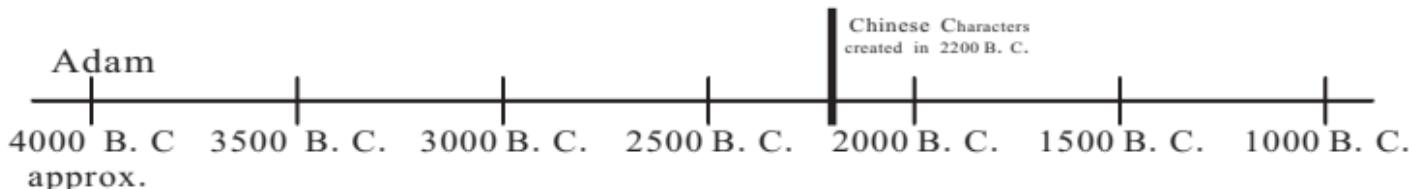


INTRODUCTION

The memories of man's earliest days have been recorded in the Chinese language in the form of ideographic pictures. These picture words (characters) which are still used today show the creation, the temptation and fall, the flood, the tower of Babel and what it means to be truly blessed.

It is with great hope that as you look through history and begin to see how Eternity is found woven through the Chinese language you will receive God's true blessing.



In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1). God created the sky and the birds, the animals and the plants, the seas and the fish (Gen 1:20-25). God then created mankind in his own image (approx. 4000 B. C.). He created the male [Adam] and the female [Eve] (Gen 1:26-27).

Let's look at the connection between Chinese history and the Bible and how they are captured in Chinese characters.

Gen 2:8

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



衹 (means God)

一 one (means first)

口 mouth (means person)

田 field (represents The Garden of Eden)

Blessing is what the first man had in the garden with God.

Gen 2:7

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.



土	dust
口	mouth (means person)
人	means movement of life
辵	person walking (not a baby)

God took the dust, breathed into it and created life in a man who walked.

Gen 2:7

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.



土 dust

儿 (means son/person)

， (means movement of life)

From the dust the **first** man was created and given life.

Gen 3:1-5

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the

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田	field (represents Garden of Eden)
儿	means son/man
亾	means secret/private
ノ	means movement of life

Satan secretly went into the garden and spoke like a man to Adam and Eve.

Gen 3:1-5

garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, 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.



两个木 2 trees-good & evil
-tree of life

广 under the cover of

The **tempter** is the devil who came in secret (under cover) and tempted Adam and Eve to eat from the tree of good and evil.

The name for Satan is 魔鬼 -
tempter ghost.

Gen 3:22,24

And the LORD God said,
Behold, the man is become
as one of us, to know good
and evil: and now, lest he put
forth his hand, and take also
of the tree of life, and eat,
and live for ever: So he
drove out the man; and he
placed at the east of the
garden of Eden Cherubims,
and a flaming sword which
turned every way, to keep
the way of the tree of life.



木 first tree-tree of good & evil

木 second tree-tree of life

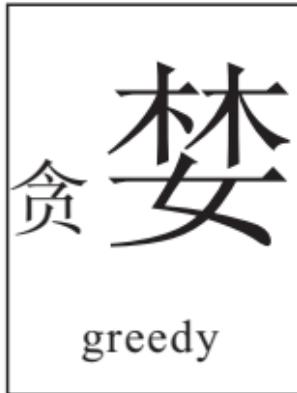
=两个木=2 trees

示 command/sign post

Since Adam and Eve ate from the tree of good and evil that God had commanded them not to eat from, they were forbidden to eat from the tree of life.

