because they became extinct like many other creatures and species are becoming extinct even today. "The meek shall inherit the Earth", and despite all of the early "prehistoric" monsters; man has survived!

Little, weak, tiny vulnerable man with his brains and the blessing of God conquered the Earth! (Genesis 1:28).

NOTE: Gen.1:21 says "and God created great whales..." The Hebrew word here "Tannin" does not mean just whales. The direct translation is "great sea monsters".

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The Garden of Eden!

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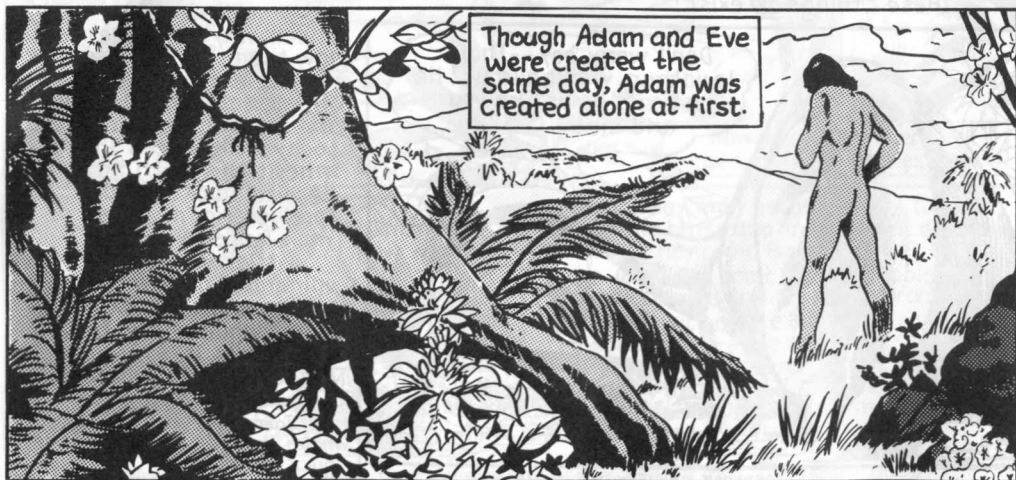
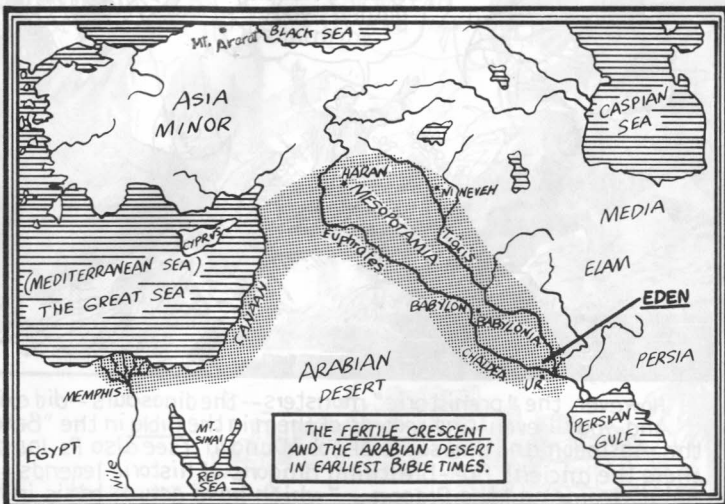
I am inclined to believe that the Garden of Eden was right down at the conjunction of the Tigris-Euphrates Rivers. (Gen. 2:13, 14.) The Fertile Crescent stretched from Ur on the Persian Gulf--where Abraham was born-- up the Euphrates valley and down to Caanan (which is today called Israel) on the Mediterranean Sea, and on into Egypt.

This was called the Fertile Crescent, the Cradle of Civilisation, the Cradle (or birthplace) of man.

The most ancient places having to do with man are being discovered in this area. So Science and the other findings of Archaeology merely confirm the Bible!

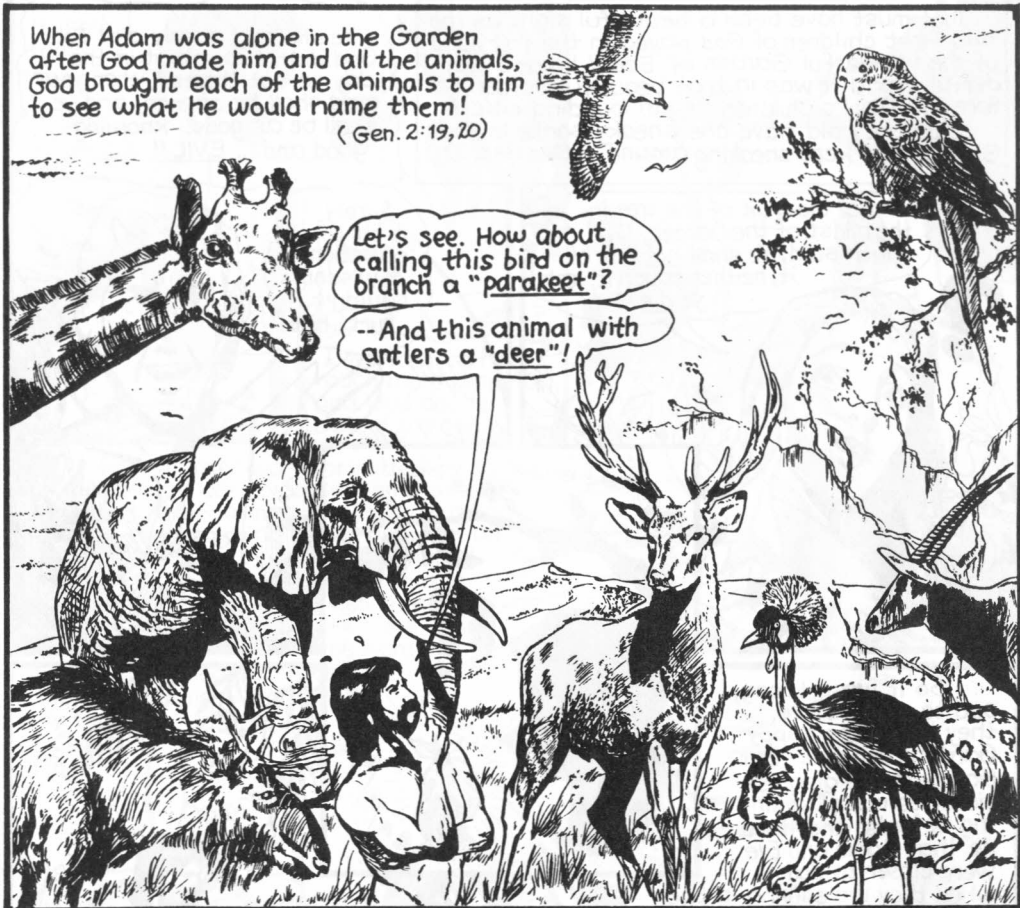
When God put Adam and Eve in the Garden, it was almost like a great demonstration that God was doing, to show the rest of the Universe what happens when anyone is allowed to have their own way and go without God!

Adam was like God! - He had the majesty of choice, to do good or evil!



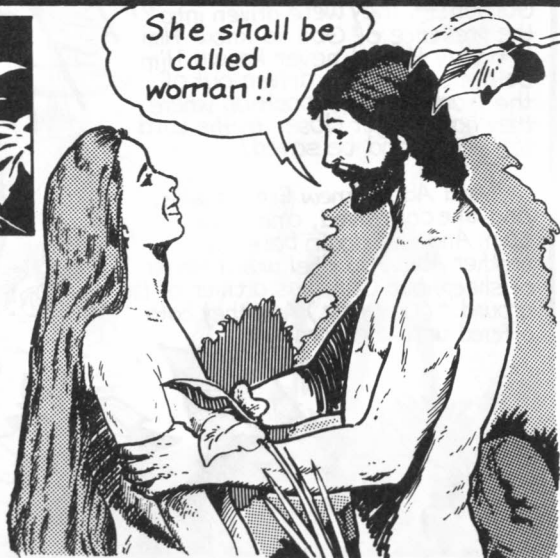
When Adam was alone in the Garden after God made him and all the animals, God brought each of the animals to him to see what he would name them!

(Gen. 2:19,20)



But Adam must have been pretty desperate for a mate by the time he got through spending a long time examining and naming all of the animals and trying to choose a helpmeet, and not finding one amongst them.

So by that time he was ripe and ready for Eve, and when he saw her there, after having been put asleep in order for God to create her out of his side near his heart, he must have been overjoyed!



That must have been a beautiful sight as the two first children of God played in the fairyland of the wonderful Garden of Eden! What a wonderful World it was in that beautiful Garden, before the Devil's children began building cities!

But they did have one sneaky snake in that Garden who kept sneaking around. (See Gen. 3)

Ye shall not surely die! For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and.... EVIL!!

But of the fruit of the tree in the midst of the Garden, God hath said, "Ye shall not eat of it, neither touch it, lest ye die!"

Surely a bit of "education" & wisdom couldn't hurt... hmm?



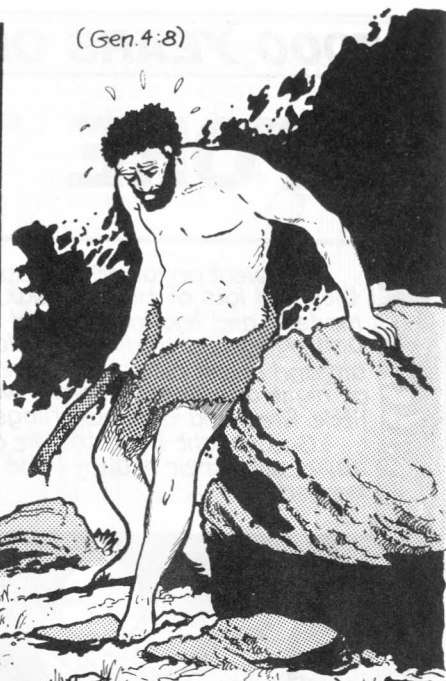
So it wasn't long, sad to say, before they left their happy Garden Paradise. But God gets His greatest victories out of seeming defeats, and it's a lie that Adam and Eve were closer to God when they were living in the Garden! — They were driven into the presence of God to know Him in a way they'd never known Him before! They were driven out of the Garden into a position where they had to get closer to the Lord to survive and be saved!

"And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground." (Gen. 4:1,2.) And they both offered unto the Lord.





(Gen.4:8)



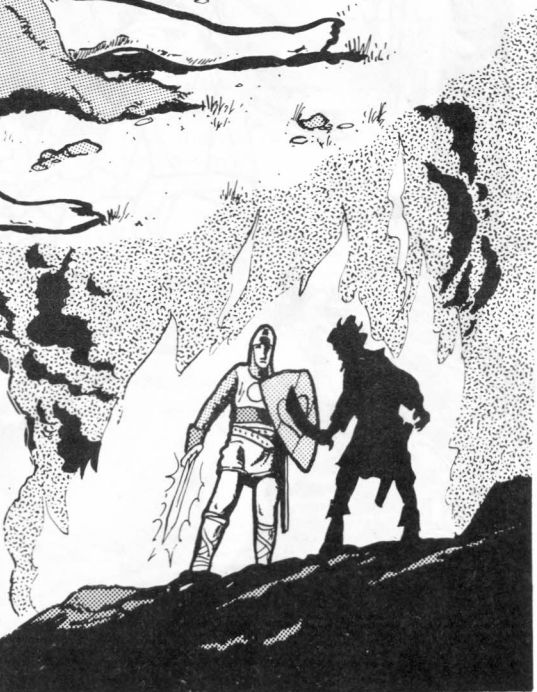
The first murder was committed by a religionist of the do-it-yourself kind when Cain killed Abel--a man who was trusting in God--the beginning of the persecution of the True Church by the False Church!

Abel just did what God told him to do, "and offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain."-- the sacrifice of pure faith in the Word of God, the blood sacrifice of a lamb, symbolising Salvation only through the blood of Christ! (Heb. 11: 4.)



This made such a fool out of the hard-working Cain, the self-made man, that he tried to wipe out the awful truth of the failure of his religion to save him, by killing the man whose simple faith in God had exposed him. So he murdered Abel, his brother.

Thus began the Battle Royal between pride and humility, between the damned religionist and the saved sinners, the perpetual warfare that has been waged ever since between the False Church and the True Church, the Whore and the Bride of Christ, Carnal Babylon and Spiritual Jerusalem, the Flesh and the Spirit, Works and Faith, Law and Grace, Self and God!

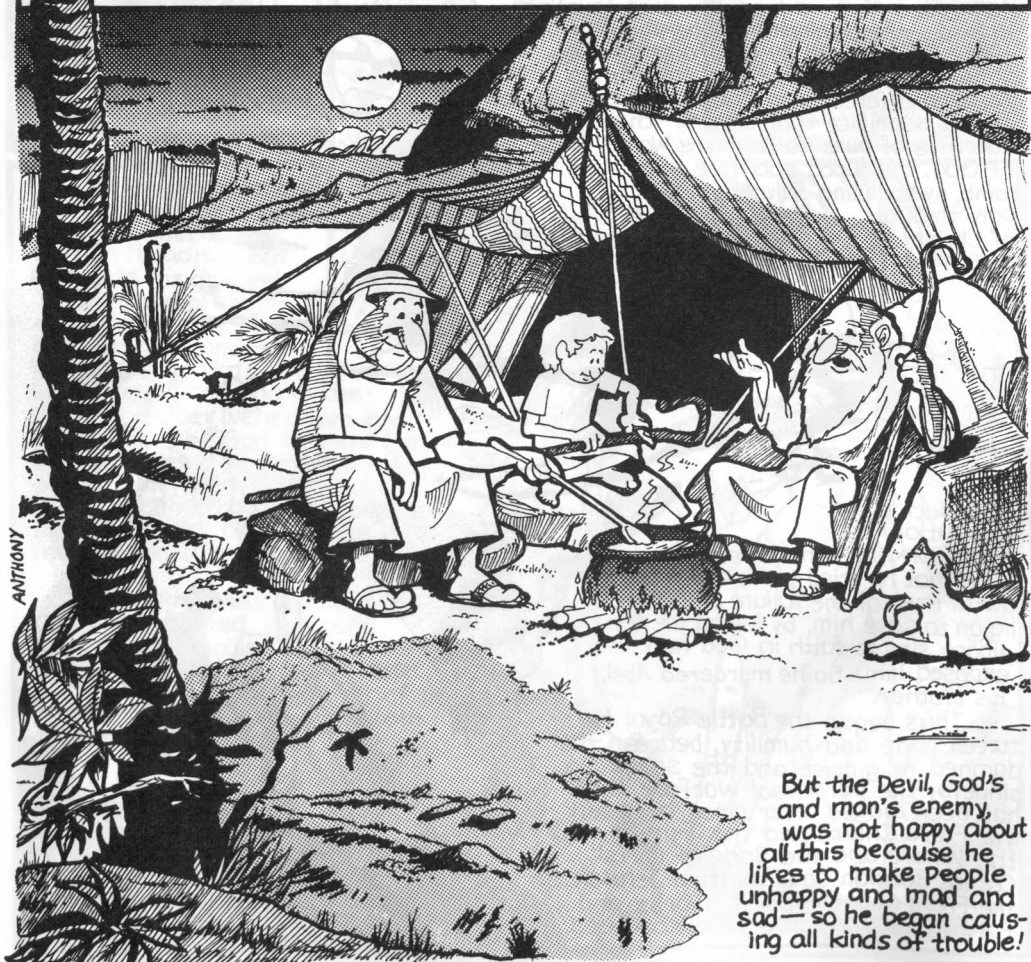


BEFORE THE FLOOD!

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& Laban

Life went on rather slow and easy and nobody was in much of a hurry and they had lots of time to relax, ate good natural healthful food the way God made it, and had lots of good normal healthy exercise working and walking and riding and trading and playing together. They breathed nice clean fresh air and drank nice clean pure water, and got lots of nice quiet restful sleep at night and lived in comfy warm little tents, cabins, huts or houses with little fires and the few things they needed and the few clothes they wore.

God taught them to love one another and to help each other and be happy with their healthy little lives and the very few things that they really needed.



But the Devil, God's and man's enemy, was not happy about all this because he likes to make people unhappy and mad and sad—so he began causing all kinds of trouble!

They began to learn music and arts and crafts and so on, but they began to learn much wickedness also! They began to build cities. The curse of civilisation is its cities!



As their family grew they kept building bigger houses and bunching them together in even bigger blobs called cities. The first guy to get the blame for the first city blob was Enoch, the son of Cain, who left the Lord and went to live in the land of Nod.



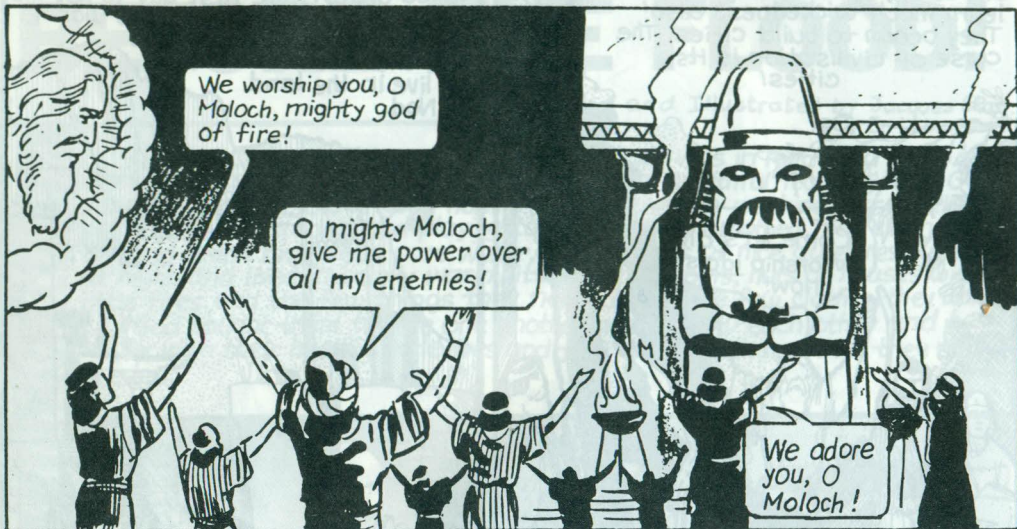
They began fighting amongst themselves, robbing each other and even killing each other in order to build bigger city blobs. The things that man has built are pure death! They are dead to begin with and can only continue to die unless man keeps patching them up. Eventually they get past the point of repair to where he can't even patch them

up anymore. They totally rot and wear away and collapse, as you can see by all the big buildings of the past glorious history of past civilisations.



Where are they today?
Most of them are - Gone!

"And God saw the wickedness of man was great in the Earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen. 6:5) They built themselves idols and had terrible forms of worship. In fact, they even sacrificed little babies to this horrible heathen god, Moloch, and cast them into the fire in his belly!



And so God was sorry that He had even made Man. "And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the Earth, and it grieved Him at His heart."

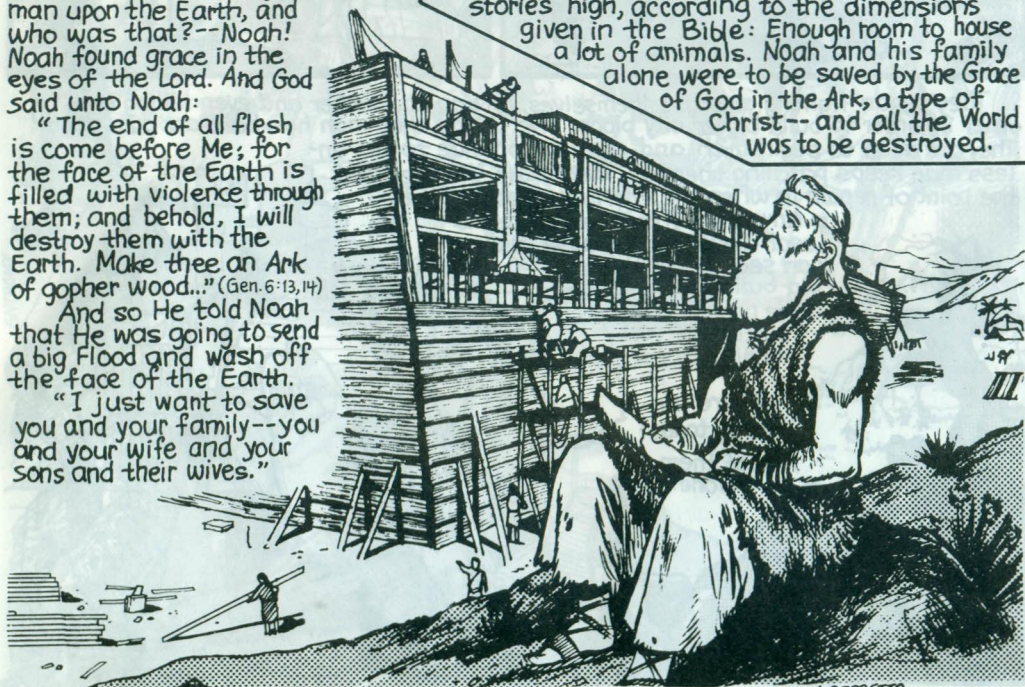
But He found one just man upon the Earth, and who was that?--Noah! Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And God said unto Noah:

"The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the face of the Earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the Earth. Make thee an Ark of gopher wood..." (Gen. 6:13, 14)

And so He told Noah that He was going to send a big Flood and wash off the face of the Earth.

"I just want to save you and your family--you and your wife and your sons and their wives."

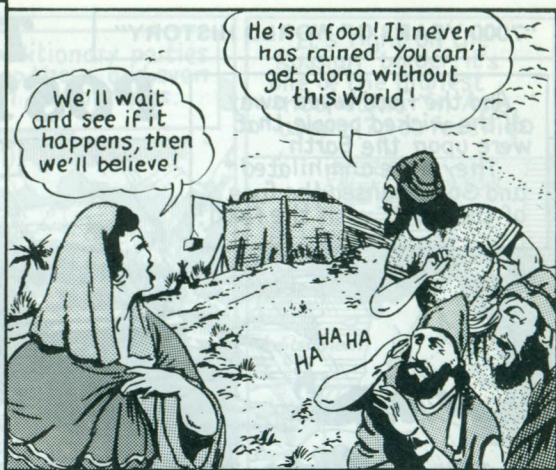
So He told Noah exactly how to build a boat; and he built it exactly according to the same dimensions that they build big ocean liners today. This one was about three blocks long, and about half a block wide and about five to seven stories high, according to the dimensions given in the Bible: Enough room to house a lot of animals. Noah and his family alone were to be saved by the Grace of God in the Ark, a type of Christ-- and all the World was to be destroyed.



The wicked were to be judged, in a way, I'm sure, they had never planned or never expected by the wildest stretch of their imaginations, because how could they imagine such a thing as a worldwide Flood when it had never even rained before?

But Noah and his family refused to conform to the society of his day and expected it to rain for the first time in history to destroy it, and built for themselves the only possible way of escape! (Heb. 11:7)

Do you think Noah suffered any persecution? Why? Because he was preaching and living differently, working on the Ark instead of in the system. They were probably getting a lot of persecution from that wicked world!!



Noah preached 120 years without results and didn't find his calling until he was 600 years old!

After 600 years, Noah's mission had arrived, his day had come. And his obedience saved the human race and all living things. The anointing was upon him for that one great hour -- and he didn't fail!

Old man Noah was right!

God is judging us for our wickedness!

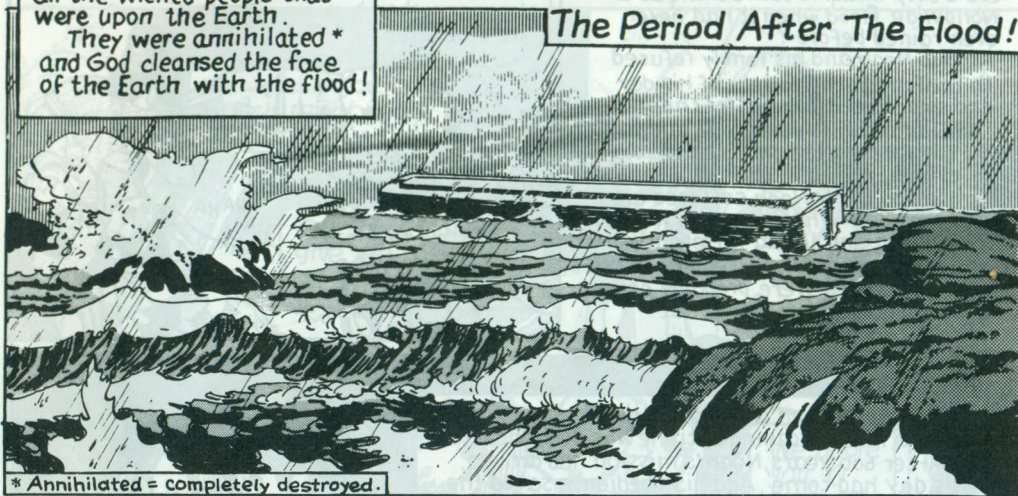
"In the 600th year of Noah's life were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of Heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth, and all flesh died that moved upon the earth."
(Gen. 7:11,12,21).

THE POSTDILUVIANS!

The Period After The Flood!

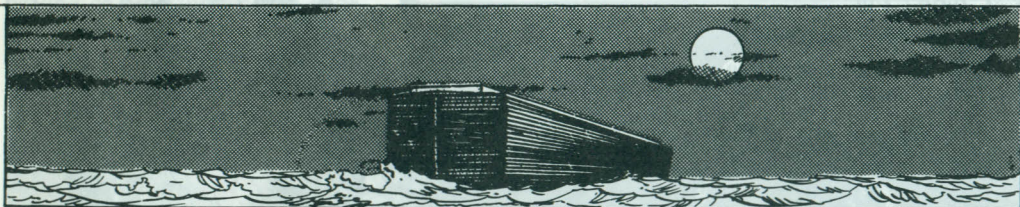
And the flood wiped away
all the wicked people that
were upon the Earth.

They were annihilated *
and God cleansed the face
of the Earth with the flood!

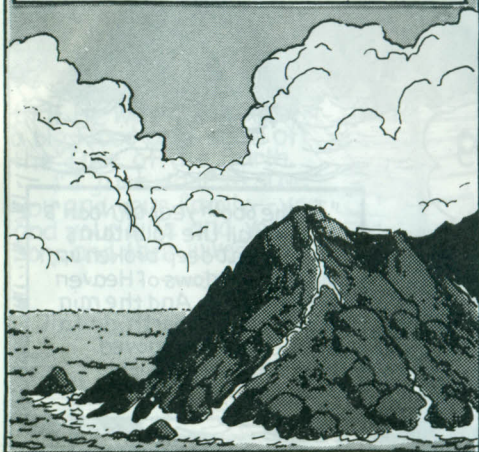


* Annihilated = completely destroyed.

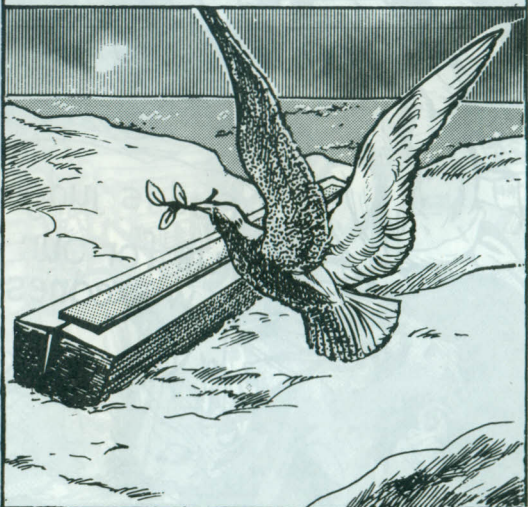
I guess that was the longest voyage anybody ever had ; a year and 17 days in that Ark!

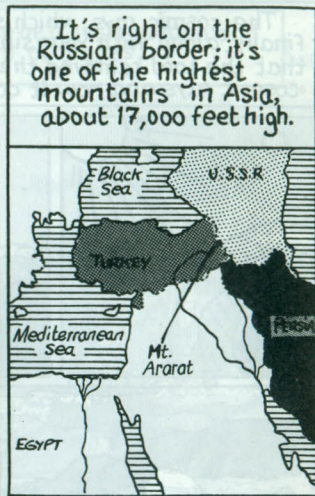
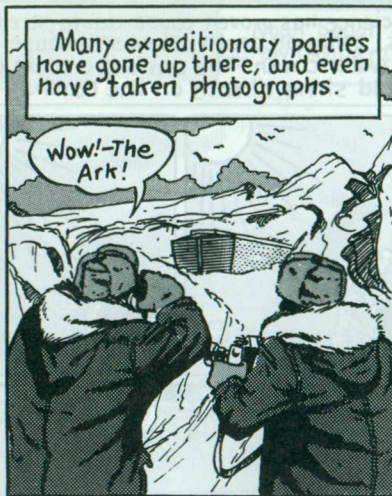
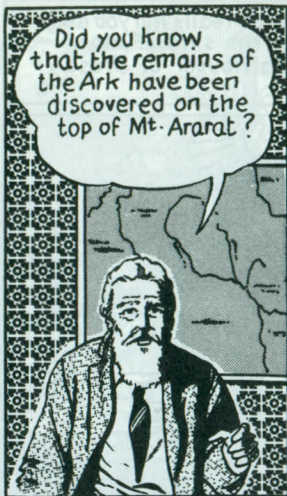


Then finally the waters began to
abate, and the Ark landed on top of
Mt. Ararat; and it's still there
today, by the way.



Noah sent out a dove to see if there were
any plants growing on Earth again.



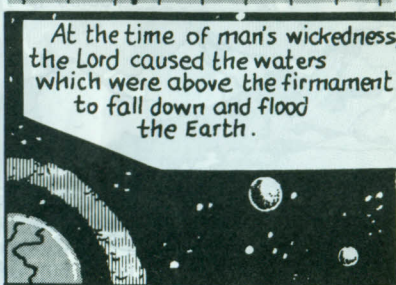
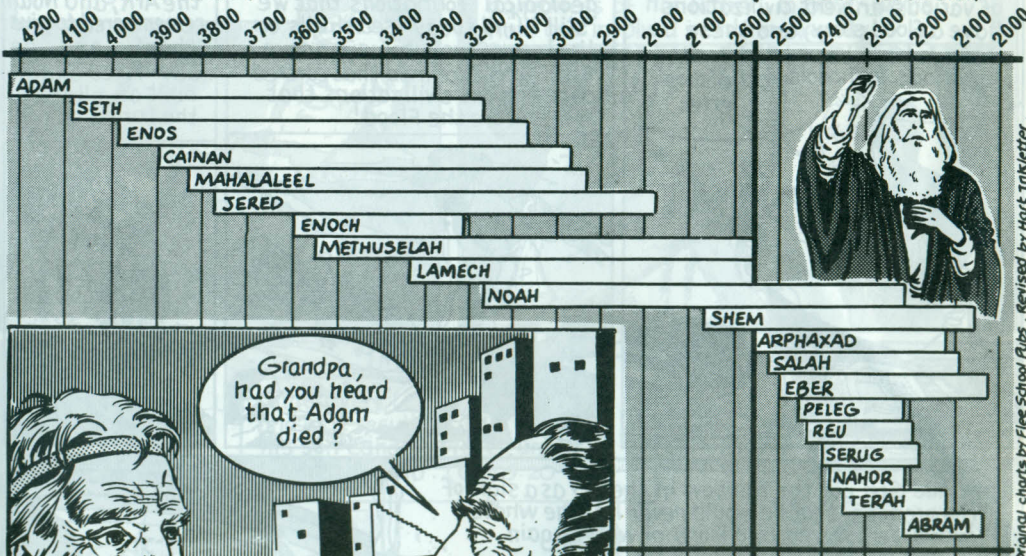


Immediately after the Flood, men's lives were shortened to almost one-tenth of what they were before the Flood.

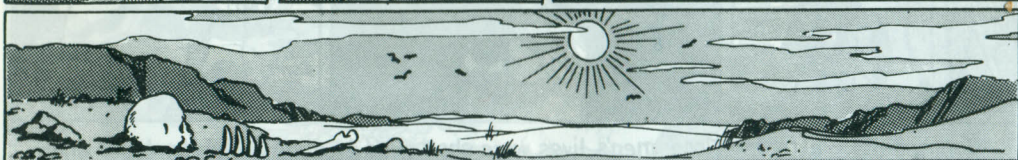
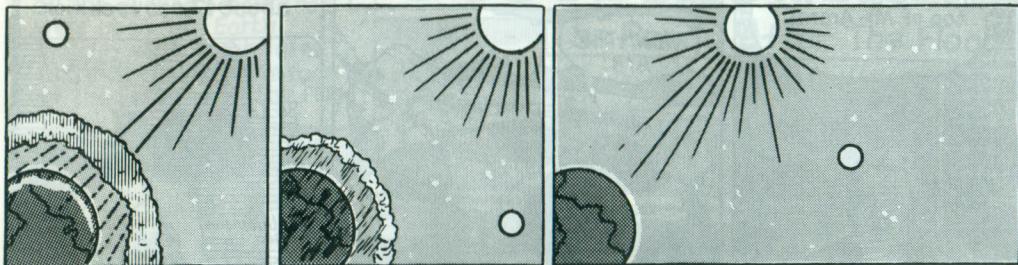
SUMMARY OF ANCIENT MAN

CREATION (4220 B.C.)

FLOOD (2564 B.C.)



The cosmic rays, which science has proven cause aging, are what really kill you and finally, along with your sins, bring on death. It was because of the sins of man that the Lord removed the water cover. The sun is the main contributor of these cosmic rays and now it could shine directly on the Earth.



Incidentally, the Bible is not the only book that tells the story about the Flood: All ancient histories of various ancient civilizations have a flood story, and these records have been uncovered in various archaeological discoveries.



So there was a Flood and scientists are pretty well convinced of that now, because of the geological formations that we still find today—seashells on the tops of mountains, and we find layers of mud that covered over ancient civilizations that were before the Flood!

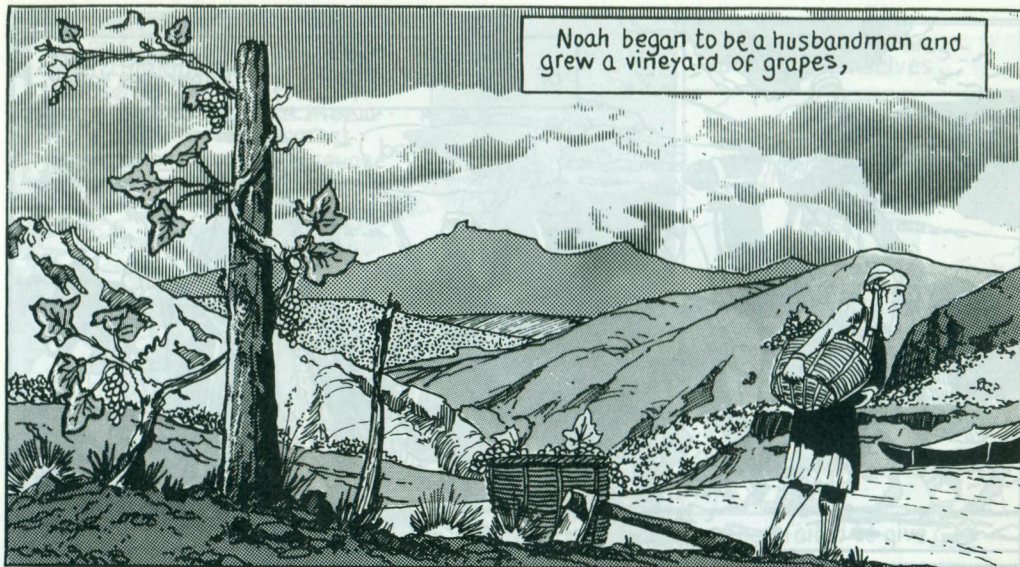


And so they landed after a year and 17 days in the Ark, and Noah remembered to give thanks and he sacrificed and built an altar to the Lord.

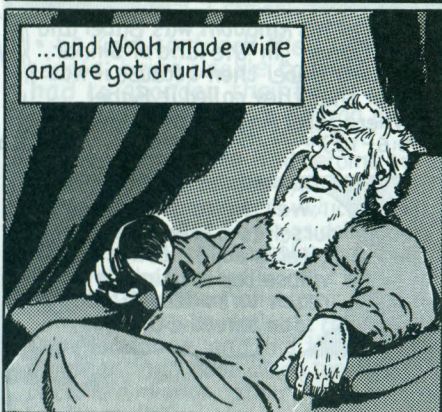


And God put the rainbow in the sky as a sign of His promise that He would never let the whole World be covered by a flood of water again.
(Gen. 9:12-17)

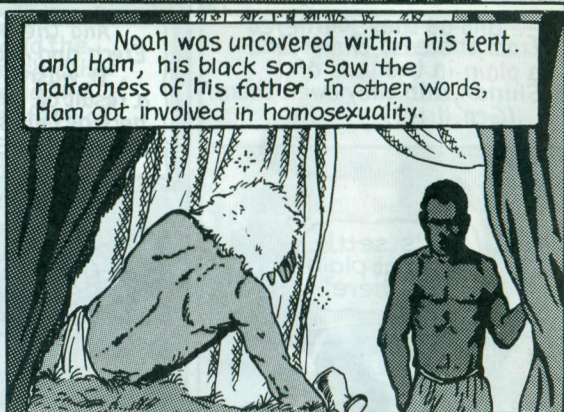




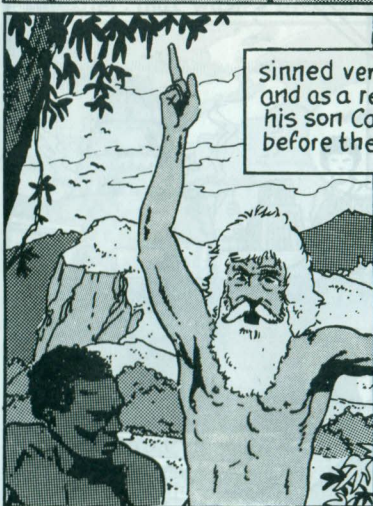
Noah began to be a husbandman and grew a vineyard of grapes,



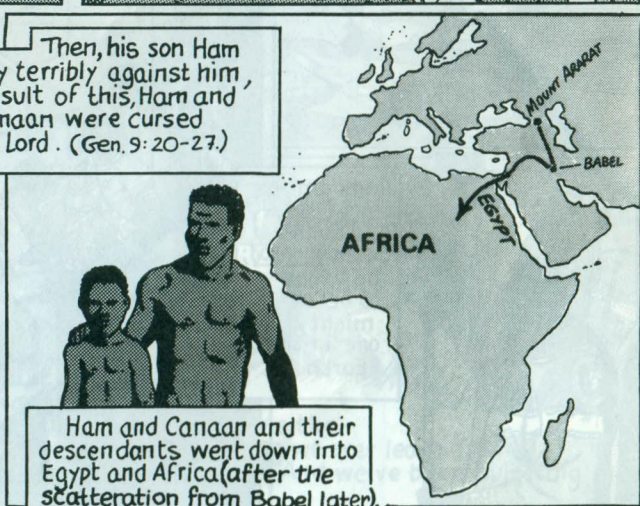
...and Noah made wine and he got drunk.



Noah was uncovered within his tent. and Ham, his black son, saw the nakedness of his father. In other words, Ham got involved in homosexuality.



Then, his son Ham sinned very terribly against him, and as a result of this, Ham and his son Canaan were cursed before the Lord. (Gen. 9: 20-27.)



Ham and Canaan and their descendants went down into Egypt and Africa (after the scatteration from Babel later).



Evidently after the Flood, the descendants of Noah drifted down the Euphrates Valley...

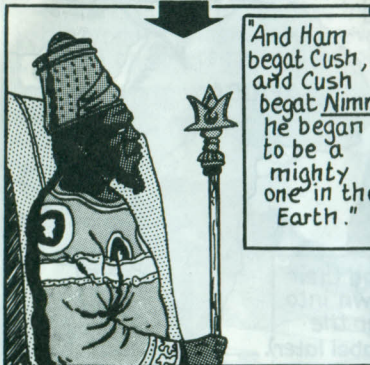
This is a good fertile land.

"...and as they journeyed from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there." (Gen. 11:1-2)



Let's settle on that plain over there!

"And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar." It wasn't even called Babel then because it was a result of that tower that they called it Babel, here at this spot where later Ancient Babylon was also built. (Gen. 10:6-10.)



"And Ham begat Cush, and Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the Earth."



Well, we're going to make ourselves a great name! Let's build a tower whose top is going to reach up to Heaven! We don't need God!

In pride they were building the tower, thinking that they had made themselves great, instead of thanking God for what they were, that they were a great people of one common language.



They began to brag among themselves,

Look how big we are, how mighty we are, and how powerful!

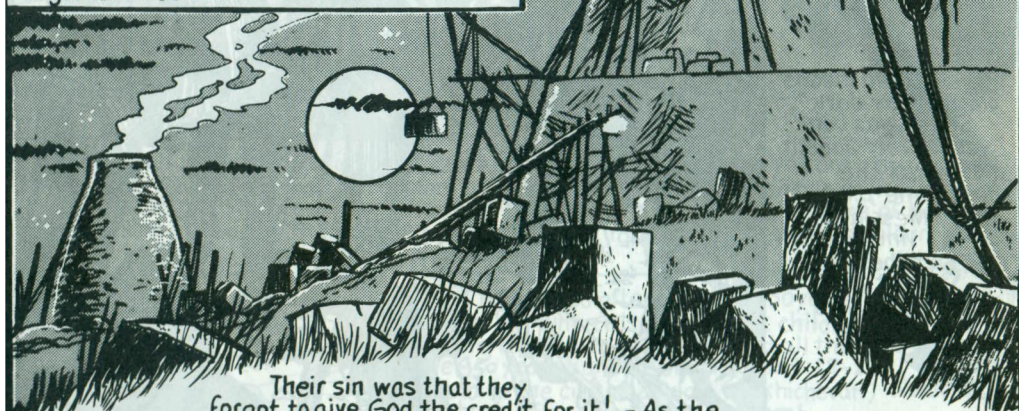


They failed to give God the glory...

So, God confused their language, and the people, being unable to understand each other, had to abandon their tower project and the Lord scattered them abroad upon the face of all the Earth. (Gen. 11:6-8)

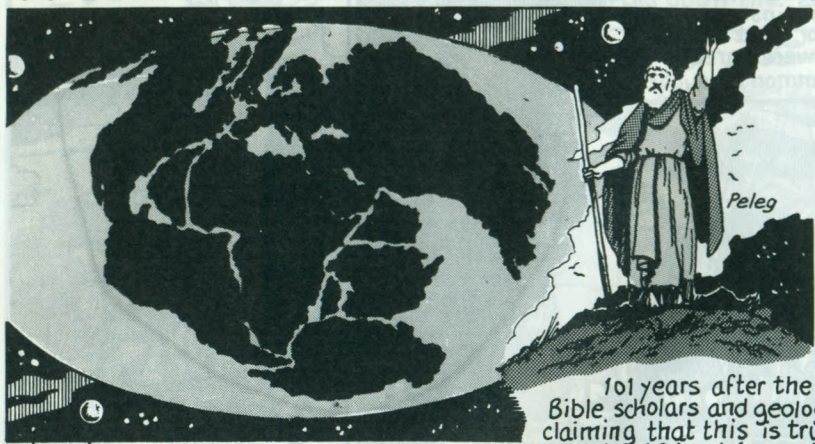
When the people had become so large about the time of Babel, and had become so strong and so united—which was apparently what God was doing for their preservation—the mistake that they made was not their united front, it wasn't their total organisation and their being together.

Their sin was not that they spoke the same language, and that they travelled together, and built cities together and became a mighty nation, a mighty people together. That wasn't their sin.



Their sin was that they forgot to give God the credit for it! - As the great Historian Toynbee said, "The only thing we ever learn from history is that we never learn from history!" -- And we've been suffering from this babbling of many voices ever since.

WHEN THE EARTH DIVIDED



The Eastern and Western continents were once one big land-mass, when, in Peleg's day "the Earth was divided".

(Gen. 10:25)

This meant an actual geographic division of the Earth's surface into separate continents exactly

101 years after the Flood! Many Bible scholars and geologists are claiming that this is true: once North America was joined to Europe and South America to Africa! (ML 613)



Japheth, Noah's oldest son, went northward and over into Europe.

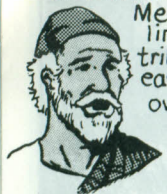
Ham's tribe went southward into Africa. Ham and Canaan and their descendants went into Egypt and Africa.

Mizraim (Menes), the son of Ham, was the first king of Egypt.



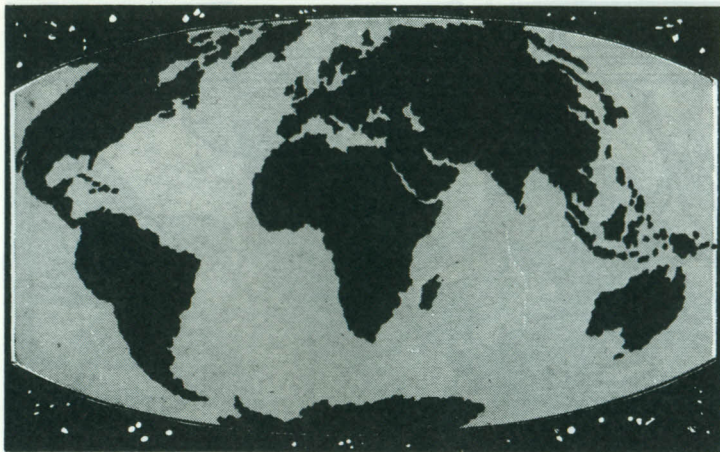
In Egyptian the word Ham means "black", "very dark".

Shem was born 2 years after Japheth, and he was the chosen line, the Messianic line. Shem's tribe went eastward over into Asia.



Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Noah's sons were the only men living after the Flood, so therefore, the descendants of Noah and his sons are the forefathers of us all. Shem, Ham and Japheth populated the whole known World of today.



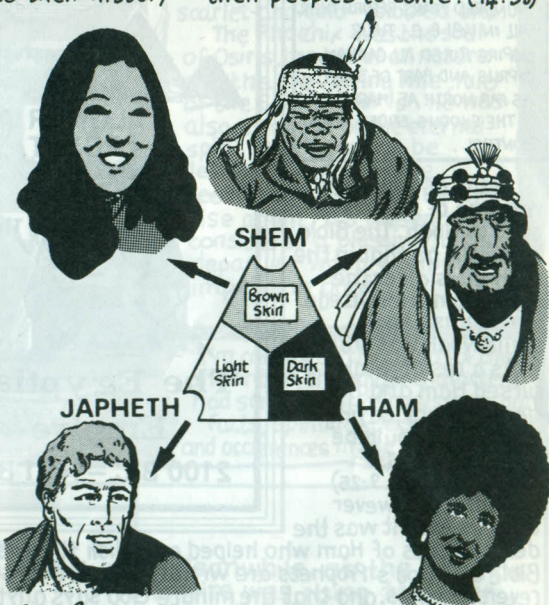
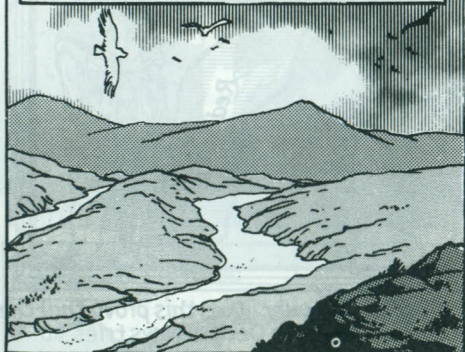


God divided the Earth deliberately into continents to contain their various peoples, to contain their wickedness and prevent it from spreading. The very word "continent" means "contained" (ML 613)

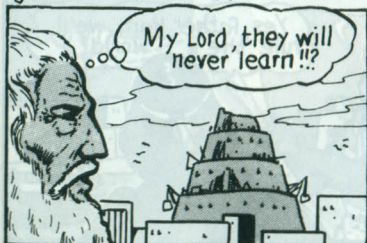
Even the shapes of these countries and continents today have influenced their history and various peoples. It came to me clearly that was why the Lord made them that way. He created and designed them -- their various shapes

and positions, and terrain, their mountains and valleys and rivers and lakes and surrounding areas purposely to influence their history -- their peoples to come! (14:38) ^{ML}

Civilisation did not cover a very great area compared to the World today. Population had not yet spread very far, having originated in the Fertile Crescent, the Garden of Eden, somewhere in the Euphrates-Tigris valley, and resumed there after the Flood through Noah and his sons.



Now which son of Noah did you descend from? If you are European you are a son of Japheth. If you are Oriental, or Jewish, or Arabian or Syrian, or Chinese, or Japanese or Indian or American Indian, you are a descendant of Shem. There was a little mixture of Ham amongst some, like the Indians of India, accounting for their dark-skinned colour, but generally speaking, the Shemites predominated Asia.



"And Noah lived after the Flood 350 years" (and he was 701 years old when his disobedient children were building the tower of Babel.*) And all the days of Noah were 950 years: and he died! (Gen. 9: 28-29)

And in the city of Zeklah (Nakhichevan) Noah was buried in a great big long tomb.

It's been there a long, long time -- probably one of the oldest tombs in the world.

(* Editor's Note.)



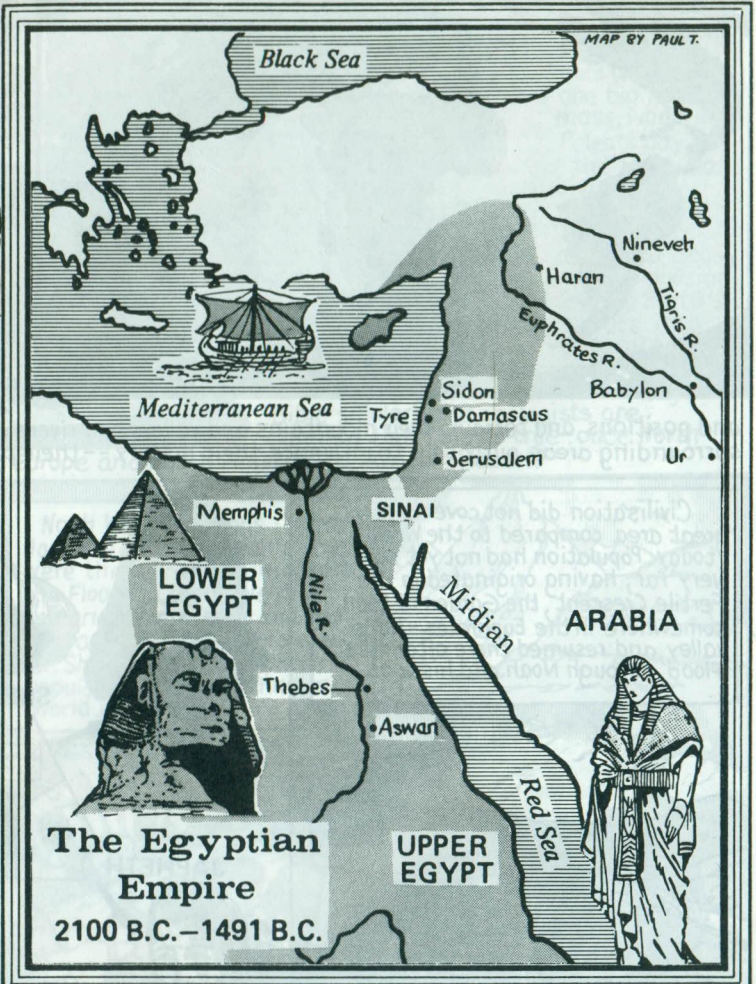
HAM

THE EGYPTIAN EMPIRE, FOR MOST OF ITS HISTORY, DID NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE NILE AND PART OF THE SINAI, THOUGH THEY TRADED BEYOND THAT (Gen. 37:25), FOR ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE THEIR FALL IN 1491 B.C., THEIR EMPIRE RULED ALL CAANAN, CYPRUS AND PART OF SYRIA AS FAR NORTH AS HARAN. THE EXODUS ENDED THIS CONTROL.

Ham, as you recall, was one of the three sons of Noah. The Bible also tells us that in the early days after the Flood, Ham committed a sin against Noah while Noah was drunk.

As a result, Noah cursed Ham and his descendants, saying that they would be "the servants of servants." (Gen. 9:25)

History, however, tells us that it was the descendants of Ham who helped establish the first great World power. Does this prove that the Bible and God's Prophets are wrong? --No, it only shows how that the Devil always tries to reverse things, and that the minute God says anything, the Devil immediately tries to defeat it!



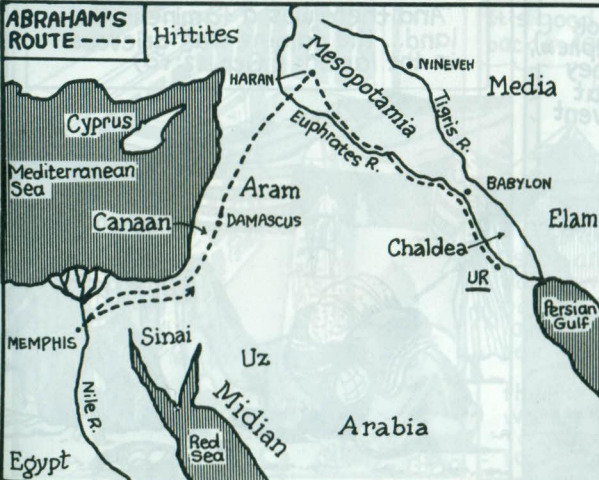
The Egyptians worshipped the Nile river, the sun, cats and as many as 2,000 other strange gods!

The Sphinx is sort of a symbol of Egypt. The Sphinx goddess would tell riddles to her victims and then strangle them when they could not answer her correctly.

The Phoenix was a very unusual and supposedly mythological spirit-being with the form of a fabulously beautiful large scarlet-and-gold-coloured bird.

The Phoenix was the soul of Osiris, the god of all nature and the life-giving Nile, ruler of the Spirit World. He was also symbolic of the eternal spirit which cannot be destroyed but, despite seeming death, shall always rise again. Its presence was considered a blessing, but its departure was a warning of impending doom!

I'm convinced that many of these ancient mythological characters had some original basis in actual facts, spiritual personalities and occurrences in the Spirit World!



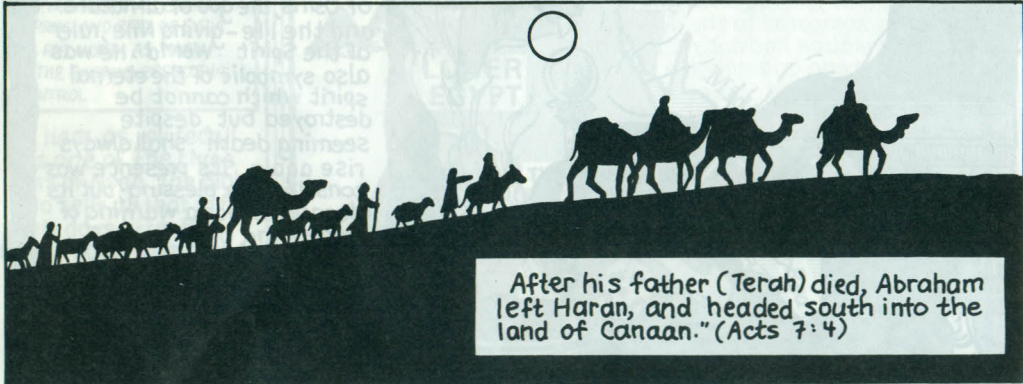
Meanwhile, as the Egyptian Empire was rising to power along the Nile River, hundreds of miles away along the Euphrates River, another civilisation was flourishing: Chaldea (later called Babylon).

The people of Chaldea had also forgotten God and worshipped many strange gods and idols. The city of Ur worshipped the moon-god Sin, and his wife Ishtar, the goddess of sexual lust.

In 2212 B.C., 352 years after the Great Flood had happened, Abraham was born in Ur.