Gen 3:6

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

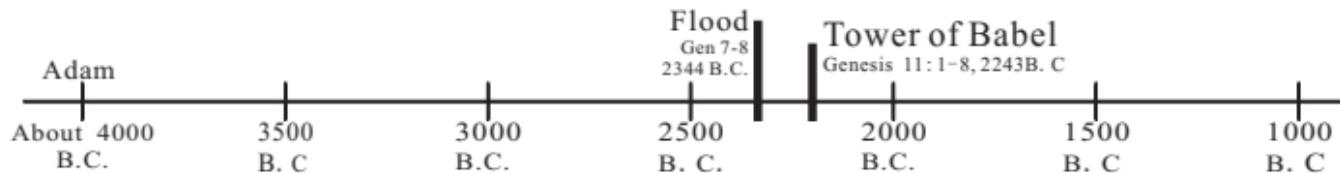


两个木 2 trees

-good & evil
-tree of life

女 woman

The woman turned her back on the tree of life to eat of the tree of good and evil, so she was **greedy**.



Gen 7:7

And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood.

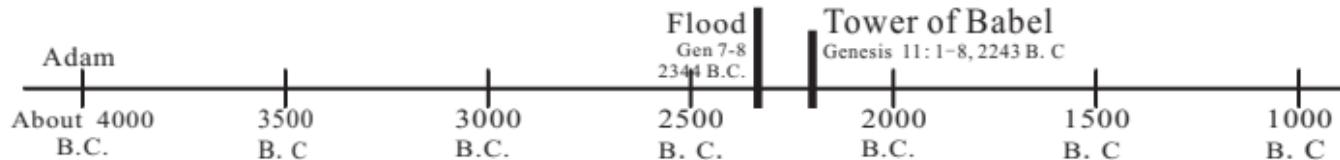


舟 vessel

八 eight (sometimes written 几)

口 mouth (means people)
Noah, 3 sons and all their wives=8 people

The Chinese knew the story of the first boat being a vessel with 8 people inside.



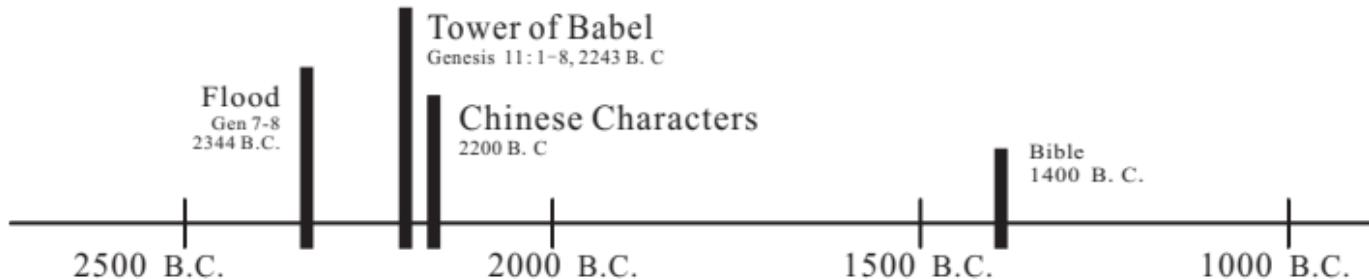
Gen 11:1-9

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.



人 means mankind
 一 one
 口 mouth (means language)
 =合 united
 艹 grass radical
 土 dust

People who were united with one language used grass and dust to make a **tower**.



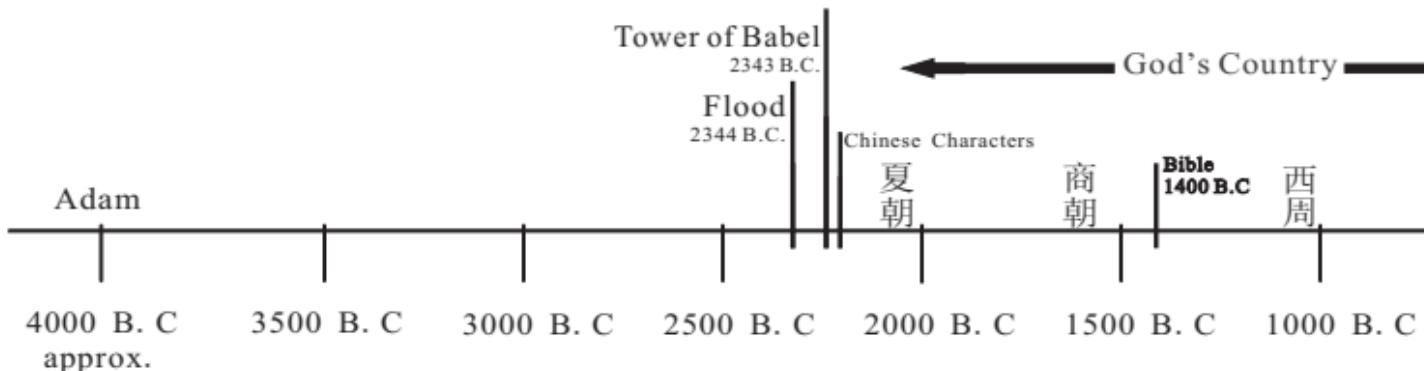
After the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-8) Chinese speakers migrated to China. Several years later in around 2000 B.C. they started to invent Chinese characters.