Abraham hated the idol-worship of Ur, and one day "God appeared to Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, and said unto him, Get thee out of thy country... and come into the land which I shall show thee." (Acts 7:2-3) "And they went forth... from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there." (Gen. 11:31)

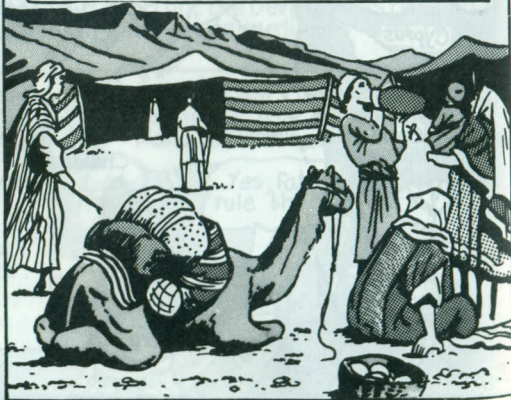


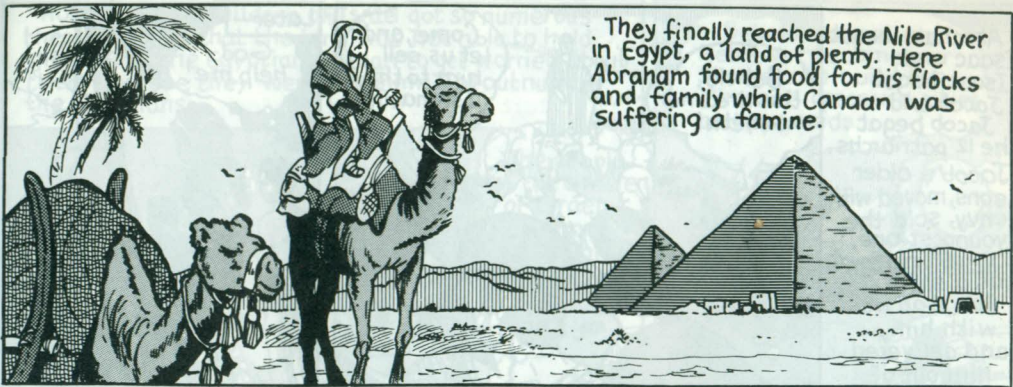
After his father (Terah) died, Abraham left Haran, and headed south into the land of Canaan." (Acts 7:4)

"So Abraham departed, and took Sarah (his wife) and Lot (his nephew), and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran, and went to Canaan." (Gen. 12:5)



"And there was a famine in the land... the famine was grievous in the land." (Gen. 12:10)





They finally reached the Nile River in Egypt, a land of plenty. Here Abraham found food for his flocks and family while Canaan was suffering a famine.

Abraham, when he met Pharaoh, denied that Sarah was his wife, because he was afraid Pharaoh would kill him to take her for his wife. It proved to be a very stupid blunder.

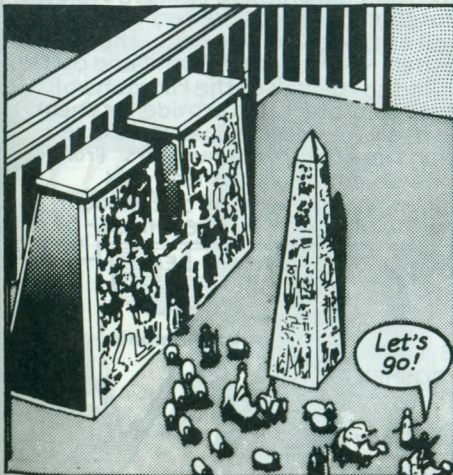


Abram, Pharaoh desires your sister Sarah to be his wife!

It is believed that Pharaoh was one of the Hyksos Dynasty of Shepherd Kings; that's why they had so much in common with the Hebrews or with Abraham and his children and were very friendly toward them. The Egyptians of the Hyksos Dynasty were not of the Dynasty which arose afterward and enslaved the Israelites (Ex.1:8-11), but the Hyksos Dynasty, the Shepherd Kings, were also Shemites and friendly to Abraham.

"Pharaoh intreated him well for her sake, and gave him sheep, and oxen, and asses, and camels, and servants." (Gen. 12:16)

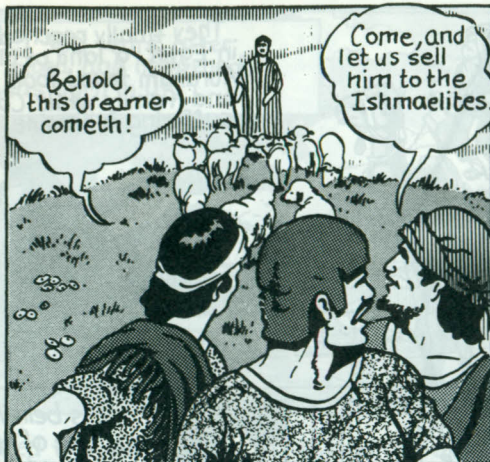
"And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house." (Gen. 12:15) Later on when the king found out she was Abraham's wife he got quite angry with him--but he didn't kill him, he just sent them all away and allowed them to keep all their possessions. The Bible says Abraham was "very rich". (Gen. 13:2)



Abraham, a Shemite, was the father of Isaac and grand father of Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel... who thereby became the father of the Children of Israel, later nicknamed "Jews" by the Babylonians because their leading tribe was Judah.

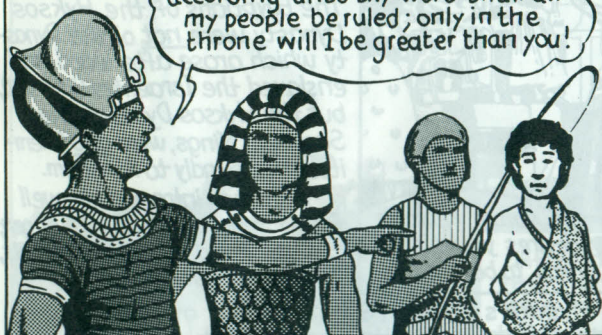
The Arabs descended from Ishmael, the son of Abraham by an Egyptian woman named Hagar, and spread across both Asia and Africa, as they are today, in twelve major Arab nations.

Abraham begat Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob and Jacob begat the 12 patriarchs. Jacob's older sons, moved with envy, sold the youngest one, Joseph, into Egypt as a slave. But God was with him, and delivered him out of all his afflictions. (Gen. 25-37)



And God gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, King of Egypt... (Gen. 41: 40)

Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than you!



Pharaoh made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

The famine will come soon!



"And the famine was in all lands."

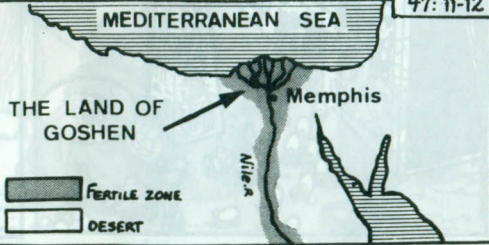
Father Jacob, it's our last bag!

Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt; get you down thither, and buy for us from thence.

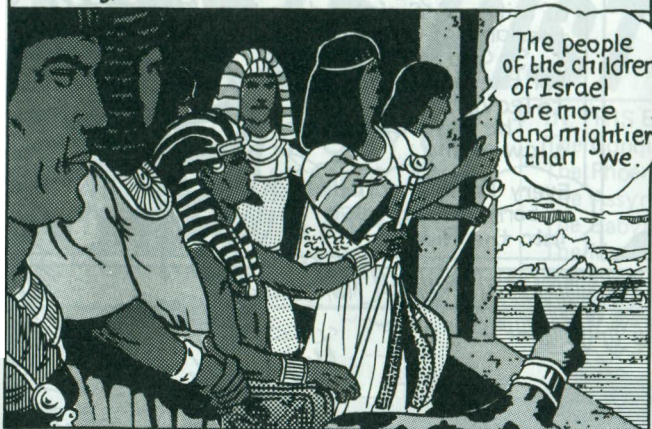


During the famine, Joseph invited his father Jacob and his brothers to move to Egypt, & Pharaoh gave them the very best land in all of Egypt—the Nile delta, the land of Goshen—for all their flocks and cattle.

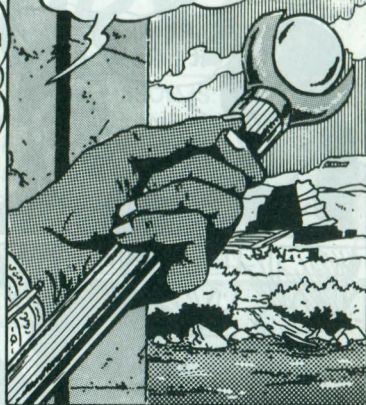
And so God used the Pharaohs of Egypt to protect and provide for them for over four hundred years, to give them time to grow in numbers from some seventy souls to nearly six million, and to learn all the wisdom and skills of Egypt. (Gen. 41: 56-57 & 47: 11-12)



However, the Children of Israel got so numerous there in Egypt that the land was not able to hold them. And the Egyptians began to get worried about them because they were beginning to outnumber the Egyptians.



Behold, make all the Hebrews become our slaves and build for Pharaoh treasure cities and pyramids.



So there arose in Egypt a Pharaoh that knew not Joseph, a ruler who was no friend of the Israelites, and he began to persecute them and to oppress them and to lay heavy burdens upon them that they could not bear, until they began to cry out to God for help! (Exo. 1: 7-12)

WORK FASTER!!

O LORD, HELP US!!



Egypt was not the country that God had promised to Abraham! This land belongs to the Egyptians. God hasn't promised us Egypt!

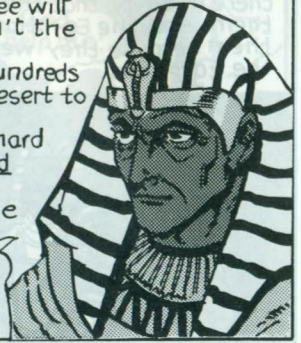
But I like it here!

They weren't about to begin to want to leave of their own free will and accord! They hadn't the least desire to want to start hiking across hundreds of miles of Sinaitic desert to the land of Canaan.

So God made it so hard for them that they had to leave!

The Egyptians made a law saying:

Every Hebrew son that is born, ye shall cast into the River.



Moses' mother obeyed the Egyptian laws and cast her newborn son into the Nile, but in a drifting basket... to be found by Pharaoh's daughter. (Exo. 2: 1-6)

He shall be called Moses, because I drew him out of the water.

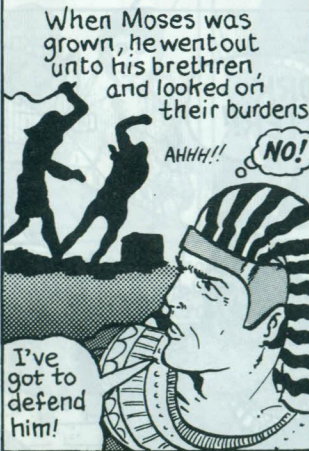
Moses was reared as Pharaoh's own son!



When Moses was grown, he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens.

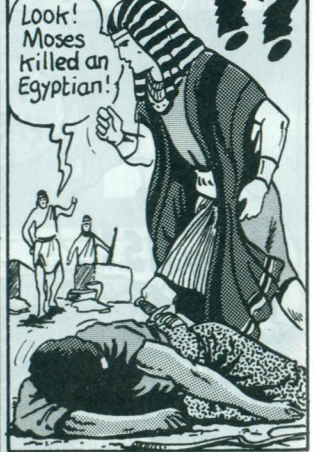
AHHH!! NO!

I've got to defend him!



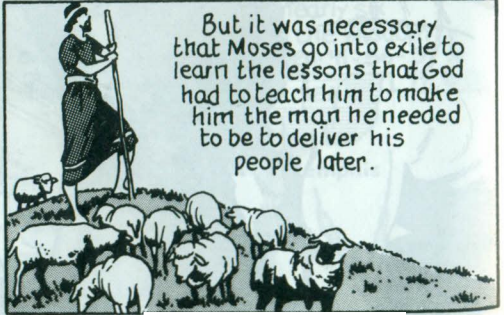
Look! Moses killed an Egyptian!

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Moses was a real smart young man, 40 years of age, and really thought he knew how to do the job, but he made a terrible mess out of it, and had to flee for his life.

But it was necessary that Moses go into exile to learn the lessons that God had to teach him to make him the man he needed to be to deliver his people later.



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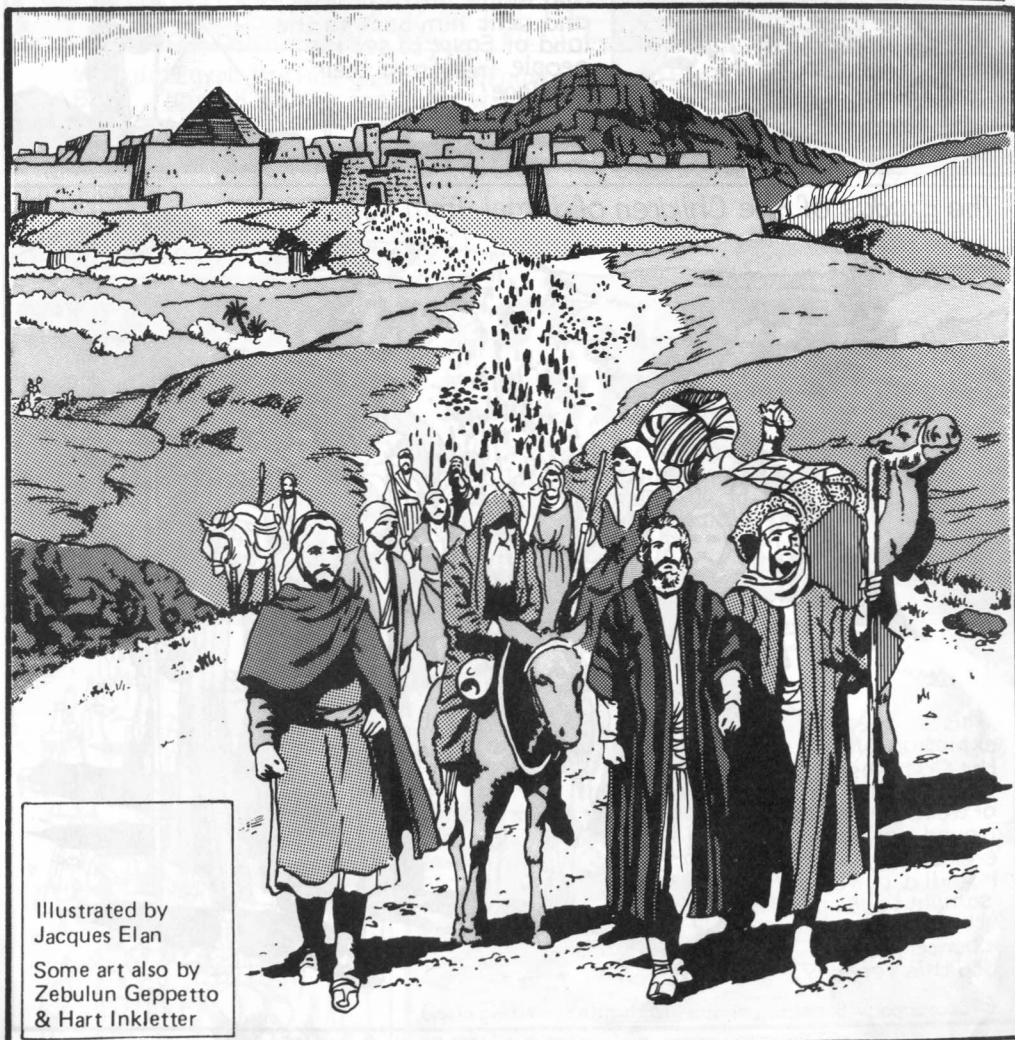
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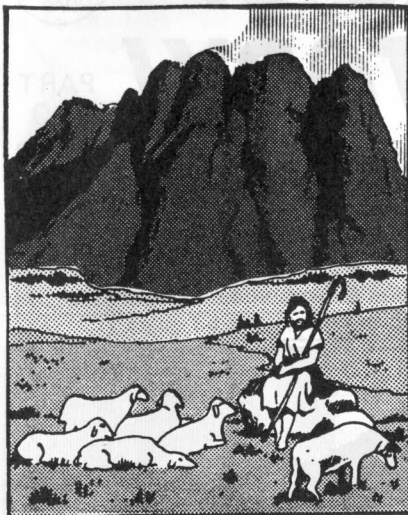
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For 40 years Moses lived in exile in the land of Midian, where he had time to hear the voice of God! (Ex. 3:1a) Then one day--



God said to Moses while alone in the wilderness tending his tiny lambs!:

WHAT IS THAT
IN THY HAND?

Only an old wooden rod, Lord, only a poor old shepherd's crook and a few dumb sheep in the wilderness of a strange land amongst strangers!



But God anointed Moses and made him a prophet, and sent him back to the land of Egypt to set His people free from their bondage!



The Exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt!



This explosion of the first Moses and the Children of God has echoed around the World ever since, and is still a powerful sample to us, their spiritual counterparts* to this very day!

(*Counterpart = Something almost identical to something else.)

Ex. 14

Then the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he pursued after the Children of Israel.

The Red Sea has opened for them to walk through! Follow them!

LOOK!

The sea is now closing on us! Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against our armies!

Why did Egypt, the first great World Empire come to the end of its glory about 1500 B.C.? Pharaoh's army, and all his weapons, and all his chariots, and all his horses, and all of his soldiers, and all of his captains and all of his officers, and virtually all of the major manpower and military power were buried beneath the flood waters of the Red Sea! The power of Egypt was broken by God and God's man, Moses, at the Exodus!

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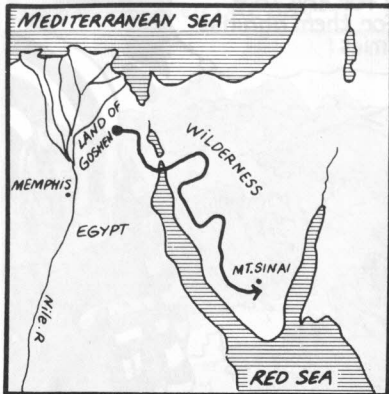
When Moses moved out of Egypt with six million people it was an example to the World. The World heard about them, and they survived by their cohesiveness*, their unity, and their resulting growth in strength and power.

*(togetherness)

"So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness."

(EXODUS 15: 22)

One of the first places the Children of Israel stopped after leaving Egypt was at Mt. Sinai, a tall rugged, forbidding mountain.



And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying:

GO UNTO THE PEOPLE, AND SANCTIFY THEM, AND BE READY AGAINST THE THIRD DAY, FOR THE THIRD DAY THE LORD WILL COME DOWN IN THE SIGHT OF ALL THE PEOPLE UPON MOUNT SINAI!

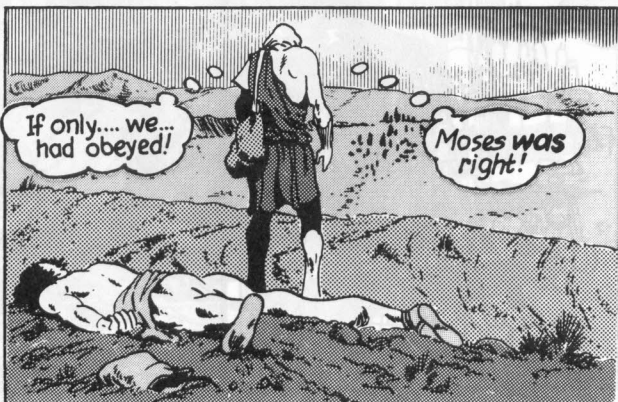


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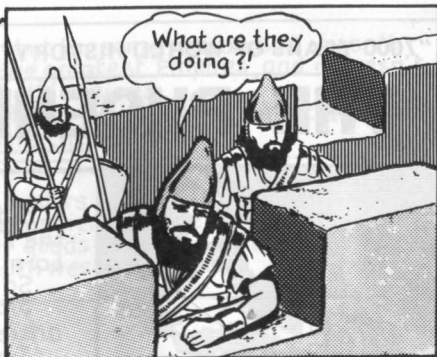
And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the Lord came down upon Mt. Sinai; And the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount and gave him the laws for the conduct of Israel!



But the Children of Israel complained and murmured against Moses and doubted God; they were even sorry they'd had to leave the flesh-pots of Egypt. The older Jews refused to believe God and preferred to wander another 40 years in the wilderness to their deaths, so that only their children were finally permitted to enter into the Promised Land.



Joshua and Caleb, the only remaining ones of the older generation – the only ones left with enough faith – led the conquering of the land with the faithful younger generation!



In one famous battle against the Canaanites, Joshua marched against Jericho with 40,000 men.

They marched around the city, and on the seventh day, as Israel gave one great and big shout and blew the trumpets, the walls came tumbling down!

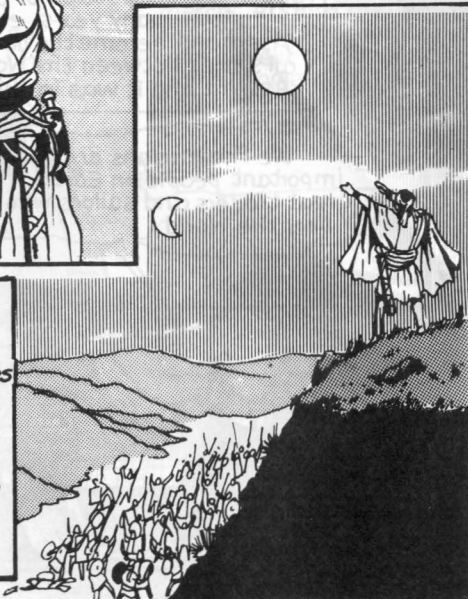
It pays to have God on your side!

(Joshua .6)

Another very famous miracle happened : Joshua commanded the sun to stand still, because it was setting ! And the sun stood still until the people had avenged[†] themselves upon their enemies ! (Joshua 10:12,13)

[†](taken vengeance upon; destroyed.)

" So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had said unto Moses ; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes . And the land rested from war ! " (Joshua 11:23)



THE PHOENICIAN EMPIRE



Sidon (Phoenicia) was founded shortly after the Flood in about 2450 B.C. by Sidon, the first-born son of Canaan, son of dark-skinned Ham. So the Phoenicians were Canaanites. (Gen.10:15) Sidon was a sister city of Tyre. Tyre was the ancient capital of Tyre and Sidon, or Phoenicia. Tyre was the World's greatest trading capital of its day, and Ezekiel 27 lists all the nations from Europe to India that they traded their merchandise with.

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The second great World power, Assyria, didn't just immediately upon the destruction of Egypt, declare itself the top World power! It took many years, even hundreds of years, before the Assyrians became the dominant and ruling power! The longest of all spaces between the World Empires was between Egypt and Assyria and it was in this period the Phoenicians ruled the seas.

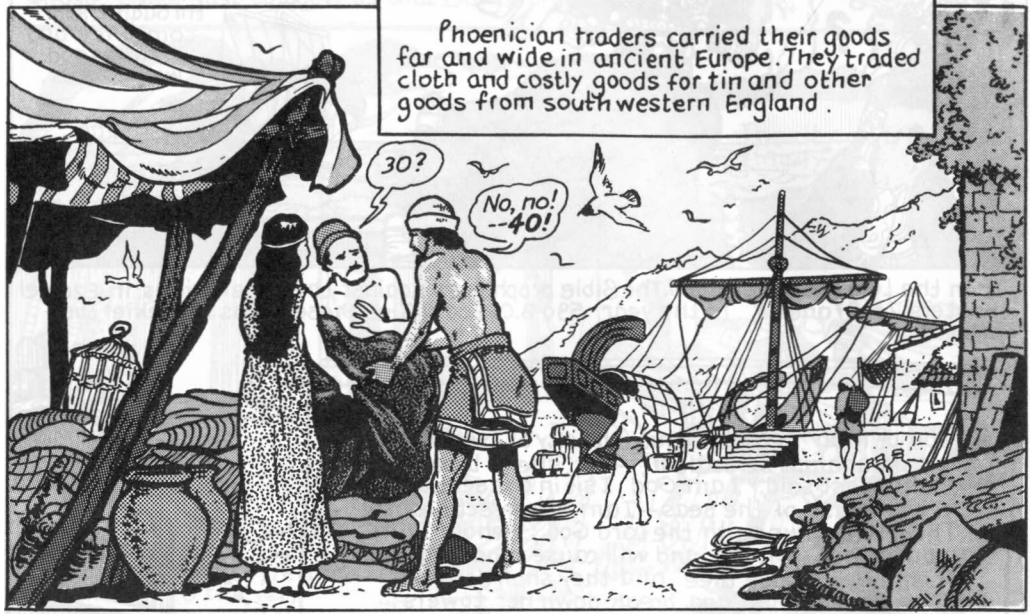
We Phoenicians are the greatest, most important people on Earth! There go our great traders and sailors who sail all over the World!



They were sort of between major Empires, but for some reason God doesn't include Tyre and Phoenicia as being one of the greatest Empires, and it doesn't appear as one of the major ones in the prophet's visions.

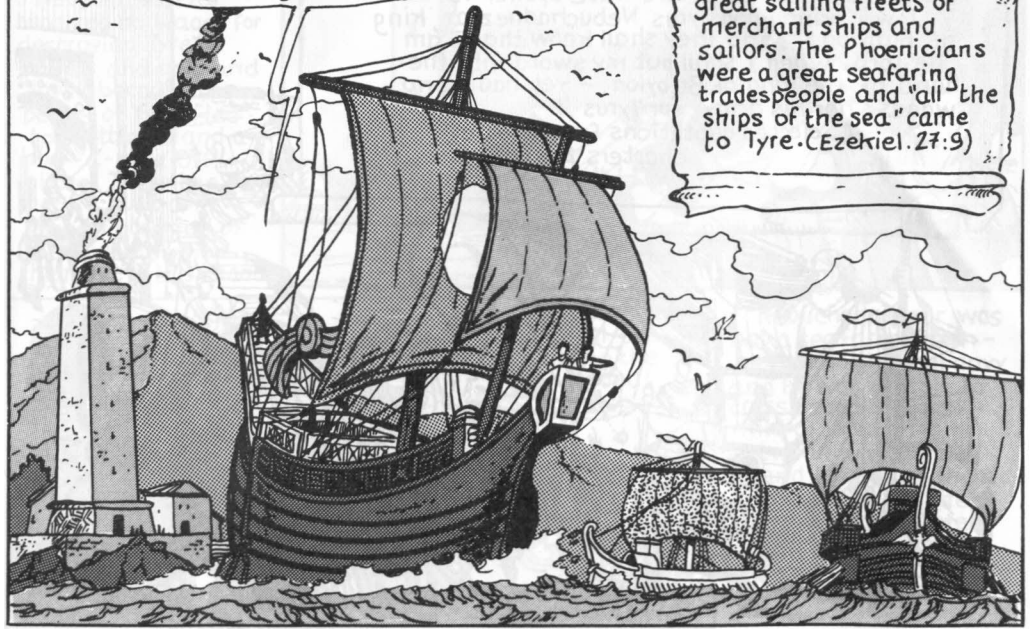
Perhaps that was because it wasn't as strong politically, it didn't actually rule the World — it was more or less a commercial Empire.

Phoenician traders carried their goods far and wide in ancient Europe. They traded cloth and costly goods for tin and other goods from south western England.



Set our course for Palermo, men! We'll trade there for a week or so and then continue on to Cadiz and Malaga!

Tyre was the World's greatest commercial Empire at that time and had great sailing fleets of merchant ships and sailors. The Phoenicians were a great seafaring tradespeople and "all the ships of the sea" came to Tyre. (Ezekiel. 27:9)



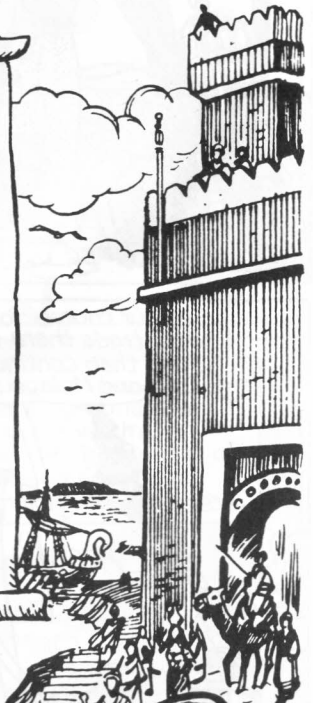
Indian Civilisations of America.



They traded as far away as Tarshish -- Britain -- and many other places (Ezekiel 27:25) There is even evidence that the Phoenicians had been in America! They influenced the whole world through their commerce and riches and wickedness.

Then the Lord destroyed them. The Bible prophesies against the Phoenicians in Ezekiel chapters 26, 27 and 29. In the year 590 B.C. God spoke these words to Ezekiel the prophet:

Son of man, because Tyrus (the city of Tyre) hath said against Jerusalem 'Aha, she is broken...' and hath said, 'I am God, I sit in the seat of God in the midst of the seas—I am of perfect beauty!' Therefore, thus saith the Lord God; Behold I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, and they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea (and) shall never be found again for I the Lord have spoken it. I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, ... and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon. — yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus." (Selected quotations from Ezekiel, chapters 26–30).



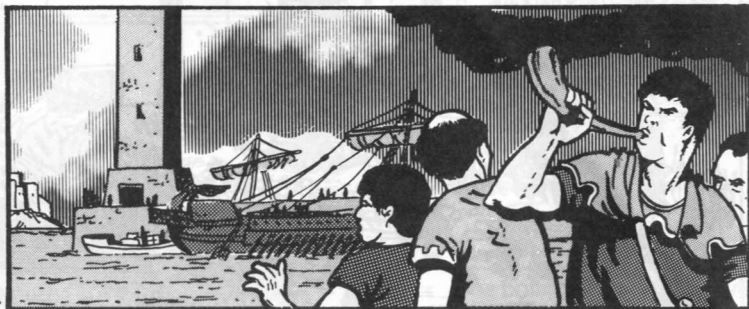
ZEBULUN GEPPETTO

Now that seems to be the most ridiculous thing that anybody could ever have prophesied about Tyre. It was the World's richest trading capital of its day.

But what happened was this: God hired Nebuchadnezzar to go and punish Israel for their sins. But in 586 B.C., on his way to Israel, Nebuchadnezzar's armies went through the cities of Tyre and Sidon and fulfilled marvellous prophecies about those cities just to show us that God's prophecies come true.



Nebuchadnezzar received no wages for destroying Tyre - jewels and gold and loot - because the people of Tyre fled to a little island a half-a-mile off shore. There the people built a new city and took all of their wealth with them out to this island.



Nebuchadnezzar was not a seafaring man - he had no ships or navy and he was unable to cross that little half-mile of ocean water between him and the island to conquer them.

So there lay the ruins of ancient Tyre and a new city of Tyre was being built on the island.

The whole prophecy still had not been fulfilled because the old city of Tyre had not been scraped "as bare as the top of a rock," and its ruins were not yet "a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea."

But about 250 years later a Greek king named Alexander the Great came along sweeping the World with his armies — fighting great battles almost without the loss of a man!

How can I get there?
I want to get all those
riches they have out there!



In 332 B.C. when Alexander came to Tyre, he heard all about this wealthy city out there on the island.

Alexander was a very smart man — of course he had wisdom given of God.

So he began looking around for something to use ...



... and he saw this big pile of rubble that used to be the ancient city of Tyre.

So Alexander's army got it all together and they scraped everything they could find right into the Mediterranean sea! They scraped the area as bare as the top of a rock to build a road right across the shallow floor of the Mediterranean out to the island city!

And soon Alexander captured and plundered the island city of Tyre.

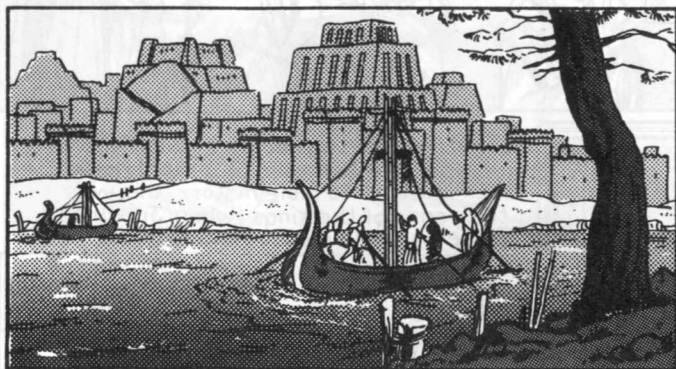
And do you know what? Today along the sides of that road the fishermen spread their nets exactly like God had prophesied! Tyre was thrown into the sea!

This exact end of Ancient Tyre was predicted over 250 years before it happened! Only God could have known that, years before! *(sieved the riches.)



THE ASSYRIAN EMPIRE

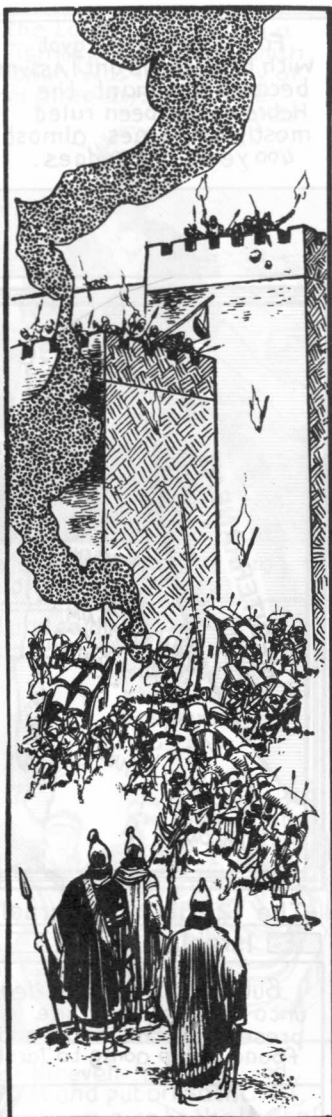
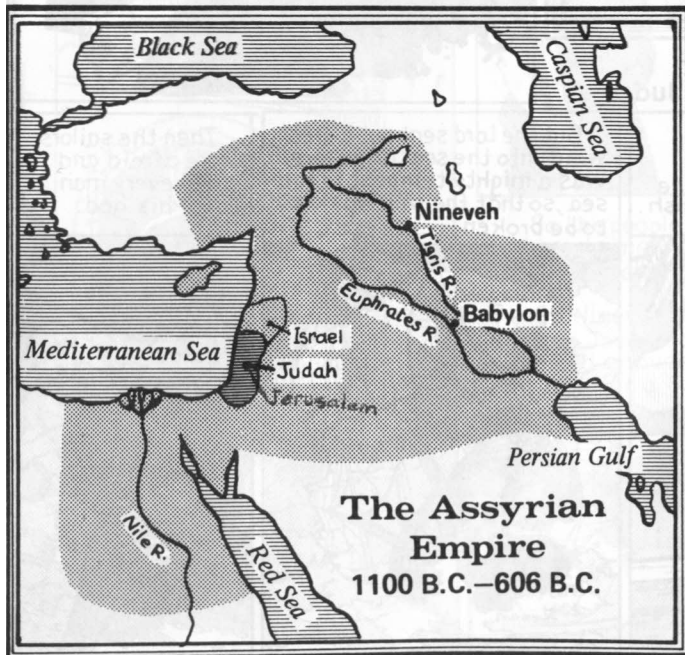
CAPITOL:
NINEVEH — "THAT EXCEEDING GREAT CITY".



Until recently, the actual site of Nineveh was lost and forgotten. Moses mentioned Assyria in Genesis 2:14 and elsewhere, so it must have been recognised as a kingdom in his day. (about 1500 B.C.).

Many cities were built right on top of the ruins of the cities that had been there before the Flood. It's written that Nineveh also was founded in those early days after the Flood by migrants from Babylon who journeyed north along the Tigris River and built on the east side of the river. (Asshur built Nineveh. -- Gen. 10:11).

The land of Assyria gets its name from Asshur, one of the sons of Shem, who settled in that part of the world.



The Babylonians in the south continually tried to exercise control and influence over Assyria. In fact, there were many cities in the Fertile Crescent in those days; these cities were all trying to extend their own rule and power over the others.

So this struggle seems to have prevented any one city from getting powerful enough to rule the world.

It took hundreds of years before the Assyrians became the dominant and ruling power!

From the fall of Egypt with the Exodus until Assyria became dominant, the Hebrews had been ruled mostly by Judges, almost 400 years of Judges.

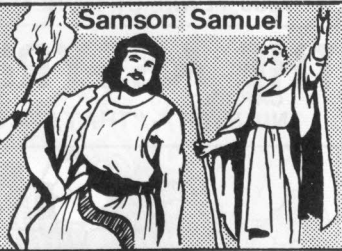
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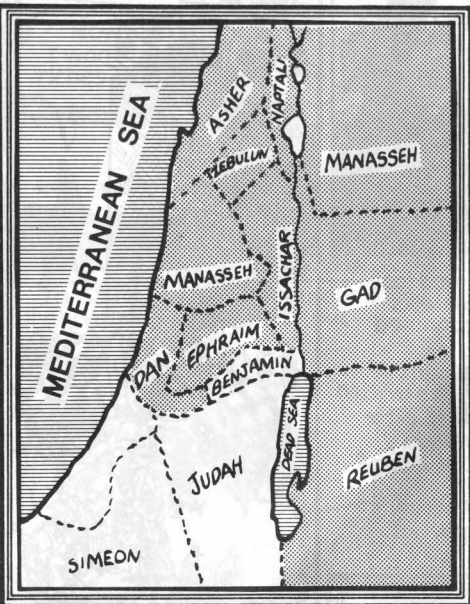


Samson Samuel



The famous prophet Jonah went to Nineveh and preached the Word of the Lord there. In relation to Bible history, this was the period of the kings, when Judah and Israel were divided.

Now the Word of the Lord came unto Jonah ... saying :



-The 12 Tribes of Israel-

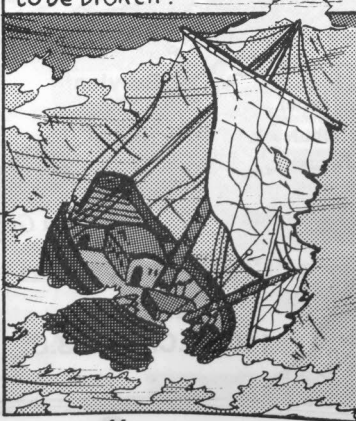
Israel

Judah

But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord... and he found a ship going to Tarshish.



But the lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken.



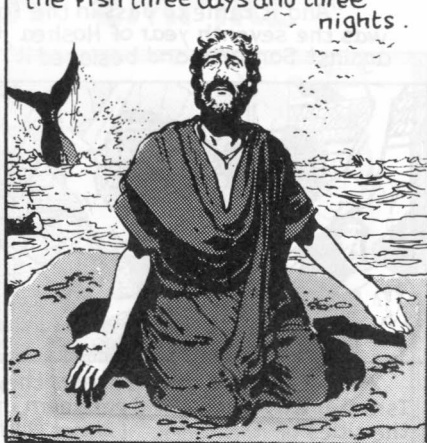
Then the sailors were afraid and cried every man unto his god.



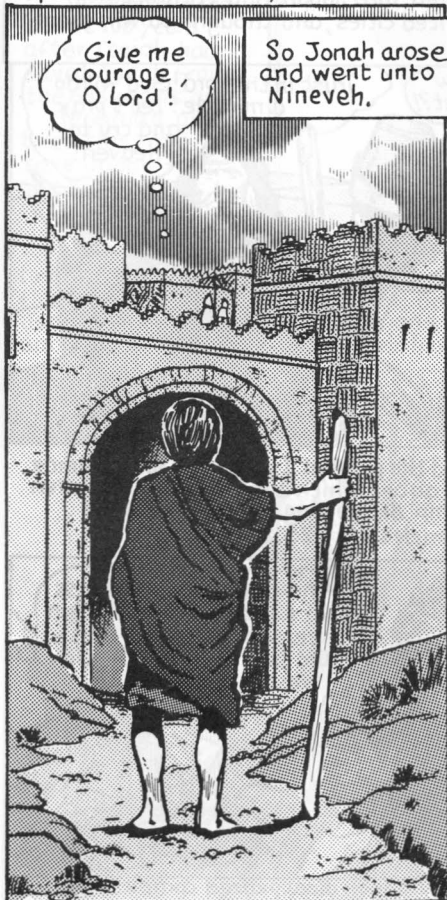
The crew soon found out who God was angry at, and Jonah was thrown overboard at his own request.



But the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.



Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly... And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land. (Jonah 2)

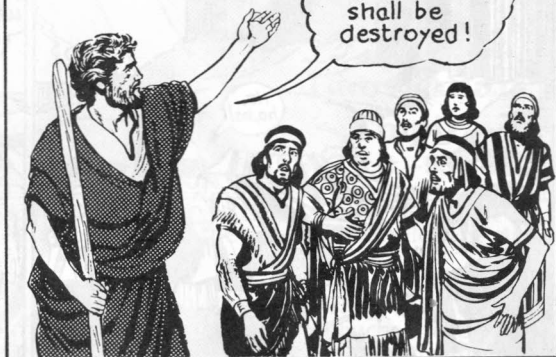


Give me courage, O Lord!

So Jonah arose and went unto Nineveh.

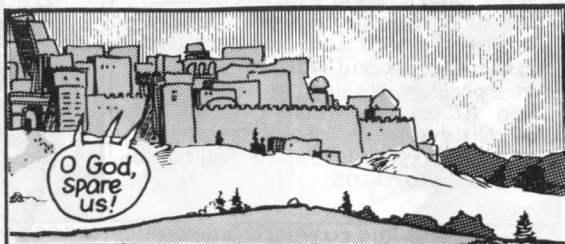
And Jonah cried and said:

40 days and Nineveh shall be destroyed!



So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

So Nineveh did not get destroyed in 40 days as Jonah had said, because the people repented enough for the Lord to let them continue for a couple of hundred years more.

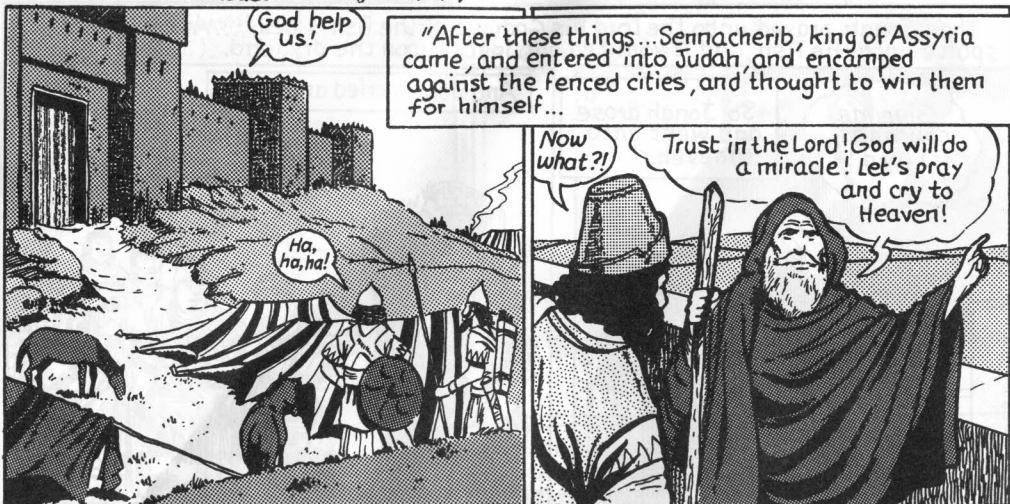


Assyria was not yet conquered by the Babylonians at the time that it conquered Israel. The fall of the Northern 10 tribes of Israel to the Assyrians was about 722 B.C. with the fall of Samaria.

"And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah (king of Judah) which was the seventh year of Hoshea, that Shalmaneser, king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it'.

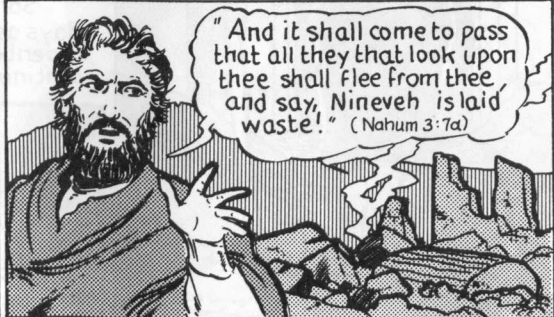


And at the end of three years they took it...and the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes." (2 Kings 18:9,10,11)



"For this cause Hezekiah, the king (of Judah) and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to Heaven, and the Lord sent an angel, which cut off the mighty men of valour and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land." (2 Chronicles 32:1,20,21).

After Jonah, Assyria again had become more wicked than "righteous" and the Assyrian Empire fell to the Babylonians with the destruction of Nineveh in 606 B.C. Just before Nineveh fell, however, God gave her a second warning from His prophet Nahum in about 630 B.C. before "that great city" of Nineveh was totally destroyed and the Assyrian Empire fell to the Babylonians.



The city was laid to waste and it never rose again, and soon disappeared completely!

THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE

Only Judah remained of the Hebrews, or "Jews" as the Babylonians called them, with their capital city, Jerusalem.

Northern Israel had gone into the captivity of the Assyrians. (732 B.C.)

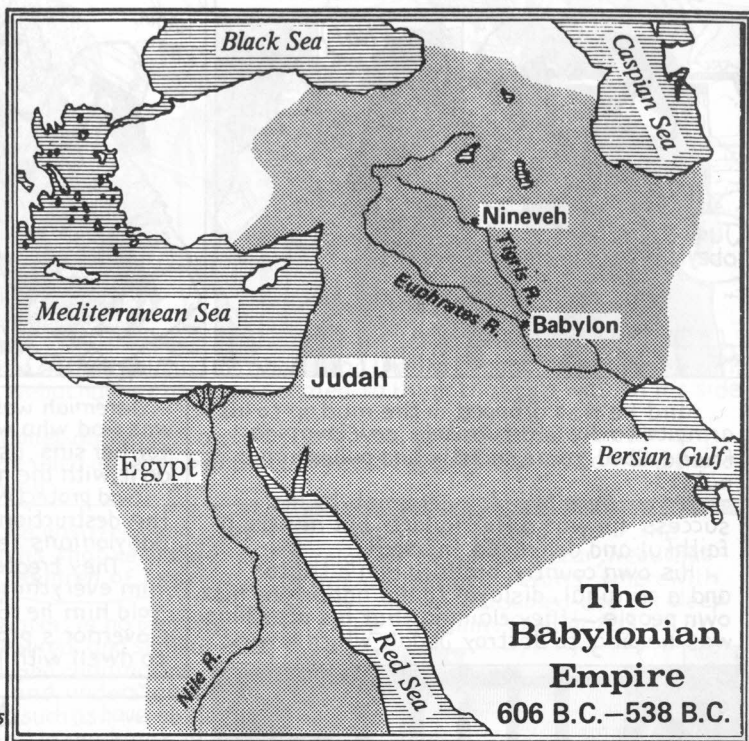
In those last days of Judah, God raised up a prophet called Jeremiah about 626 B.C. -- a man of Anathoth, to warn the people.

Jeremiah lived about 100 years after Isaiah had saved Judah from the Assyrians' army.

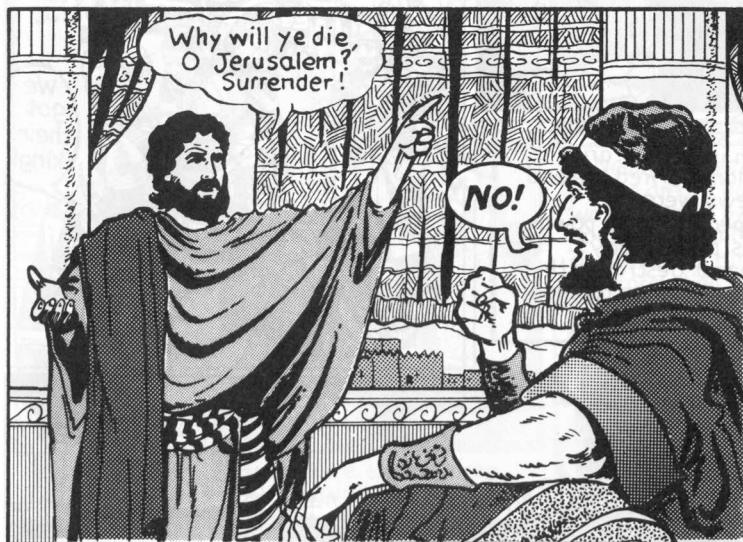
Jeremiah also tried this time to save Judah from the Babylonians, but they didn't listen.

The Jews virtually forced the Babylonians to conquer them by

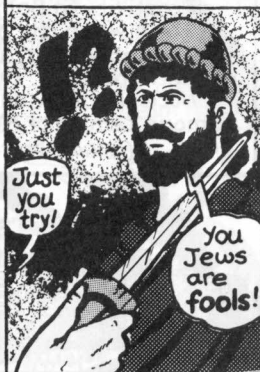
their violent rebellion against the Babylonian World power. God warned the people of Judah not to resist the Babylonians. Jeremiah begged the Jews to even flee the city and join the enemy to save their lives.



**The
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606 B.C.—538 B.C.



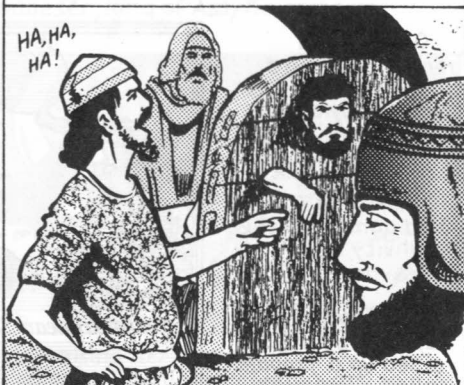
They offended Nebuchadnezzar's ambassador and dared him to attack! -- which he did and destroyed them!



Judah was going to fall to the Babylonians for her sins, but Jeremiah went everywhere telling the people that God would temper the judgement and not make it so severe if they would follow His instructions.



--But they refused! Jeremiah was hung in the stocks before the church door so the people could spit in his face...



... and he was dropped in the mud up to his armpits to die. Fortunately, an Ethiopian friend, Ebed, came secretly and pulled him out.

If you were to judge Jeremiah by his success, he was a flat failure, but he was faithful and delivered his soul!

His own country branded him a traitor and a criminal, disloyal to his nation and his own people—they claimed that his preaching was helping to destroy Judah, which it was!

Jeremiah was loyal to God, and it was God who was destroying Judah for her sins, using her enemies to do it, with the help of Jeremiah!

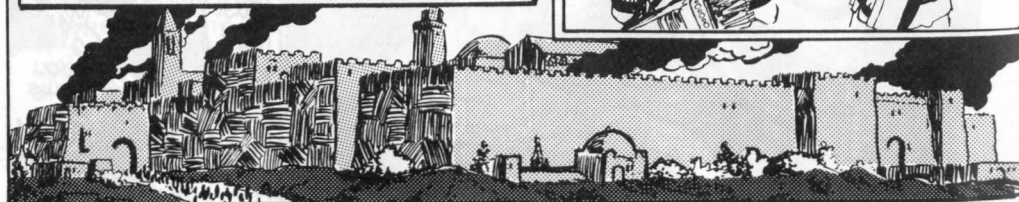
God protected Jeremiah during the destruction and had the Babylonians rescue him from prison.

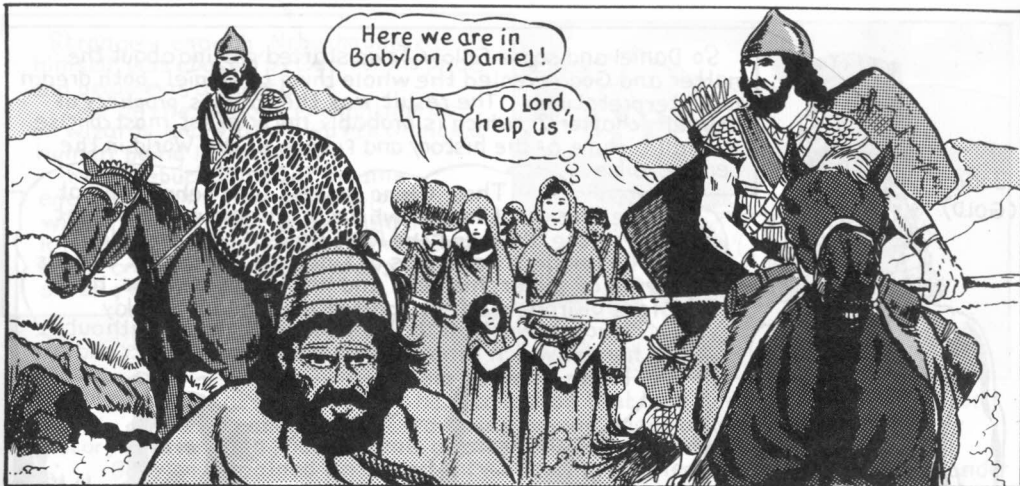
They treated him royally, giving him everything he needed, and told him he could live under the Governor's protection and continue to dwell with his people!



The fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. and their captivity in Babylon marked the end of a time when the Jews were a significant nation, a people, and a power in the world until this present day!

Note: Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the famous temple of King Solomon at that time. (II KINGS 25:8-10)





Why would God let a wicked, pagan, heathen king like Nebuchadnezzar conquer His Own people? In fact, Nebuchadnezzar even seemed to think that God was on his side, and God was!

Ezekiel was a prophet during the captivity, and was carried to Babylon about 597 B.C. and was there until at least 570 B.C. (27 years) Daniel also was among those carried away to Babylon.

"And the king spoke unto Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel ...

...In whom is no blemish, but well favoured, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as have ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and to whom you might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans."

(DAN. 1: 3-4)



Now among these were the Children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah

"And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him." (Daniel 2:1)



Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, was given a dream but had forgotten it. He was troubled by it and said that he was going to kill all his wise men if they couldn't tell him not only the dream's interpretation, but also the dream itself.



So Daniel and some Fellow Jews started praying about the matter and God revealed the whole thing to Daniel, both dream and interpretation. The result was the famous prophecy of Daniel chapter 2, which is probably the briefest, most concise overall picture of the history and future of the World in the entire Bible.

Babylon
(GOLD)

Thou O king, sawest, and beheld a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee, and the form thereof was terrible. The image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet ... and brake them to pieces...

Medo-Persia (SILVER)

Greece (BRASS)

Rome (IRON)

Final 10
Kings of
Endtime.
(IRON & CLAY)

Stone-JESUS



Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole Earth. (Daniel 2:31-35)



This prophetic dream describes five of the great empires of man from ancient Babylon to the final World empire of the Antichrist, which will be destroyed by the Kingdom of God. The dream does not include the first two World governments which arose after the Flood, Egypt and Assyria, because they had already passed on at the time of this dream.

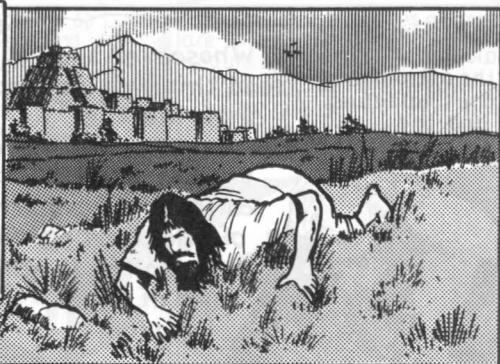
The Bible, however, makes it very clear that there were to be a total of 7 Great World Empires. (Revelation 13 and 17).

But since Nebuchadnezzar's dream was given to him, the prophecy begins with him, the Third World Empire, as "the head of gold". Daniel also had another vision and saw Babylon represented as a lion with wings, but its wings were plucked. (Dan. 7:4)

Strangely enough, Nebuchadnezzar himself was abased by God for his pride and became as a beast.

One of the famous enchantments of wizards and witches was to change a human being into a beast.