Genesis in the Bible wasn't written until around 1400 B.C. by Moses in the Middle East, 700 years or so after Chinese characters were first invented.

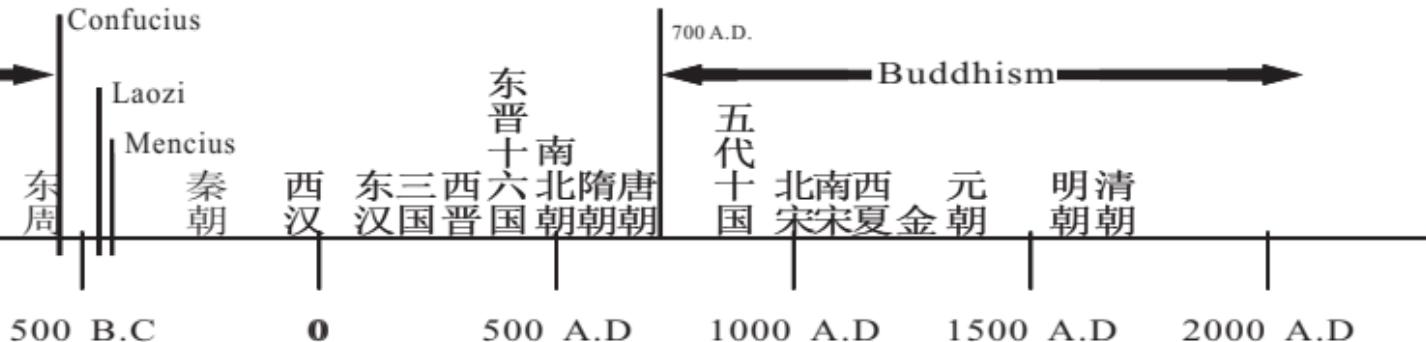
Why are there so many Chinese characters with biblical meanings?



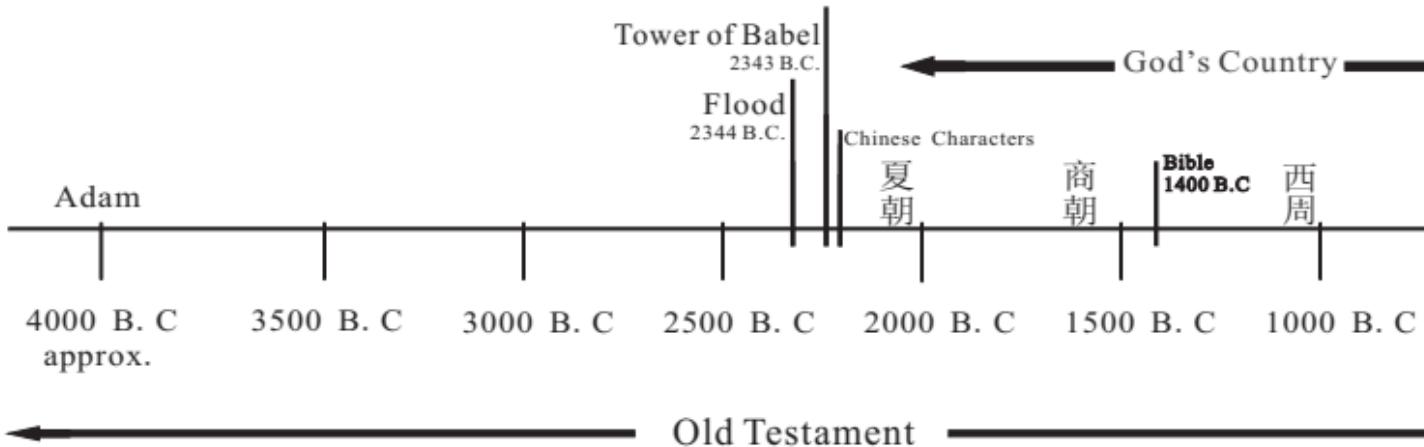
The Chinese speakers who moved to China were all Noah's descendants and worshiped the one true God and knew all about Adam, Eve and the creation of the world. So the original Chinese ancestors worshiped the one true God of Genesis.