King Nebuchadnezzar became enchanted this way by God's own wizard, the Prophet Daniel, until the king thought he was an ox, and he was down on all fours, eating grass for seven years. (Daniel 4)

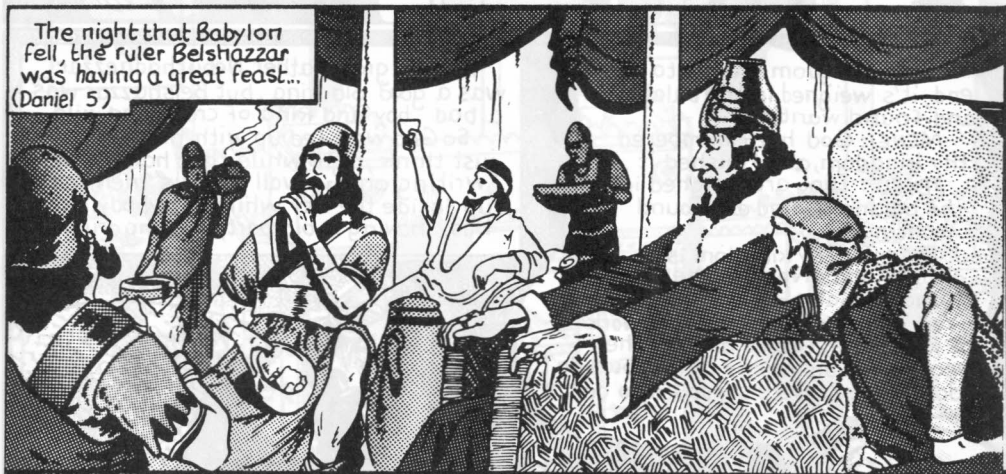


"In looking at the ruins, it is hard to realise that here once stood Great Babylon, the city of extravagance and wicked luxury beyond imagination, unsurpassed in the history of the world, now a scene of utter desolation and ruin."

Babylon remained an important city during the Medo-Persian Empire. Alexander the Great also planned to restore it to its former glory just before he died, but by 100 A.D. Babylon was no more, only ruins!

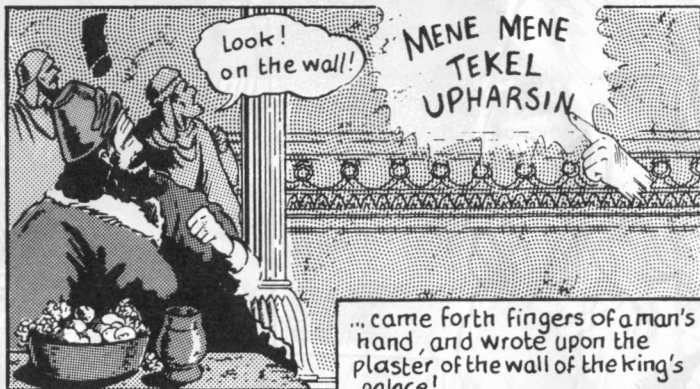
"Behold," wrote Isaiah, 140 years before, "I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver, and as for gold, they shall not delight in it... and Babylon the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah!" (Isa. 13:17-20)

The night that Babylon fell, the ruler Belshazzar was having a great feast... (Daniel 5)



When all of a sudden...

Lord Belshazzar! Wh-what's happening?!



...came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace!

The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans and the soothsayers ...

Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom!



Then came in all the king's wise men, but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof! Then the king called Daniel to interpret the message.

Daniel was now an old man, as he had been in Babylon nearly 70 years.

Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another...



Your kingdom's come to an end, it's weighed in the balance and found wanting!

MENE : God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

TEKEL : Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

PERES : Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians!

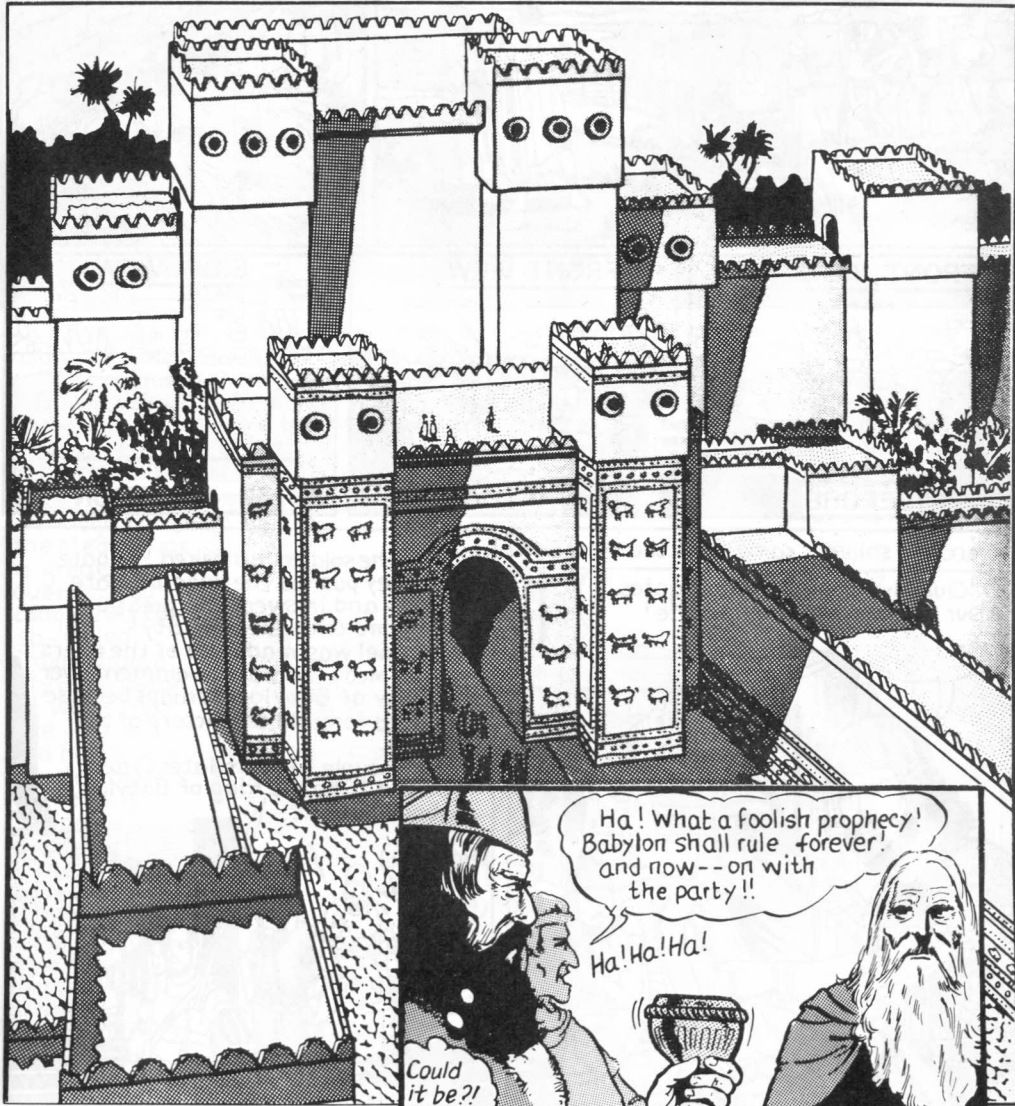
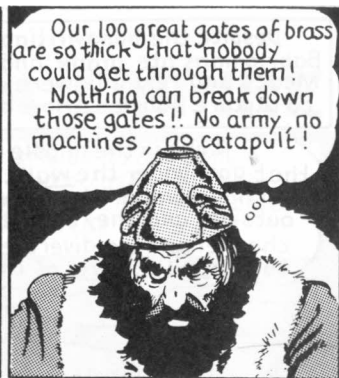
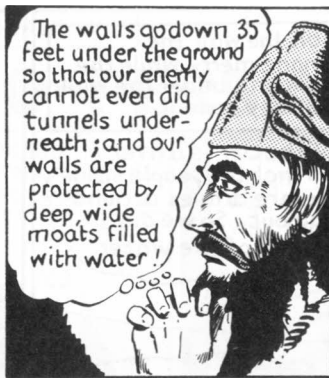
You didn't keep up the good work of your grandfather and get the people to worship the Lord! You didn't do what you were supposed to do!



His old grandfather Nebuchadnezzar was a good old king, but Belshazzar was a bad boy and kind of crazy and wild.

So God was fed up with him! And just think, right while that hand was writing on the wall, Darius' men came up inside the city while everybody was busy having a big party, getting drunk.





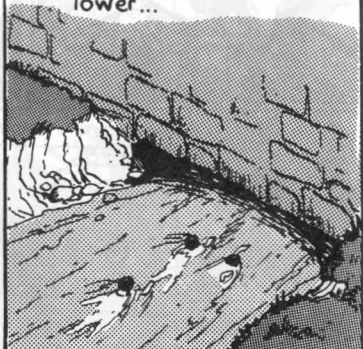
Despite the handwriting on the wall, the Babylonians ate, drank, and made merry while the Medes and Persians were crawling under the wall to capture Babylon. How had they done it?

Right in the middle of the city is a river that goes under the wall, so that the people inside can have water when there are armies around outside, and they cannot go out. So we dig a channel and we divert enough of the water to lower the level of the river.

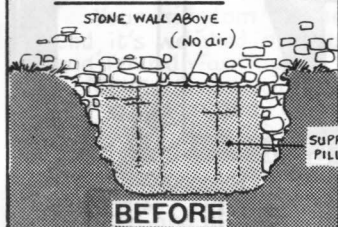


The river was right up to the bottom of the wall, and if they'd tried to swim under they'd have drowned because there was no air there.

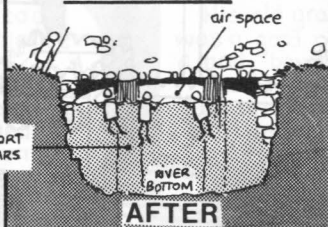
So they dug a ditch that let some of the water go off another way and then the water under -neath the wall came down lower...



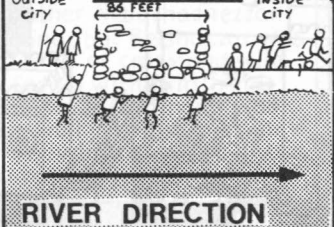
FRONT VIEW



FRONT VIEW



SIDE VIEW



...and the soldiers came up on the other side.

Quickly! Open the brass gates! Our army's waiting outside!



And the soldiers unlocked the gate and they pushed the huge big gate open! - and in swept the great big army and conquered the city!

Daniel was made one of the rulers in the Medo-Persian government over the city of Babylon perhaps because he had foretold the victory of the Medes.

A couple of years later, Cyrus arrived to be the king of Babylon, about 536 B.C.

Babylon is ours now!



THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE

And Darius the Median took the kingdom, and set over the kingdom three presidents, of whom Daniel was the first.



Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel (Dan. chapt.6); then Daniel was thrown in the lion's den.

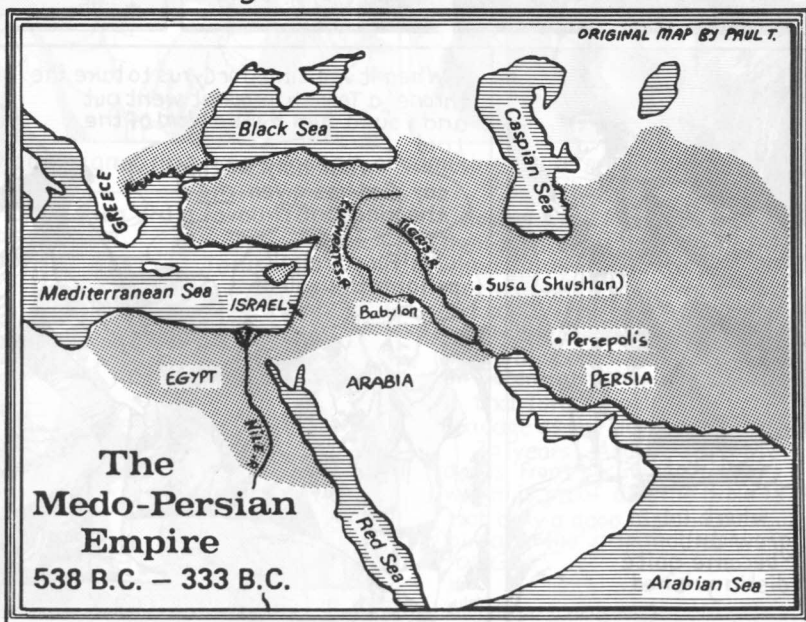


But God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

According to World history, the dual kingdom of Medo-Persia followed Babylon. From the Image of Daniel 2, the head represented Babylon, then the arms and breast of silver were the Medo-Persian empire and that's why it has two arms, because it was a dual kingdom, it had two kings, Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian—and it was a united kingdom.

Though Darius the Mede was a great conqueror, and conquered the so-called impregnable city of Babylon, it was Cyrus the Persian and his Persian Empire that eventually reigned supreme!
"The Higher came up last!"
(DANIEL 8:3)

Its capitals were Persepolis and Susa (Shushan) but sometimes its kings lived in Babylon!



Thus saith the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him ... that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel, for Jacob

my servant's sake, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known Me." (Isa. 45:1-4)

"That saith of Cyrus, He is My shepherd, and shall perform all My pleasure, even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built!" (Isa. 44:28)

God gave this prophecy to Isaiah over 100 years before Cyrus was even born!!

The Prophet Isaiah

The Devil tried to defeat the prophecy however; the Medo-Persian king then in power had a dream.

I had a dream that this son of Mandane would one day be the ruler of all Asia!

But he won't if my plan works!!
Heh! Heh!

Take him far away to the mountains!

He'll never know he was the prince!

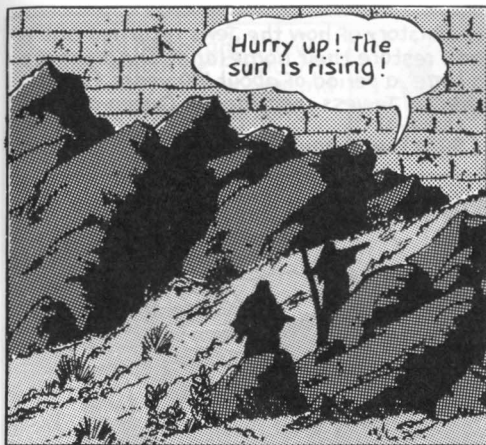
In his jealousy, he had the baby put away secretly, and Cyrus came into the care of a simple herdsman ...

When it was time for Cyrus to take the throne, a Jewish prophet went out and found him by the Word of the Lord.

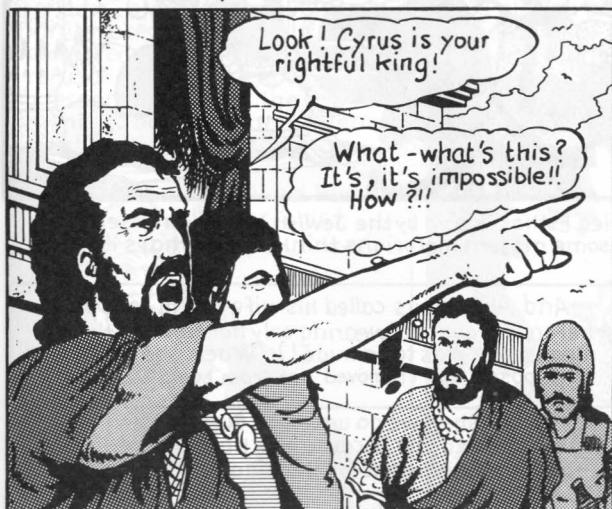
Your holy writings say God has given me the kingdom?!

Yes! For you shalt perform the will of God!

... where he grew and became quite distinguished.



And the prophet brought Cyrus into the kingdom and to the capital, and took him secretly into the palace.



When the whole court was assembled, the prophet shocked everyone by bringing in Cyrus at the right moment and he took over the kingdom from the wicked regent (ruler).



Perhaps Cyrus had a signet ring, or a pendant, or something that proved who he was.

For their help Cyrus then did a favour for the Jews, and released them.



How long is it from 586 B.C. (the Fall of Jerusalem) to 516 B.C. when Cyrus issued his proclamation to free the Jews?

Exactly 70 years! Which is exactly the length of time that the Lord prophesied in the Book of Jeremiah, chapter 25, verse 11, that Israel would be in bondage as the slaves of Babylon!

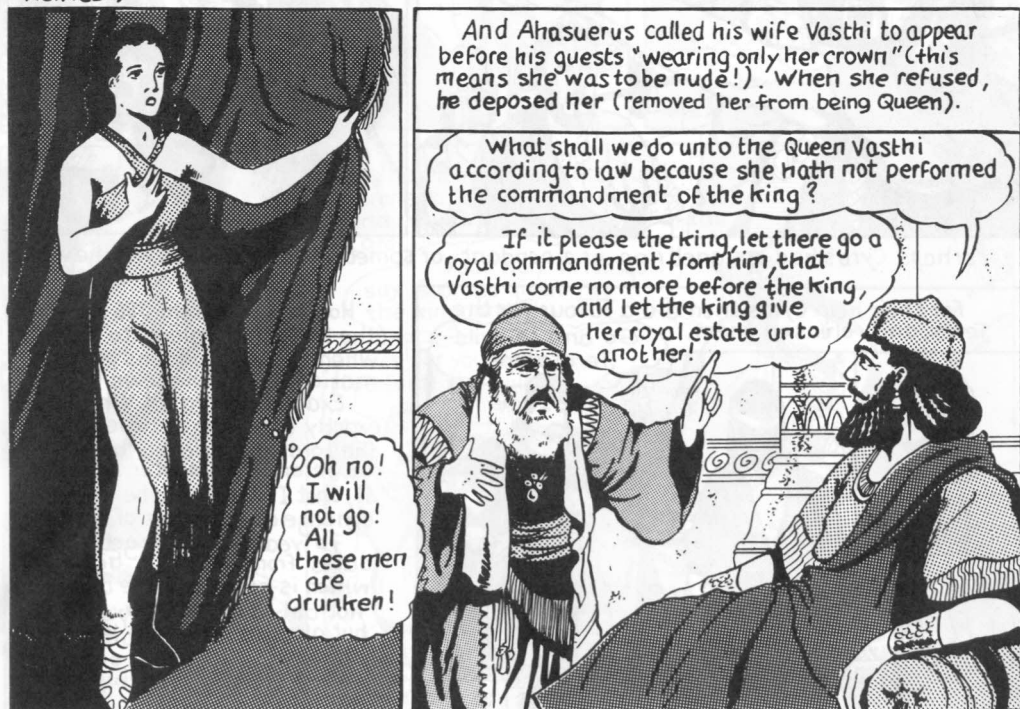
70 years! And we get these dates from secular* history; which is proof that the Bible is not only a good history book but also the inspired Word of God!

*(Worldly; not religious.)

The books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther tell the history of how the Jews returned out of Babylon to rebuild the temple at Jerusalem, and restore their home land. The prophets Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi lived during this time, a period of about 100 years from 536-432 B.C. It was also at this time that Esther, a Jewess, became the Queen of Persia, and saved her people from massacre. (Esther 1)
 Ahasuerus, at his great palace at Shushan (Susa), was having a feast ...



(NOTE: Ahasuerus, the king who married Esther is said by the Jewish historian Josephus to have been Artaxerxes, although some modern historians think that perhaps it was Xerxes.)

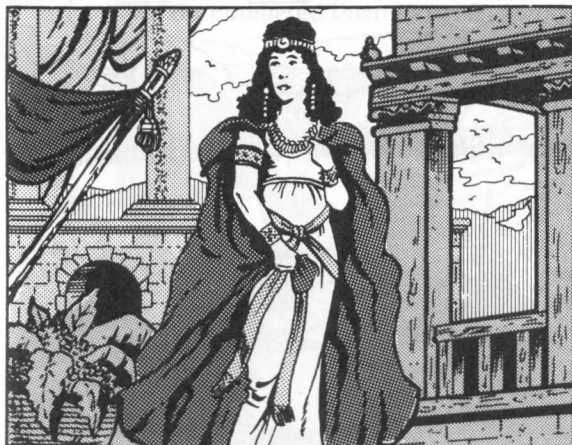
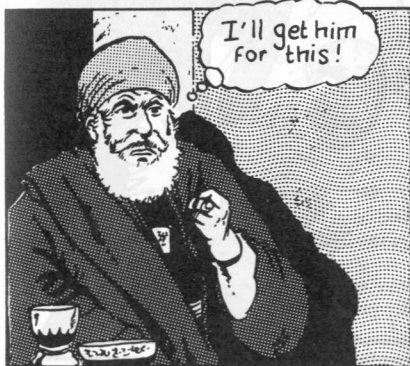




Haman, one of the king's chamberlains, proposed to have the Jews annihilated, and was further prompted to do so because of the refusal of Mordecai, a Jew, and a lesser member of the government, to bow down and reverence him! *(completely destroyed)

It was the same Mordecai who had reared Esther, and also on one occasion saved the king's life. Because of Esther's courage, the Jews were saved, Haman was hanged ...

(ESTHER 6,7)



... and Mordecai took his place as one of the influential rulers of the Medo-Persian Empire. Certainly God used Esther's and Mordecai's influence to make it possible for Ezra and Nehemiah to return to Jerusalem and begin the restoration of the city.

In 453 B.C., Artaxerxes Longimanus, king of the Medes and Persians, gave Nehemiah the commandment to go forth and rebuild Jerusalem.

There were several proclamations made to release the Jews and let them return to Israel to rebuild the temple, but the principal proclamation to rebuild the city of Jerusalem itself, was made by Artaxerxes the Great in 453 B.C.

Before either the Medo-Persian or Grecian Empires ever ruled, the prophet Daniel, in the year 539 B.C., predicted that war would be fought between these two World Empires, and prophesied its outcome — a Greek victory!

It was precisely fulfilled just as he predicted, over 200 years later, in 333 B.C.! This remarkable vision of Daniel chapter 8 begins with this prophecy regarding the conflict between Medo-Persia and Alexander the Great of Greece! (Dan. 8:1-7, 20, 21)

And I saw in a vision before the river a ram which had two horns; one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last.

I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward...

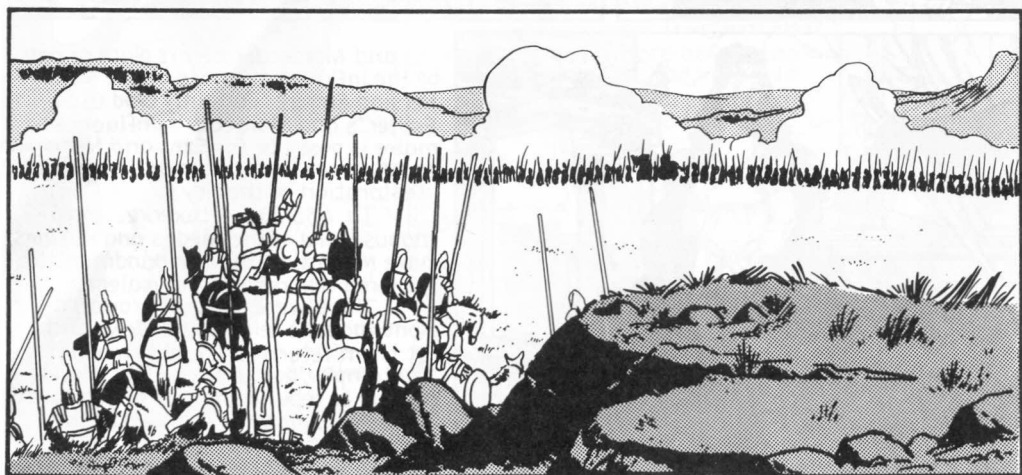


The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. (The Medo-Persian Empire was a dual power, "two horns," but the Persians were the stronger of the two: "one was higher than the other".)



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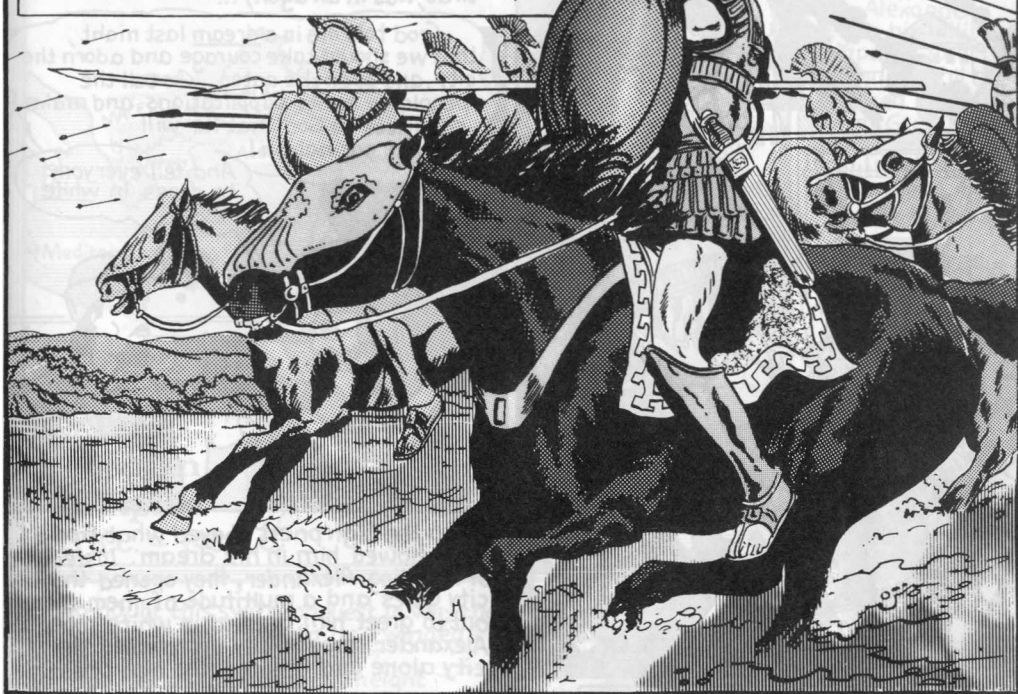
... And as I was considering, behold an he-goat came from the west on the face of the whole Earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes ... and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and stamped upon him... The rough goat is the king of Grecia...



The he-goat of Greece, with its "Great Horn", Alexander the Great, furiously bounded from the west (Greece) to destroy the ram of Persia.

During this war, the Persian kings put nearly 5 million men into battle, one of the largest war machines ever assembled in all history!

CHARGE!!



Yet Alexander, with a force of only 500,000 men, outnumbered 10 to 1, totally routed this superior force and did it with very few casualties.

God was behind the Greeks in these battles in order to prepare the World for the coming of Christ by giving the World a common language - Greek - and awakening a great interest in philosophy and religion through the Hellenistic (Greek) culture.

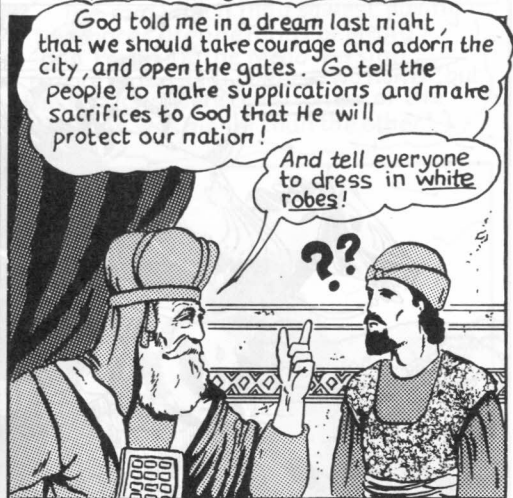
How? How could the Greeks have won?!

We outnumbered them 10 to 1!!





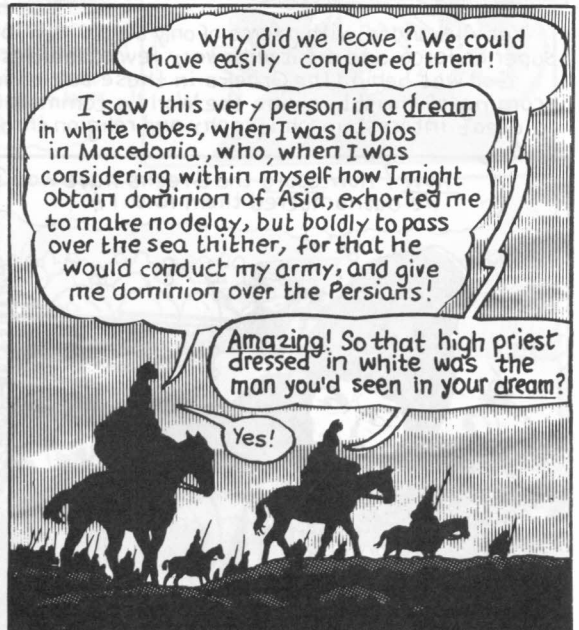
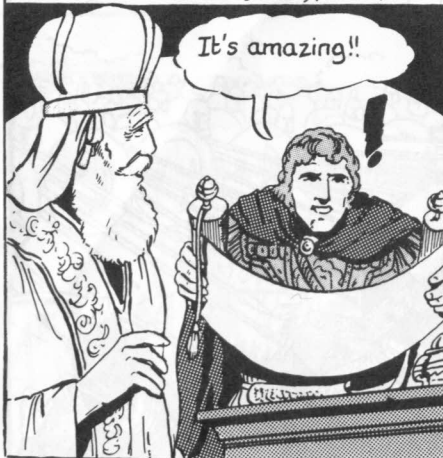
In fact, it was this prophecy of Dan.8 which saved Israel when Alexander came to Jerusalem during the course of his conquests!
 "Now Alexander, when he had taken Gaza, made haste to go up to Jerusalem, and Jaddua the high priest, when he heard that, was in an agony..."



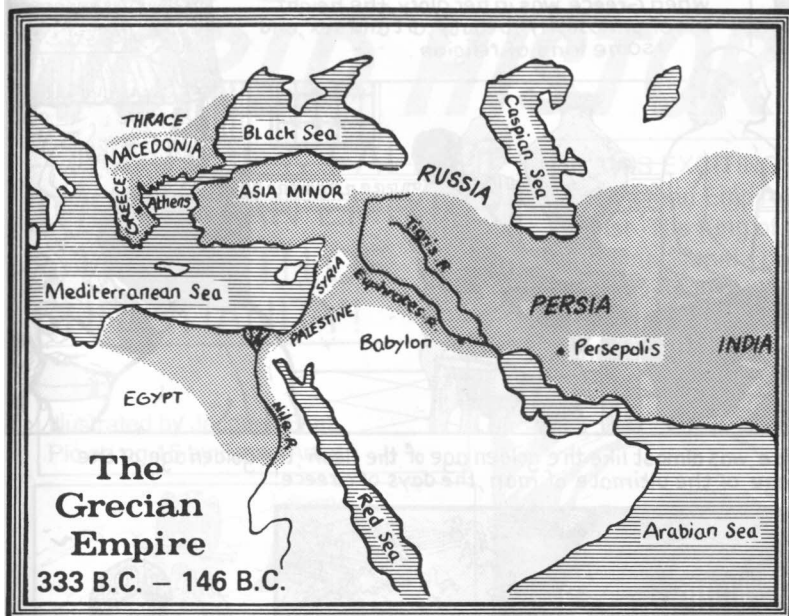
So the high priest obeyed what God had showed him in his dream. Instead of resisting Alexander, they opened the city gates and a multitude of them came out to greet him, dressed in white robes. Alexander respectfully approached the city alone and greeted the high priest.

The Jews took him and showed him the scroll of this prophecy that named his empire, and it so pleased Alexander that he left Israel alone and didn't ravage it as he had all the other nations that he conquered.

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THE GRECIAN EMPIRE



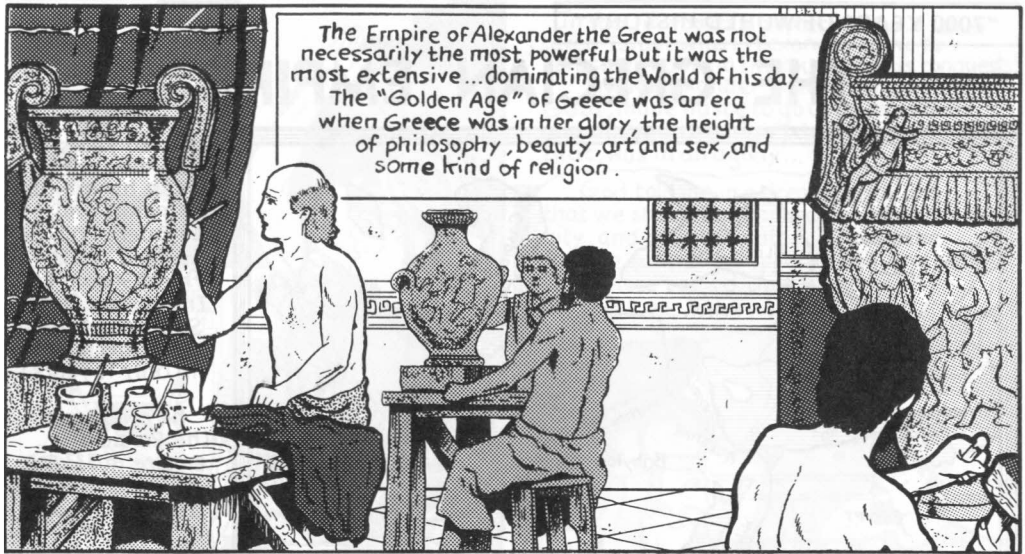
At 20 years of age, Alexander began his military campaign and conquered all the civilised World from Greece to India, and from Southern Russia to Northern Africa, in only 10 years!

He conquered the Persian Empire in 333 B.C. at the battle of Issus.

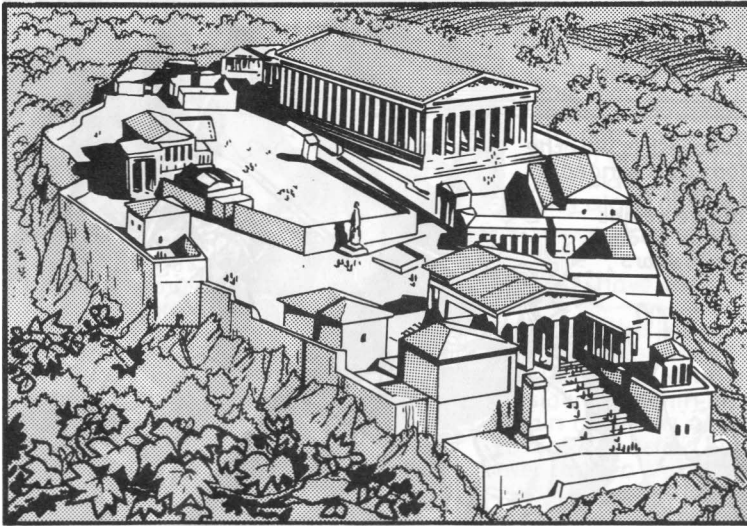
No doubt this swift conquest is why the Lord pictured his kingdom as a winged leopard in the vision of Daniel 7.

But just as he was at the height of his power, "when he was strong", at the young age of only 33 years, Alexander died.





That age, in a sense, was almost like the golden age of the flesh, the golden age of the material, the golden age of the ultimate of man, the days of Greece!



The Greeks had the right idea of beauty: to them the female form was more attractive just thinly clad or draped, partially clothed. The Greeks were great on sex! They were great advocates of sex!

Great on art--beautiful statues that showed you all the sex parts on the statue and everything.

They were great advocates of beauty, health, sex and all those things. That was probably the most outstanding thing about the Greeks--their body-building and health laws and their advocacy of sex!

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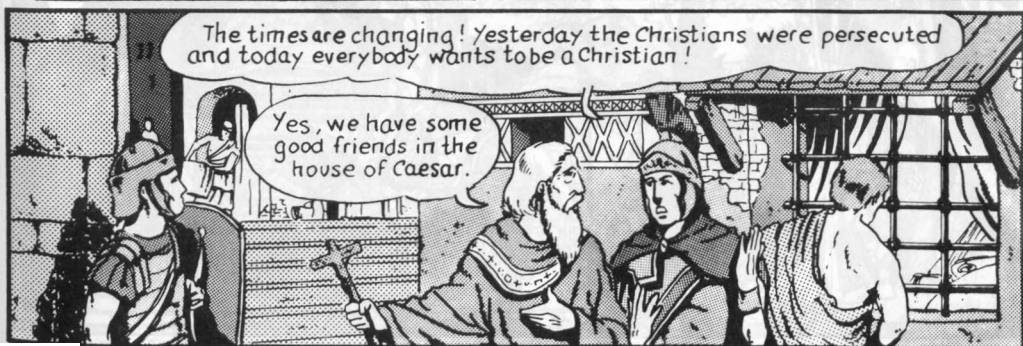
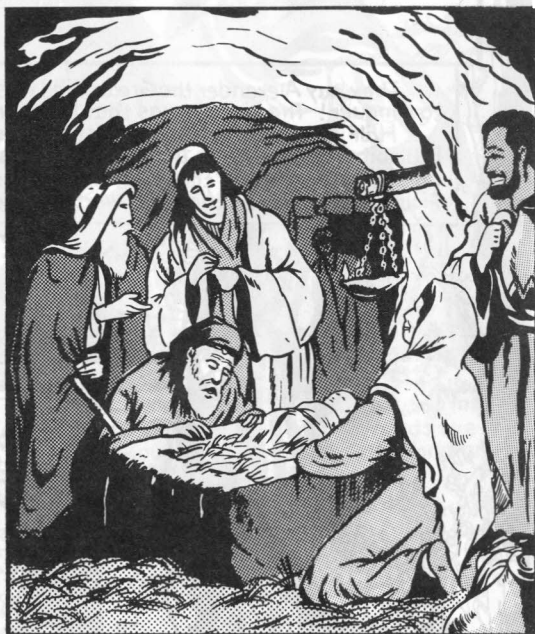
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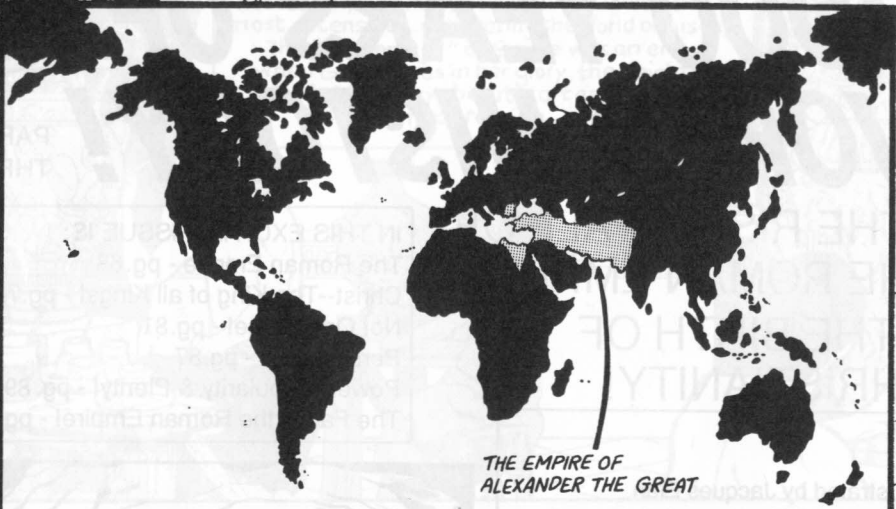
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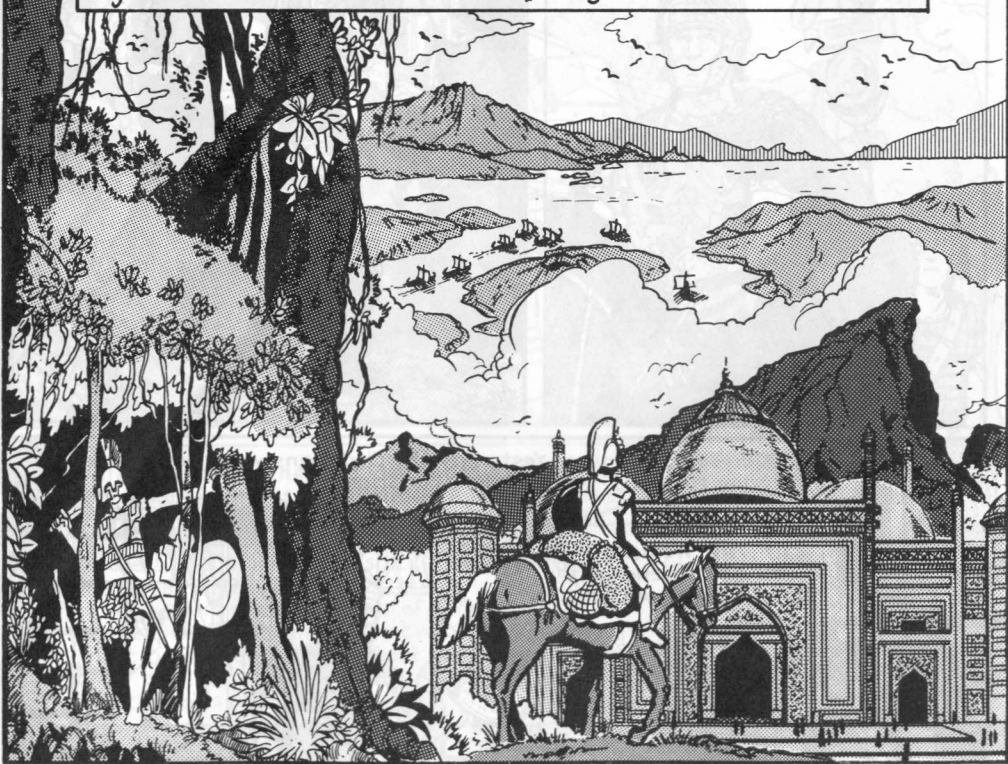
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THE EMPIRE OF
ALEXANDER THE GREAT

They say Alexander the Great died weeping that there were no more Worlds to conquer! The big joke was that he hadn't even begun to conquer this World! Half of the World hadn't even been discovered yet, and all he had was a little bit from Greece to India, but because he had discovered and conquered all the known World that they considered worth anything or valuable, they figured that was all that was worth conquering.



why go off and conquer all these barbarians and natives? We've conquered the major empires and nations, so there's nothing left!



Apparently, he made a slight mistake! Rome was a bunch of barbarians — why bother with them? ... So Rome finally conquered him and established an Empire that went much further than he ever went — England and Spain and other places Alexander hardly ever heard of!

So the Grecians think we Romans are barbarians?! Ha! -- We'll show them whose civilization is greater!

It was only because he was so blinded by his own egotism and drunken with power and conquest and glory as well as with liquor! — Conquerors are never satisfied!

They say he died with his boots on, drunk somewhere in Persia or in the city of Babylon... revelling in his drunkenness, weeping and dying because there were no more Worlds to conquer !!



Where? ... No more Worlds to conquer !! I'm dying ...



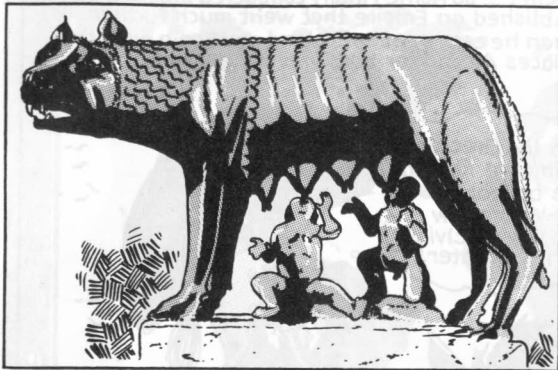
When Alexander fell, his four generals divided his empire up into four major divisions towards the four winds — East, West, North and South!



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(As the map on pg. 2 shows, these 4 divisions each contained a great deal more land than these present nations' boundaries. -- The Syrian part stretched all the way to India!)



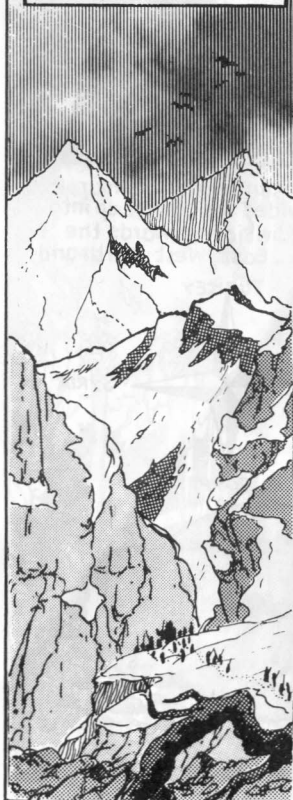
(Statue of Romulus & Remus being nursed by a she-wolf)

THE ROMAN EMPIRE

New Empires don't start just suddenly. Historians can only give a date for a time when the Empire became the foremost dominant power, which is usually when they succeed in conquering their most powerful opponent.

Popular legends say that Rome was founded by Romulus and Remus, twins brought up by a she-wolf.

In 218 B.C. Hannibal the Great Carthaginian commander, successfully led his army on elephants, from Spain through Gaul (France) over the Alps ...



...and took the Romans by surprise and won a great battle.

Charge!!
We're winning!



Then the Romans began to win.

Why? we were so close to the victory!

My shoulder! I'm hit!

Hannibal was forced to return to Africa and shortly the Romans gained control.

We lost most of our men for nothing!

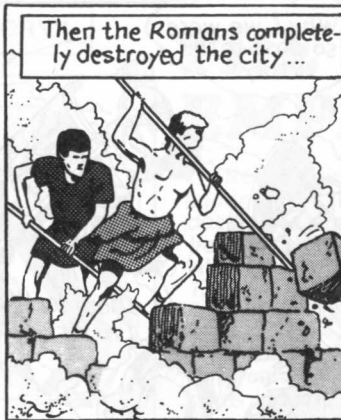
Carthage was a great rival commercial city in Northern Africa originally founded by the Phoenicians and which grew in strength after 300 B.C. after the decline of Greek power and influence.

Finally the Romans decided to destroy Carthage completely and after a three-year siege of the city they burned it to the ground in 146 B.C.

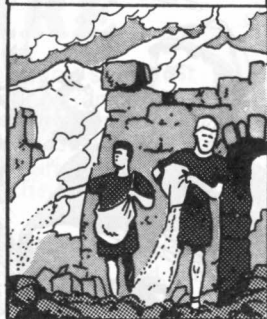
Carthage fought to the finish...



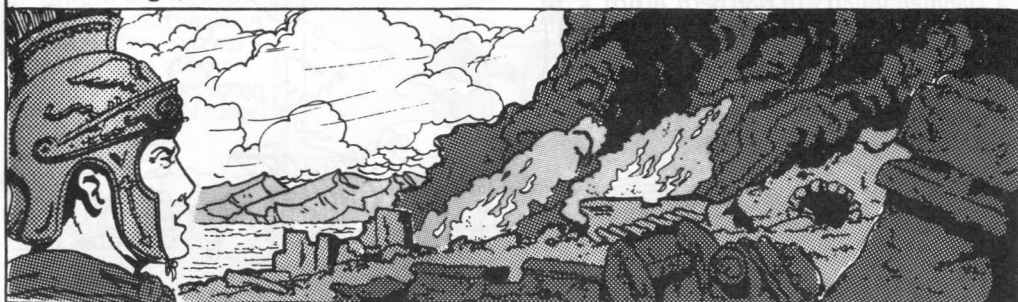
Then the Romans completely destroyed the city...



... even covering it with salt so nothing would grow there!



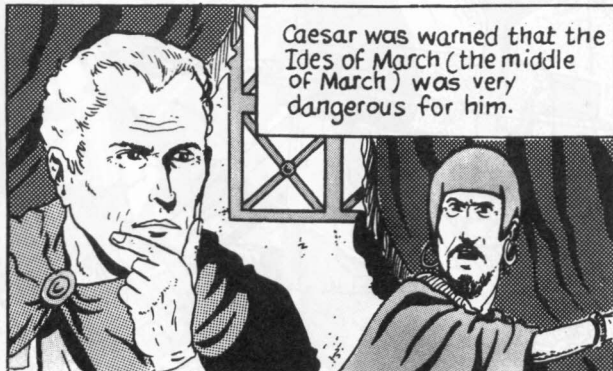
In a sense the Grecian Empire died completely when Rome burned Carthage, for the burning of Carthage marked the beginning of Rome as a rising power!

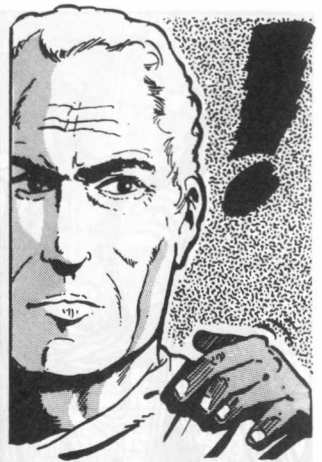


However, the period of the Classical Roman Empire which was ruled by the Caesars is more often associated with the reign of Augustus Caesar, which began shortly after 44 B.C. when Julius Caesar was killed by his dearest bosom friend Brutus!



Caesar was warned that the Ides of March (the middle of March) was very dangerous for him.





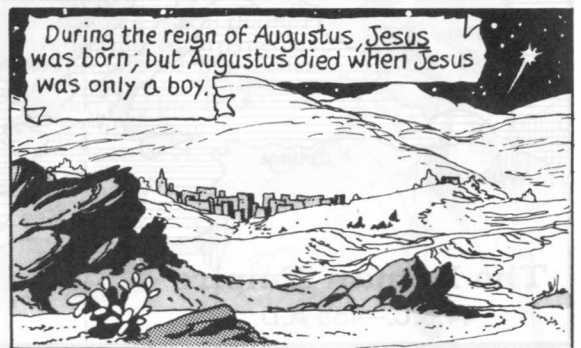
(* Latin meaning, "You, too, have betrayed me, Brutus?")

Julius Caesar was the greatest Caesar Rome ever had, he was a good dictator that really brought Rome together by his powerful rule and then he was assassinated by his own friends for fear of that same dictatorial power!

After 44 B.C. the Roman Empire existed in name as well as in power!



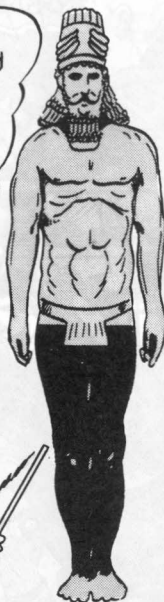
Octavius was named Augustus (the majestic one) and because he was the leader of the army he was called the "Emperor". He became the first Emperor of Rome's great World Empire. (The month of August is named after him.)



The senate made a law that Augustus should be worshiped as a god. Roman soldiers would set up an image of the Emperor in their camp and would say their prayers in front of the Emperor's image!

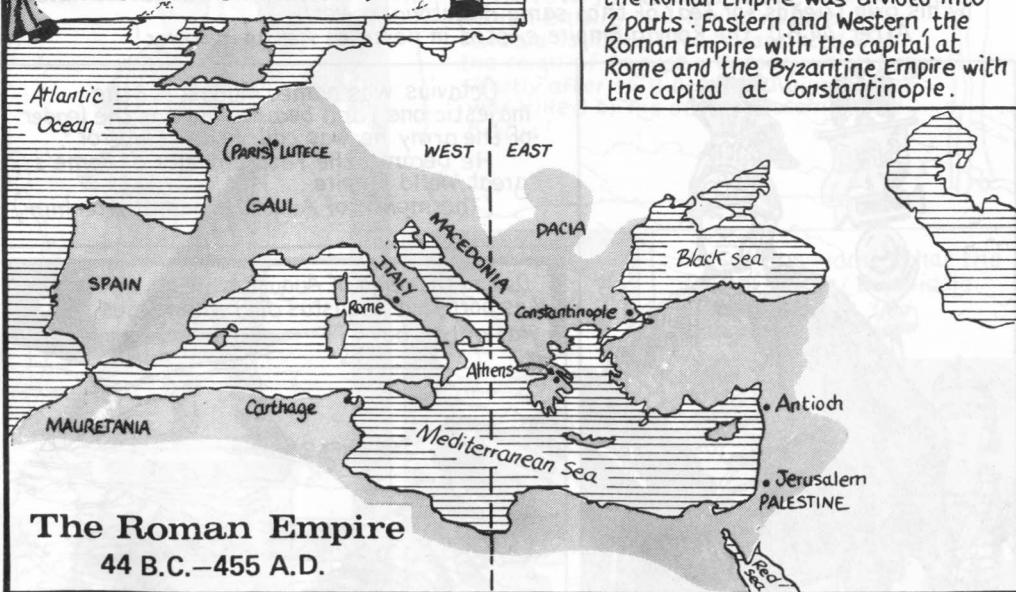


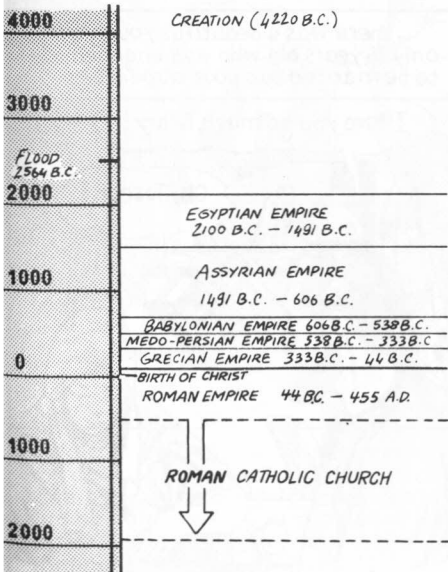
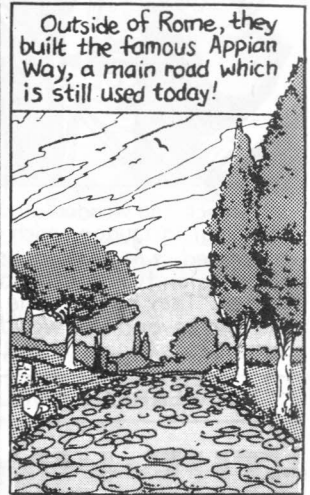
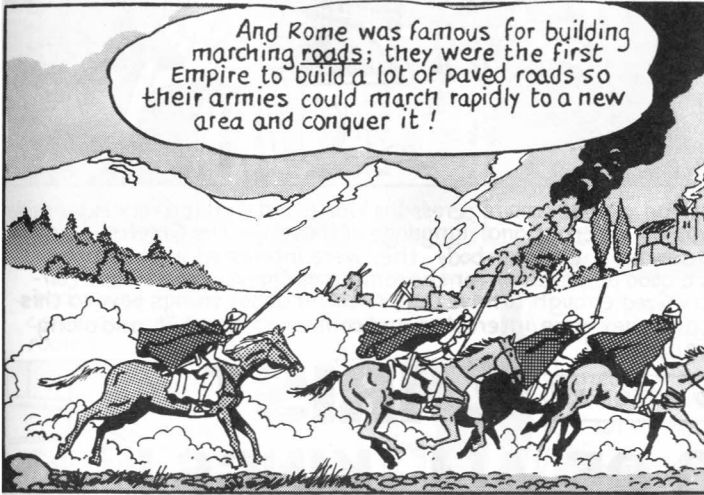
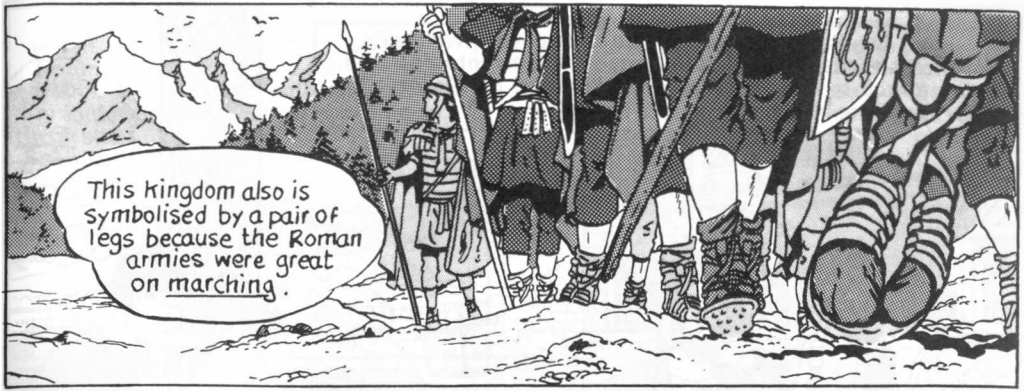
Rome was the iron kingdom that conquered Alexander and his kingdom of Greece, and what was the part of the body following the belly and thighs of brass of the Image of Daniel 2?
-- a pair of legs made of iron!
-- Rome!



"And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." (Daniel 2:40)

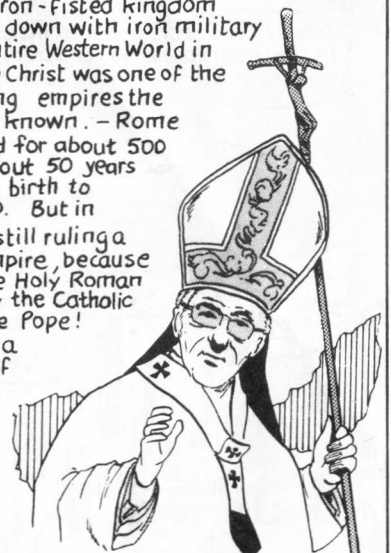
So Rome was the strongest part of the Image like iron, but also was symbolised as a pair of legs because the Roman Empire was divided into 2 parts: Eastern and Western, the Roman Empire with the capital at Rome and the Byzantine Empire with the capital at Constantinople.





The tough iron-fisted kingdom which clamped down with iron military rule over the entire Western World in the days before Christ was one of the longest-reigning empires the World has ever known. - Rome ruled the World for about 500 years, from about 50 years before Christ's birth to around 450 A.D. But in fact Rome is still ruling a Worldwide empire, because it became the Holy Roman Empire run by the Catholic church and the Pope!

It's literally a continuation of the Roman Empire and still rules a great deal of the World today!



God used the Roman Empire to bring about Worldwide peace and easy international travel with an international language to help the Early Church spread the Gospel around the World.

But what is the Truth in life?



Greece had wonderfully spread a great empire across the World and with it a very expressive, beautiful language which was the international language of that day. The Greeks were interested in more than just sex and the human body; they were interested in philosophy and religion too, which was a good preparation for the coming of Christ. People were concerned. They had become civilized enough to have time to think about things beyond this life and beyond this World, and they were interested and concerned about it, and along came Jesus to give them the answer!

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CHRIST

-THE KING OF ALL KINGS!

Nearly 2,000 years ago, in a little village in Northern Palestine, or Israel, named Nazareth ...



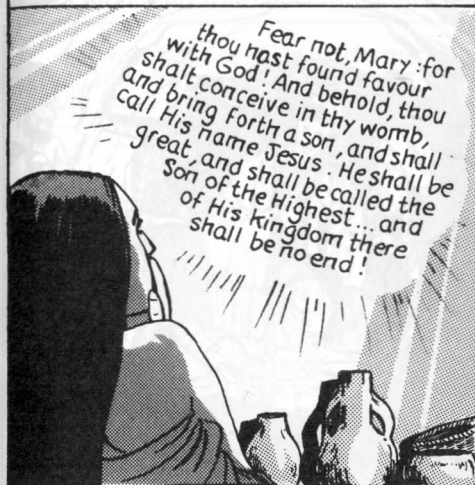
... there was a beautiful young girl only 16 years old who was engaged to be married to a poor carpenter.

I love you so much, Mary!

Oh, Joseph!



And one night not long before they were to get married, a light suddenly began to shine in Mary's room, brighter than the sun, but it didn't hurt her eyes! And suddenly an angel appeared to her!



So they knocked on the door of the Inn - that's the hotel - and the Innkeeper came out and they asked if he had any rooms.



Well, thank God, the dear Innkeeper was at least kind-hearted enough to take pity on the big pregnant woman, and he said: "Well, you can go out there in the stable -- you can stay in the barn tonight!"

In Matthew it tells us how an angel of the Lord also appeared to Joseph in a dream to prepare him for the shocking news!

Just about the time Mary was about to have Jesus, Caesar Augustus sent out an edict, or law, that everybody in the whole World had to go back to their hometown where they were born to pay their taxes!

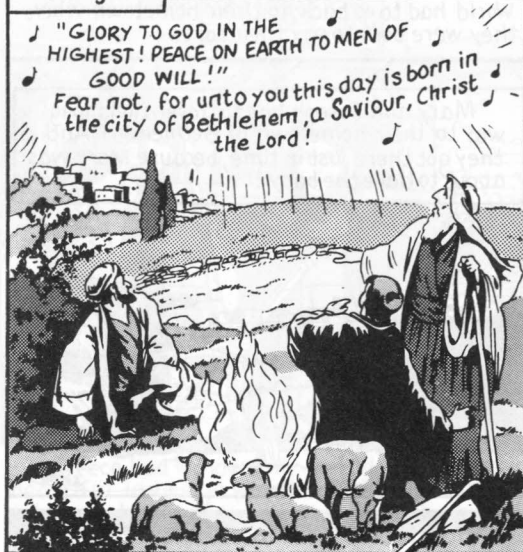
Mary and Joseph had to travel a long, long way to their hometown of Bethlehem. And they got there just in time, because Mary was about to have the baby!



So Mary had the baby right there in the barn! - And she wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes - That means like little baby blankets. And she laid Him in a manger - an animal feedtrough!



Some shepherds were out there watching their flocks by night, sleeping on the ground under the trees. And all of a sudden a big bright light burst on them from the sky, and a whole bunch of angels appeared and began to sing...

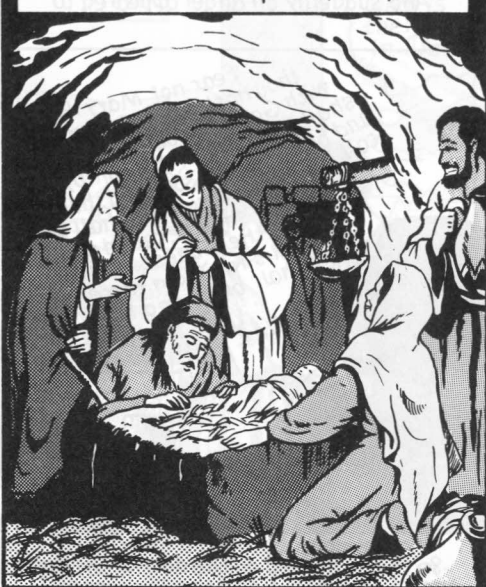


It was about two years later that the Wise men came from the East. They apparently were astrologers and they read it in the stars that a great king had been born in Israel.

And the Lord showed them a star that travelled and led them right to the house where Jesus was living!



So the shepherds found Jesus in the manger and they knelt down and praised the Lord and sang and must have made Mary and Joseph very happy!



They went to Bethlehem and there they found Jesus! They had three kinds of gifts: Frankincense, Myrrh, and gold.

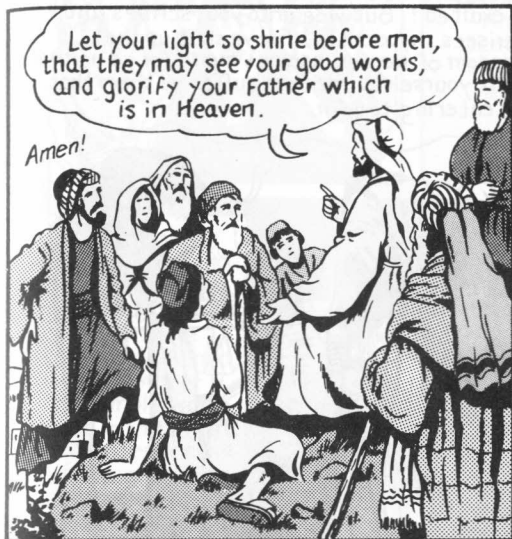


The gift of Frankincense signified that He was God--the Son of God! Frankincense was a lovely perfume that you gave to kings and the Son of God, but Myrrh was a sad perfume which showed that He was not only a king, but He was going to die for us.

And the chest of gold coins was so they'd have plenty of money to live on when they had to flee to Egypt soon after.

So that's the story of the birth of Jesus, nearly 2,000 years ago! Jesus was a simple man Who only taught and lived love and sharing! – That was something they could understand! The simple people loved Him, because they knew He loved them! He went everywhere doing good and was trying to help them to be free!

He came down here and died for them and never showed anything but love for everybody. Jesus had what they wanted, so they continued to follow Him even though they didn't always understand Him nor approve of what He said.



He gave, and still gives, eternal life and hope to all that believe on Him.

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God!

How can a man be born when he is old?

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit! – Ye must be born again!



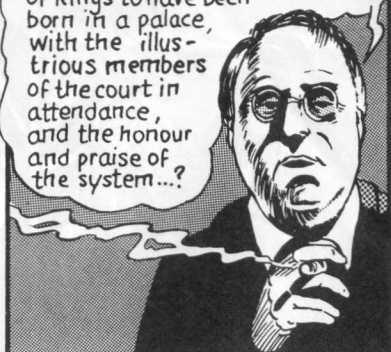
"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name; Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God!" (John 1:12,13)

"For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life!" (Jn. 3:16)

Salvation is just that simple! All you have to do is receive Jesus, God's Son, as your Saviour by asking Him into your heart!

But some will say:

Wouldn't it have been much more respectable and acceptable for the king of kings to have been born in a palace, with the illustrious members of the court in attendance, and the honour and praise of the system...?



Wouldn't it have been better for Him to have lived a little bit more decently and acceptably, instead of being born in another man's stable, scrounging His food in another man's field and sleeping in other people's houses?!

He was too often in the company of drunks and harlots, a law-breaker and a rabble-rouser, and a disturber of the peace!!



Oh Lord Jesus! How can they say such bad things! You're so sweet, so loving, I love you, my dear Jesus!

But when Jesus began to openly expose the religious leaders for their own sins and hypocrisy and to warn the world against their wicked ways ...

Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted! But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men, for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.



... these enemies of the truth became very afraid of Him, and frightened at the rapid progress of His new unorthodox, unchurched movement of multitudes of mounting converts to God's only law of love!

This Jesus goes against our laws! We must kill Him!!



But all the people love Him! That could cause a riot!



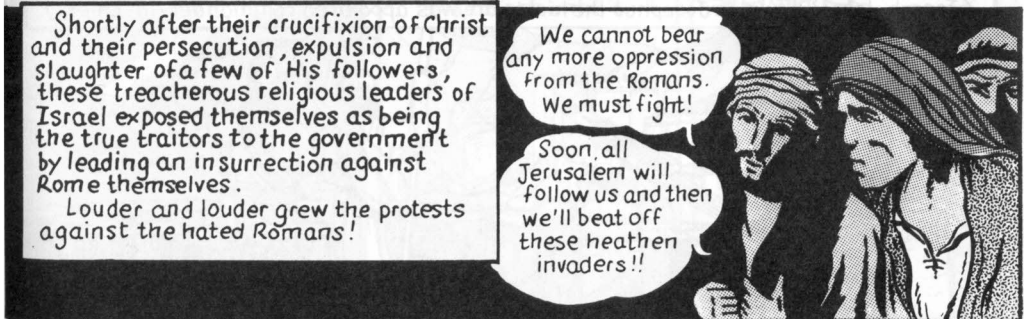
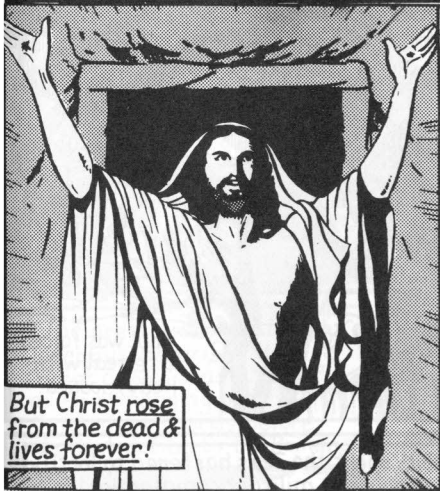
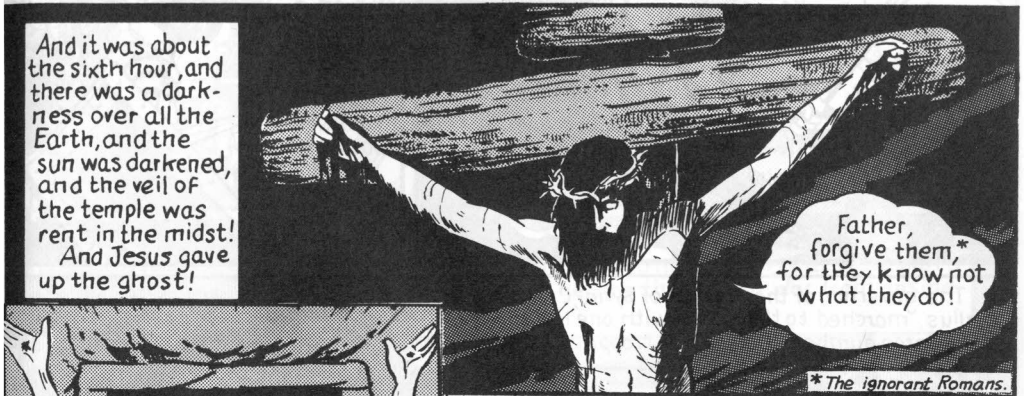
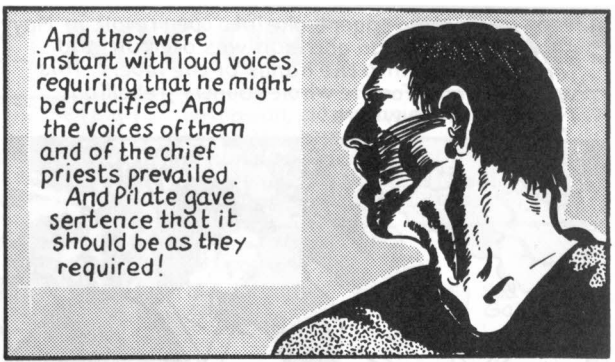
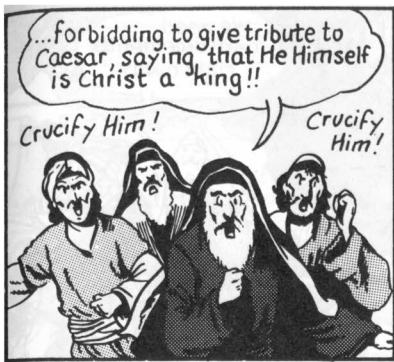
So the Romans will kill Him! Let's see Pilate!



The religious leaders of Israel used false accusations with the Roman Government to accuse Him of treason and sedition.

We found this fellow perverting the nation...



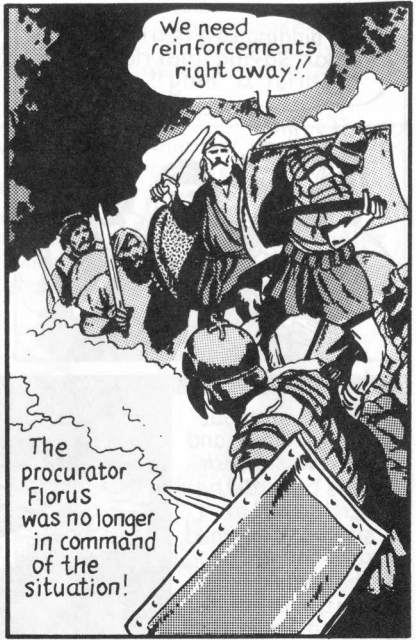


This mounting anger broke into open revolt in May 66 A.D.; the Roman garrison was overrun, and Jerusalem fell into the hands of the rebels. This was the signal for the whole country, rebellion flared up everywhere!



We need reinforcements right away!!

The procurator Florus was no longer in command of the situation!



The governor of the province of Syria, C. Cestius Gallus, marched to the rescue with one legion and a large number of auxiliary troops.



But was forced to retreat with heavy losses!

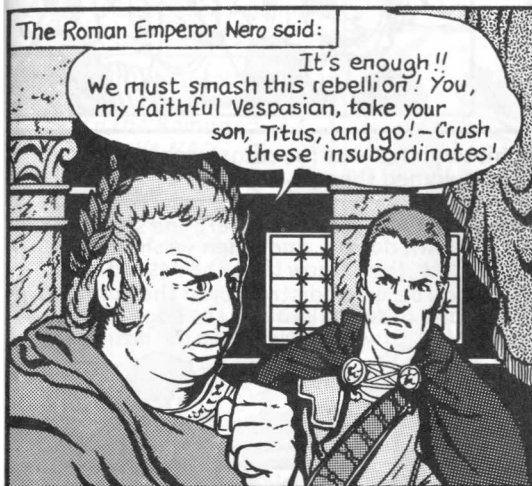


Being certain that Rome would strike back with all its might, the Jews hastened to fortify the cities. They repaired the old defence walls and appointed military commandants. (Joseph, later known as Josephus the historian, was appointed commander-in-chief.)

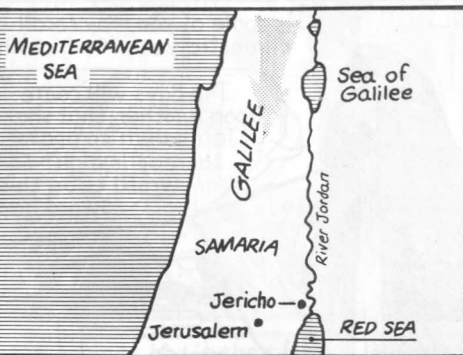


The Roman Emperor Nero said:

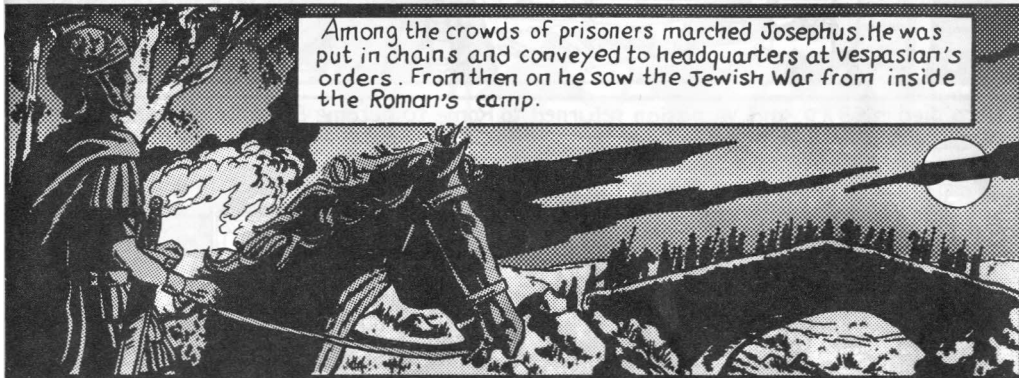
It's enough!!
We must smash this rebellion! You,
my faithful Vespasian, take your
son, Titus, and go!—Crush
these insubordinates!



Vespasian, accompanied by Titus, took three of the best legions in the army and numerous auxiliaries and attacked Galilee from the north. The whole of Galilee was subdued by October 67 A.D.



Among the crowds of prisoners marched Josephus. He was put in chains and conveyed to headquarters at Vespasian's orders. From then on he saw the Jewish War from inside the Roman's camp.



The great Jewish historian Josephus described Halley's Comet of 66 A.D. as a "Sword of Fire" hanging over Jerusalem shortly before its destruction by the Romans.



In the year 70 A.D. a certain prophet of the Lord warned the Early Christians of impending disaster:

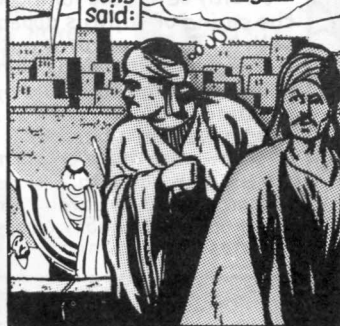
Flee the country and the city, across the Jordan and into the wilderness until it is over...



...and you will be spared!
God will keep you!!

But the Jews said:

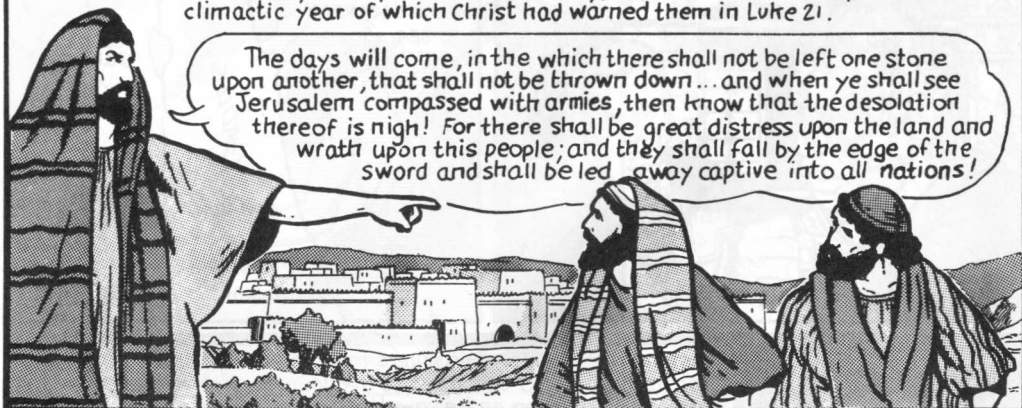
But we will stay & fight!



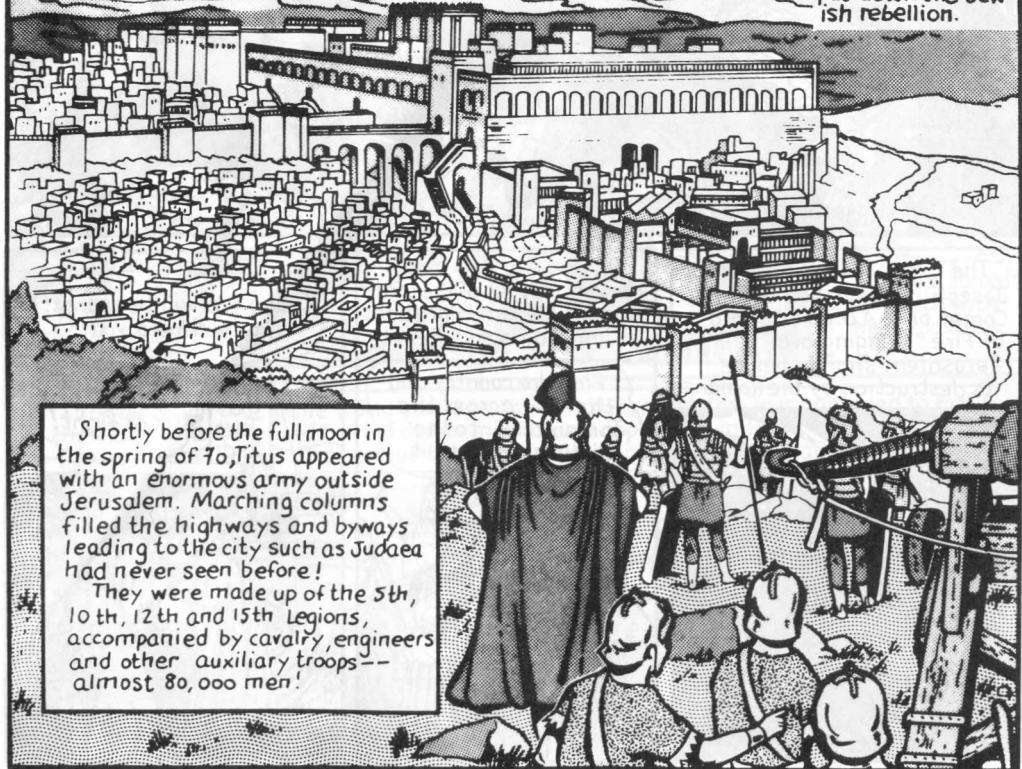
Meanwhile, a false prophet of the Jews told the Jews who had not turned to Christ, but had clung to the ritualistic Temple worship, that if they would flee into their Temple and resist the oncoming armies of the Romans, they would be spared by God in the surroundings of their "sacred" Temple.



As some of you may recall from history, that was the catastrophic and climactic year of which Christ had warned them in Luke 21.



Nero died in 68 A.D. and Vespasian returned to Rome to become Emperor, leaving Titus to put down the Jewish rebellion.



Sure enough, just like Jesus said, exactly 40 years later after the Jews had crucified Him, the armies of Emperor Vespasian marched into Israel under General Titus.

A call to surrender was met with derisive laughter.

NEVER!! We'd rather die than surrender to the Romans!!
HA, HA, HA!

Then Titus replied with the command to attack!



The siege engines had in the space of two weeks made a gaping hole in the most northerly wall.



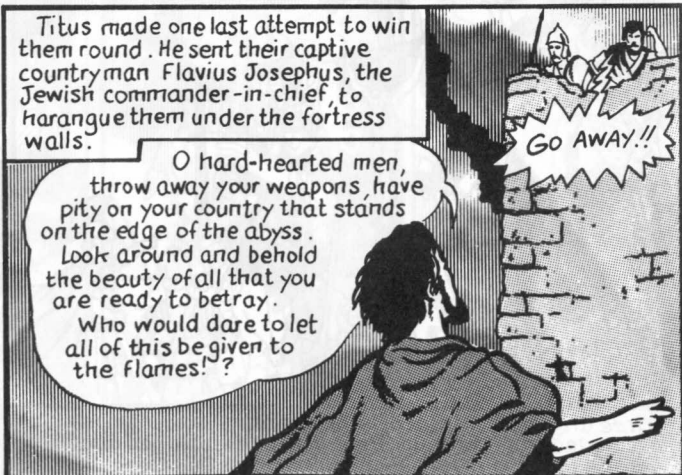
Convinced that in view of this situation Jerusalem would surrender, Titus called off the attack.

Stop the attack! We'll give the Jews a new chance to surrender!



Titus made one last attempt to win them round. He sent their captive countryman Flavius Josephus, the Jewish commander-in-chief, to harangue them under the fortress walls.

O hard-hearted men, throw away your weapons, have pity on your country that stands on the edge of the abyss. Look around and behold the beauty of all that you are ready to betray. Who would dare to let all of this be given to the flames!?



GO AWAY!!

In heartrending words, Josephus reminded the Jews of the great deeds of the past, of their forefathers, of their history, of the mission of Israel — his exhortations and pleas fell on deaf ears.

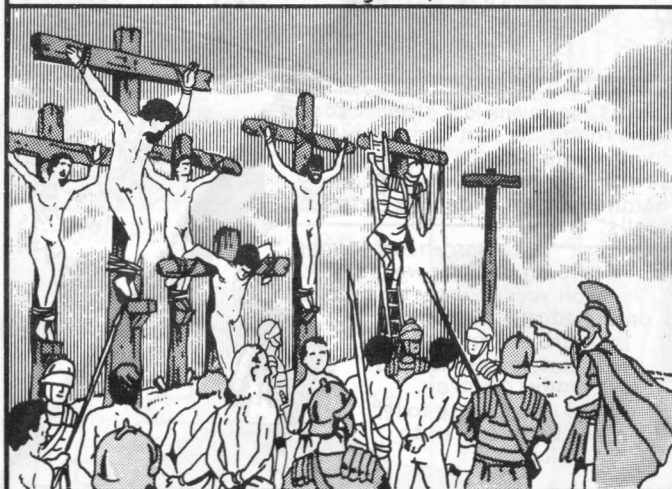
The battle began anew from the second wall and surged against the castle of Antonia.



When darkness set in, the Roman camp was surrounded by swarms of deserters who had crept out of their hiding places or through subterranean passages or over the walls.



Titus ordered reprisals to be made against these fleeing Jewish rebels and deserters. Anyone caught outside — deserters, raiders or foragers — was to be crucified. Mercenaries nailed 500 of them every day to crosses just outside the city. Gradually a whole forest of crosses sprang up on the hillside till the lack of wood called a halt to the vengeful practice!

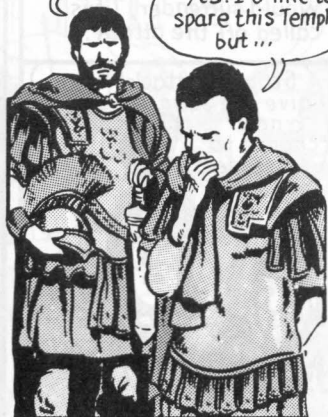


Tree after tree was sacrificed for crosses, siege ramps, scaling ladders and camp fires. The vineyards had disappeared as had the market gardens, the wealth of fig-trees...

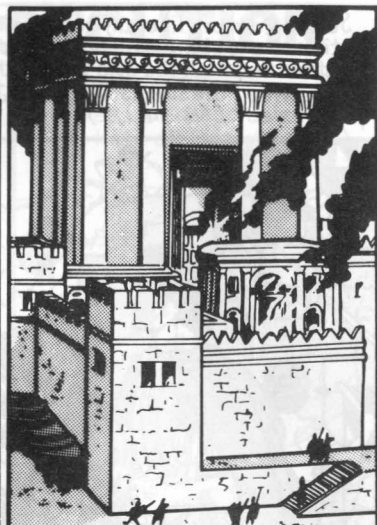
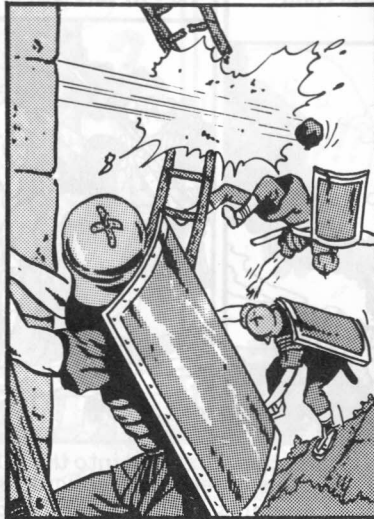
At the beginning of July the soldiers stormed the Tower of Antonia. The castle on whose "Pavement" Jesus had been sentenced to death, was razed to its foundations.

The last group of Jewish rebels shut themselves in the Temple!
My men are waiting for the orders to attack!

Yes. I'd like to spare this Temple, but ...



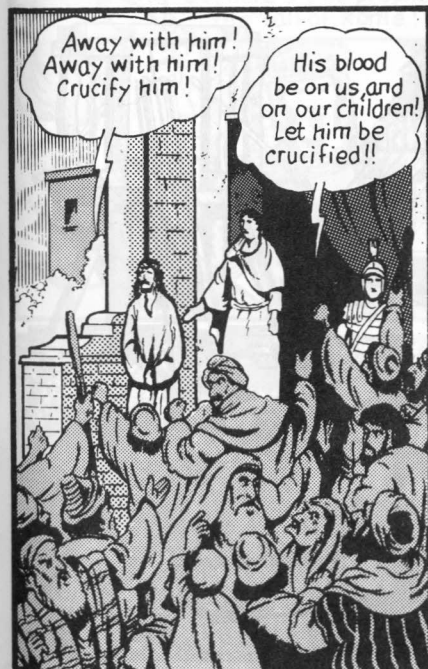
The Jews fought like men possessed of demons and did not yield an inch! More than once legionaries on scaling ladders reached the perimeter wall. Every time they were thrown back.



In order to force an entry, Titus set fire to the wooden Temple gates.

The armies of General Titus crushed the rebellion of the Jews, destroyed Jerusalem, burned the Temple with thousands of Jews inside it who had fled there for refuge on the words of their false prophet, and were burned alive, while a million Jews were slaughtered and 100,000 of them crucified on the hills surrounding Jerusalem! Their Holy city and Temple were destroyed!

God judged them according to their own self-cursing cry at His crucifixion:



Away with him!
Away with him!
Crucify him!

His blood
be on us, and
on our children!
Let him be
crucified!!

Titus commanded them to "Spare the sanctuary" but one maddened soldier flung a torch through the "Golden Window". Soon the sacred jars of oil and wood panelling were ablaze.



RAZE TO THE
GROUND THIS
WHOLE CITY AND
THE TEMPLE!!

So the Romans literally tore the Temple apart until not one stone was left standing upon another to get all the gold that had melted and run between the stones - Just as Jesus had prophesied! (Mt. 24:1, 2)



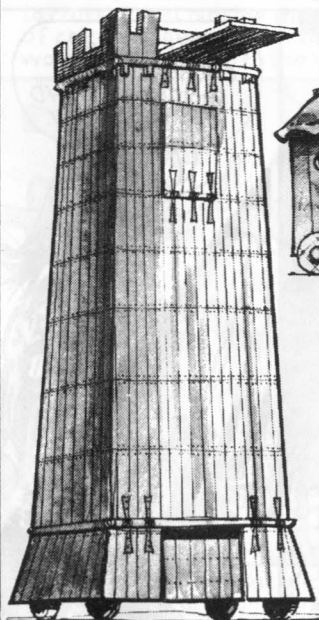
The greatest part of the population of the Promised Land, which was not massacred in the bloody Jewish War of 66 - 70 was sold into slavery!



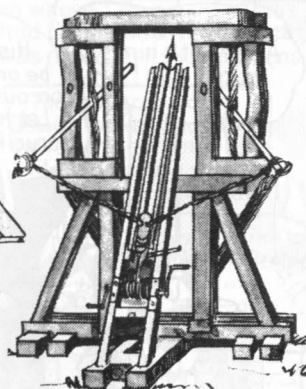
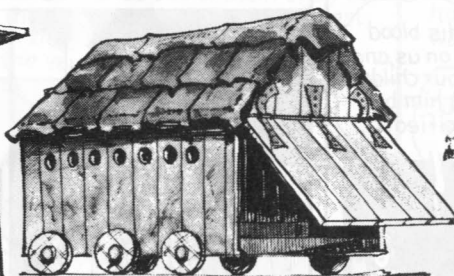
But the Christians who had fled across the water and into the wilderness were saved from this horrible holocaust, and were able to return afterward to view the awful remains of the wrath of God on their enemies, including the Temple, which had been torn apart. — (The present-day Wailing Wall incidentally, was not part of the ancient Temple itself, as so often falsely claimed today by the Jews to "prove" that Jesus' prophecy was not completely fulfilled. It was actually only a retaining wall for the earthen enclosure upon which the Temple stood. Don't let them kid you! - even the stones and pillars of the Temple were carried away by the Crusaders to build some of the big Catholic churches in the area.)

— HERE'S A SAMPLE OF WAR MACHINES THE ROMANS USED TO BESIEGE A CITY. —

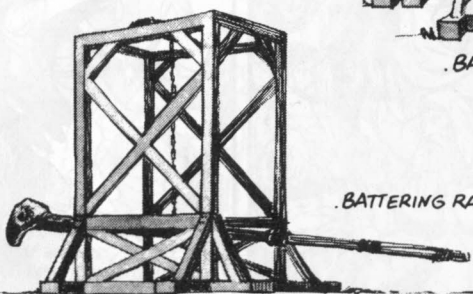
.MOBILE TOWER.



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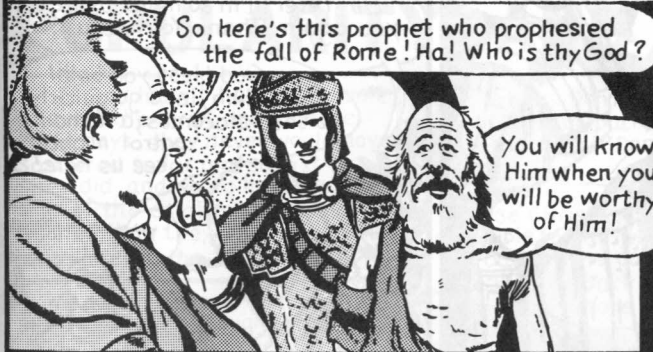
.BATTERING RAM.

PERSECUTION

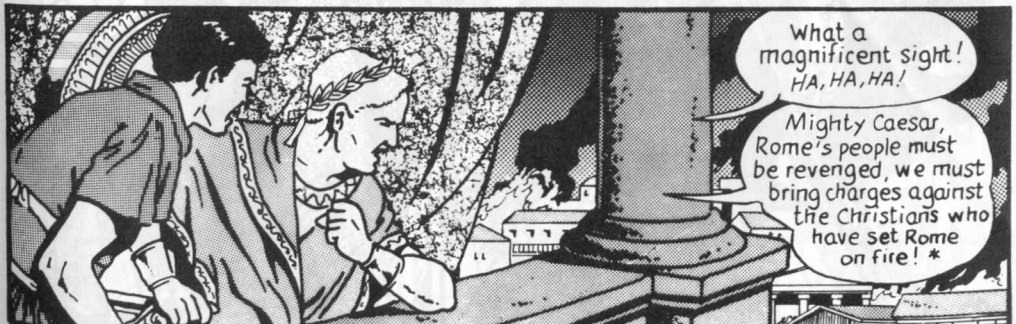


The more men try to suppress the truth and crush its followers, the more the true believers grow and the faster they follow, until stopping them is like trying to stem the flood with a surfboard or empty the ocean with a teacup, and they that try to stop them are themselves overthrown and washed away!

About 50 A.D., many Romans were becoming Christians, & the Roman Emperor, Nero, began to persecute them.



When the Apostles prophesied the appalling fall of the Roman Empire, Nero exiled, beheaded, crucified, burned and fed them to the lions!



(* The Christians, however, had not set Rome on fire! -- The Roman Emperor Nero had set it on fire!)



The martyrs were villified, pilloried, tortured, torn apart and sawn asunder by the pagans who attempted to stamp out their pitiful tiny minority; but Nero died a perverted, raving maniac, and Rome burned and her Empire eventually departed and her remains were joyously taken over by the Christians themselves!

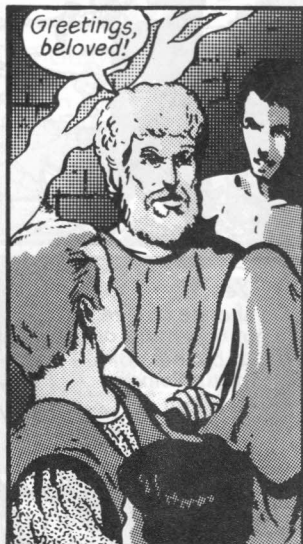
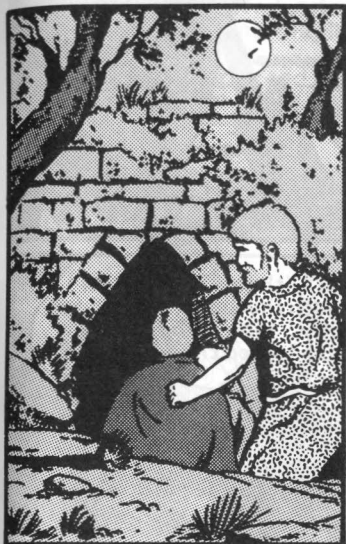


Soon the heathen themselves were eventually conquered by the truth, love and peace of these berated bands of beautiful people!



In the most trying times of Church History, during the days of the early church in Israel and later on under the Roman persecutions, the only way they were able to survive was in a society where they lived together, survived together.

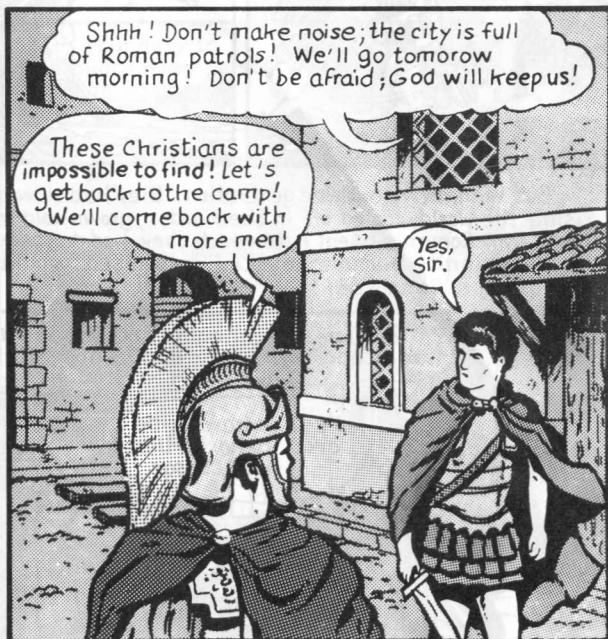
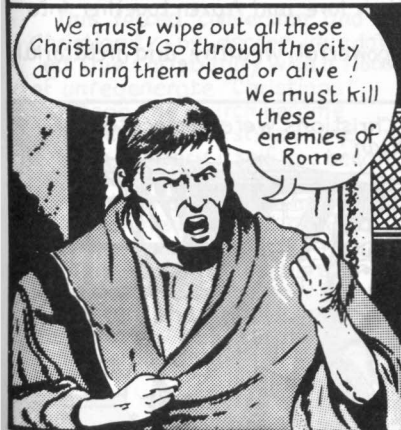
Can you imagine, they conducted a whole society--a whole society of Christians lived in hiding, caves under the city of Rome itself! And because they stuck together and they cooperated and lived together in unity, that helped them to survive.



"7000 YEARS OF WORLD HISTORY"

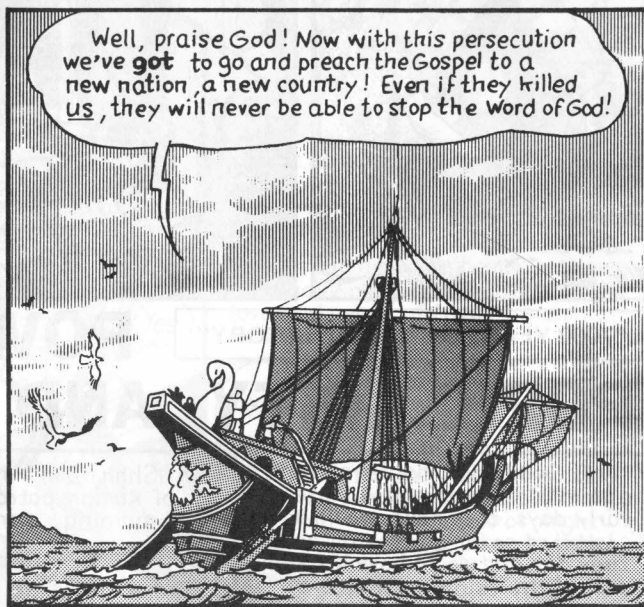
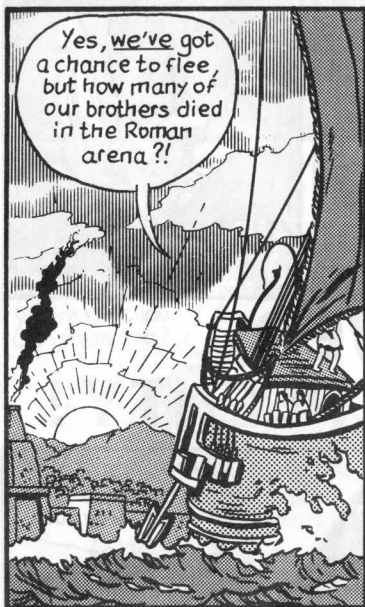
POWER, POPULARITY AND PLENTY!

If God hadn't hardened Rome against the Christians in those early days, they never would have scattered so far and so fast as they did, and would have become part of the establishment even sooner than they did--about 200 years later, in the 3rd century A.D.



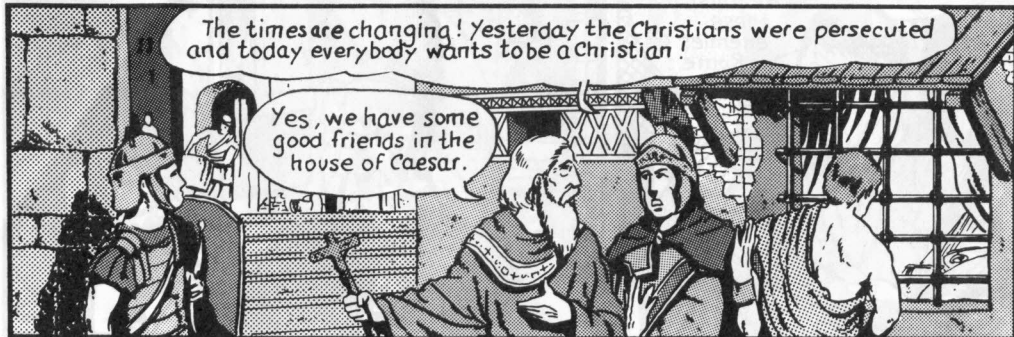
Early the next morning:

Thank God for this boat, we
can flee to a new country!
--Spain!



But within two or three generations they had slowed down spiritually, stopped evangelising the World, cooled off in their ardor, grown cold in their love, and frozen together into the same Roman system from which they had dropped out.

Christianity became accepted, recognised, popular, powerful, wealthy, and dictatorial, and became Rome itself!



They got to the point where they thought they had arrived and overthrown the temporal power of Rome and it now rested in their own hands; they became the Roman Catholic Church and the Church ruled Rome and it became the Holy Roman Empire!

Power, popularity and plenty are dangerous, so watch out!

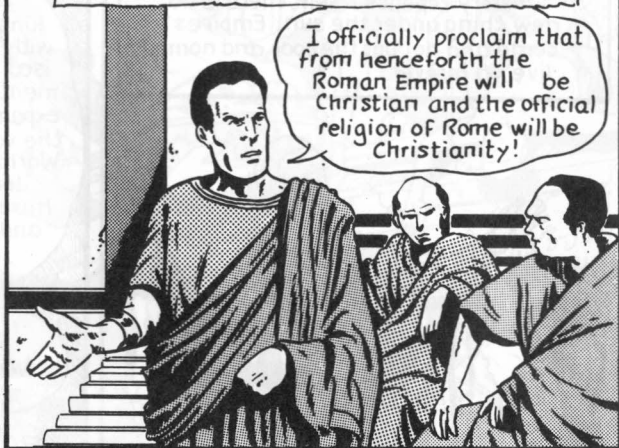


This forced "conversion" and Christianity-by-decree inundated true Christianity with a flood of unregenerate "Christians" and soon the church became remodelled in the style of the Roman military itself and began confiscating lands, burning temples and persecuting "non-establishment" Christians in a terrible bloodbath.

This State-cum-Church executed its first heretic in 385 A.D. - and again the true believers of Jesus had to flee underground!

Oh Jesus!
they're worse than
the Romans!

In 311 A.D., Galerius recognised Christianity. In 313 A.D. the Edict of Milan proclaimed religious toleration, and in 324 A.D., Constantine the Great became the first Christian Emperor!



Constantine's "Edict of Toleration" in 313 A.D. paved the road to Christian supremacy. The official religion of his court became Christianity and he filled his chief offices with Christians. The next Emperor, Theodosius (A.D. 379-395) then made Christianity the state religion of the Roman Empire and church membership became compulsory!

This was one of the greatest tragedies to befall the body of true followers of Jesus!



THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

History repeats itself. There is no new thing under the sun. Empires come and go, but the poor and nomads live on forever.



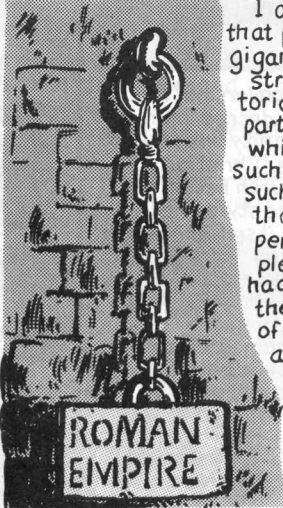
The most highly-organised kingdoms this world has ever known with the strongest and most centralised and dictatorial forms of government and leadership, with the widest expanse of territorial coverage, such as the various Empires and kingdoms this world has known, although they lasted long, sometimes hundreds of years, have every one eventually crumbled and fallen or been destroyed by others!

Why?



I am suspecting that perhaps even their gigantic size, great strength and dictatorial control was a part of their weakness which brought on such impersonalisation, such remote control, that they lost the personal touch completely and no longer had their fingers on the intimate pulse of each individual and his basic morale.

Such a chain-of-command system is no stronger than its weakest link!



The Romans were too busy playing games and cracking jokes in the Senate to notice that their Empire was crumbling around their ears! It became rotten and corrupt and wicked and sinful at the core ...



... and undecided about its wars as to whether they should fight them or not, or win them or not—and while their senators and legislators were arguing over it—the enemy, the Goths and the Visigoths of Northern Europe were camping outside the door..



... and soon marched in and burned and sacked the nation and made slaves of the Romans!

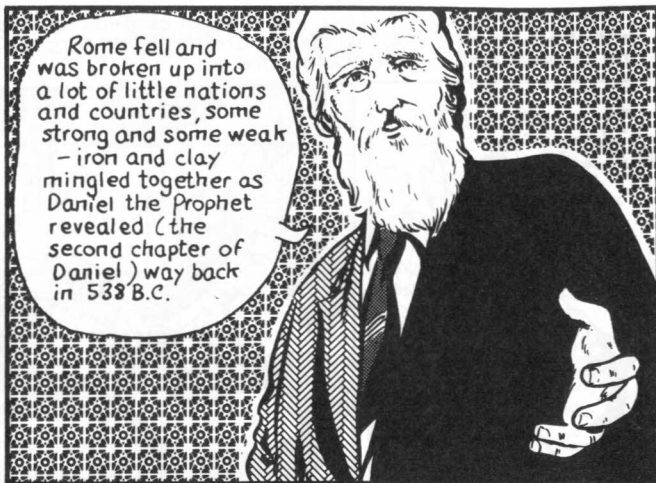


Various dates are given for the fall of the Roman Empire. Historians disagree on what really was the final fall, because it kept falling; and it would fall, and then fall and fall some more.

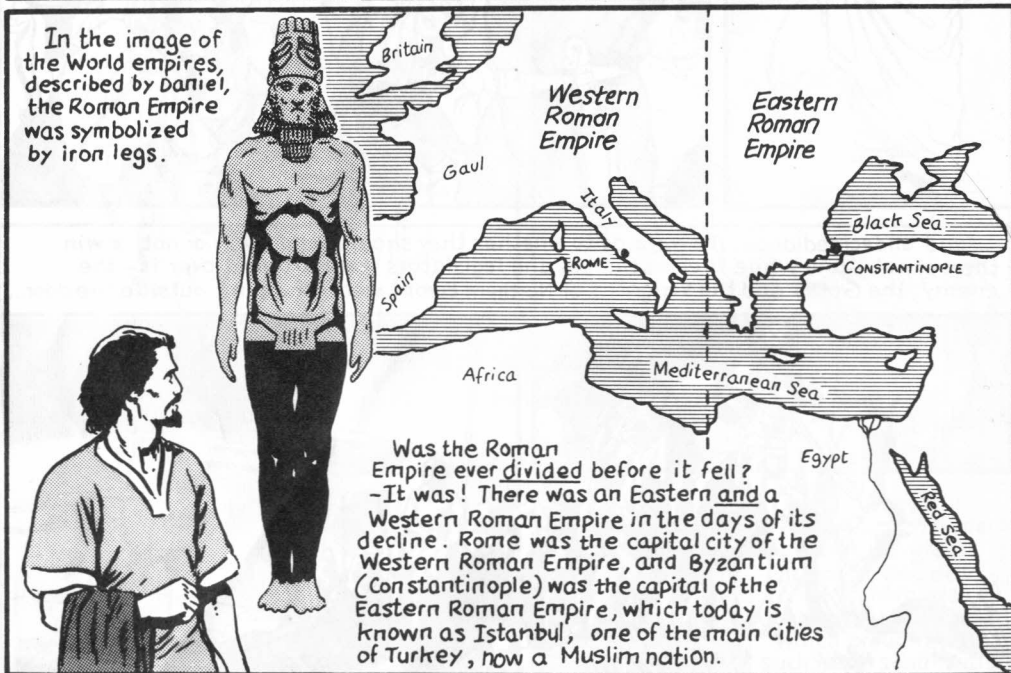
The date that Toynbee gives for the fall of the Roman Empire is 455 A.D.



There has not been a dominant world empire since Rome!



Rome fell and was broken up into a lot of little nations and countries, some strong and some weak - iron and clay mingled together as Daniel the Prophet revealed (the second chapter of Daniel) way back in 538 B.C.

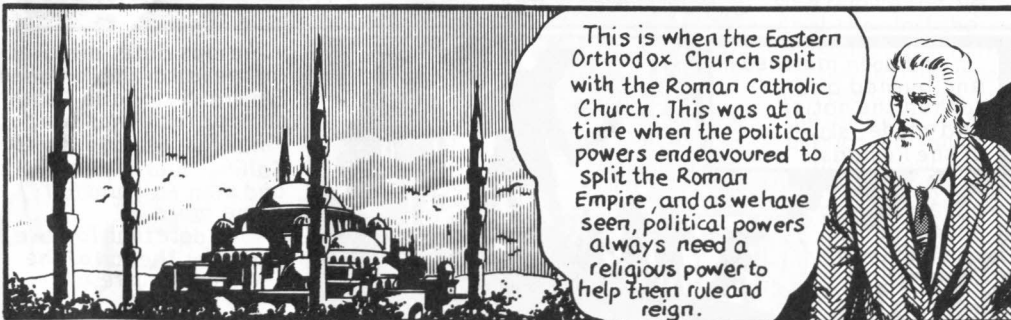


In the image of the World empires, described by Daniel, the Roman Empire was symbolized by iron legs.

Western Roman Empire

Eastern Roman Empire

Was the Roman Empire ever divided before it fell?
-It was! There was an Eastern and a Western Roman Empire in the days of its decline. Rome was the capital city of the Western Roman Empire, and Byzantium (Constantinople) was the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, which today is known as Istanbul, one of the main cities of Turkey, now a Muslim nation.



This is when the Eastern Orthodox Church split with the Roman Catholic Church. This was at a time when the political powers endeavoured to split the Roman Empire, and as we have seen, political powers always need a religious power to help them rule and reign.

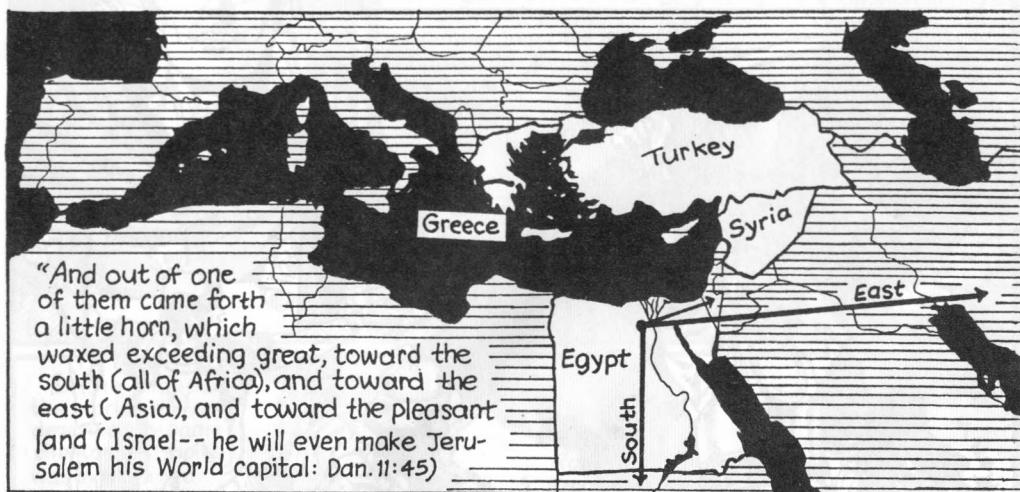
Travelling through the hills of Italy, you can see the glories of the past. The armies had swept across the hills, first one way, then another - the legions of Rome and the hordes of her enemies changing the face of history.

Man prides himself in what he thinks are going to be his everlasting works -- his empires, his buildings....



... But their end is always the same - the grave of oblivion, monstrous reminders of man's weakness, the ruins of his puny efforts to eternalize himself without God!

Knowing where the Grecian and Roman Empires and what present-day countries were once part of them is important if we want to understand events of Endtime Bible prophecy. Dan. 8:8,9 tells us that the Antichrist (the "little horn") will rise out of one of the four divisions of the Grecian Empire: Greece, Turkey, Syria and Egypt. From other prophecies the Lord has given us, we believe he will rise out of Egypt.



THE ROMAN EMPIRE REVIVED: "And I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast (Rome), dreadful and terrible... and it had ten horns. And the ten horns out of this kingdom (Roman Empire) are ten kings that shall arise. (Possibly the ten nations of the European Economic Community?) I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn (the Antichrist), before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots. He shall subdue three kings (Britain, West Germany & France?) (Then) the ten horns receive power as kings one hour (short time) with the Beast (Antichrist)... and give their kingdom unto the Beast (Antichrist). (Dan. 7:7,8,24 & Rev. 17:12, 17.)

JESUS AND THE SAINTS

RULE EARTH: "And in the days of these (ten) kings shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the Kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. And the Kingdom and the Dominion and the greatness of the Kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be

given to the people of the saints of the Most High, Whose Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them... which had not worshipped the Beast (Antichrist), neither had received his mark... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. He that overcometh... to him will I (Jesus) give power over the nations." (Dan. 2:44, 7:27; Rev. 20:4, 2:26.)