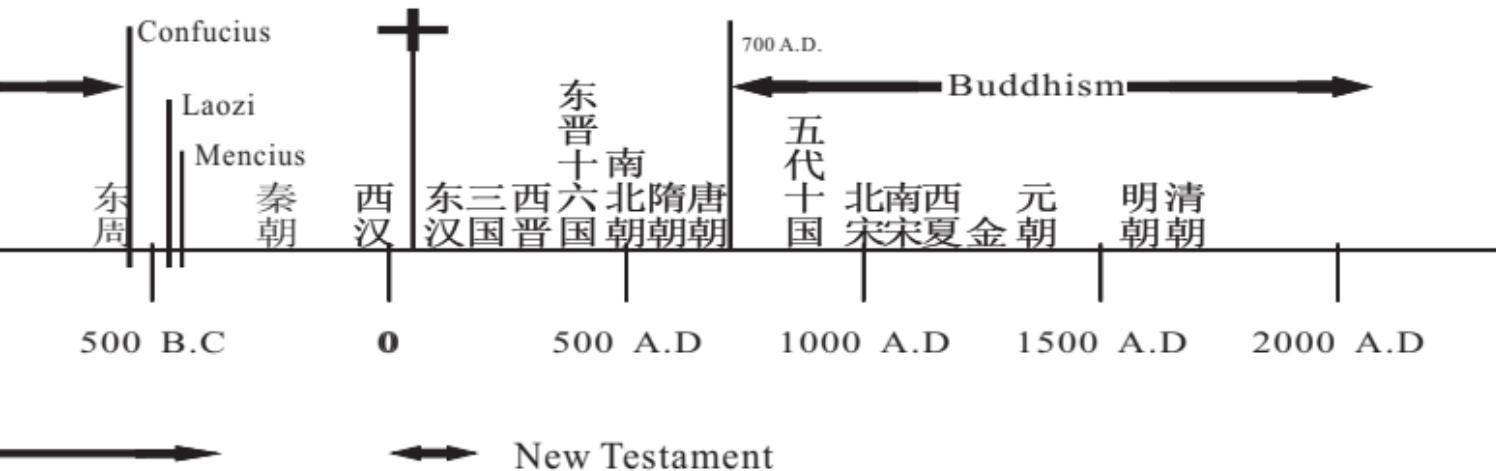
From 2200 B.C. (the first Chinese dynasty-Xia Dynasty) until around 500 B.C. (Dong Zhou Dynasty) China was known as "God's Country". At that time the Emperors of God's Country worshiped the One True God and they climbed a holy mountain to worship him annually for the Border Sacrifices. However, from 500 B.C., for several centuries there were many civil wars in China and millions of Chinese died. During that time China's 3 great philosophers Confucius, Laozi and Mencius lived. Confucius said of that time, "The Great Dao has now faded and man has fallen."



In the 8th century A.D. the emperor of China believed that the true scriptures could be found in the west, so he sent a delegation to go west from Xi'an to bring back the true scripture to China (*Journey to the West*). If you go due west on a map from Xi'an you find Jerusalem. Xi'an and Jerusalem both mean “peace” in their own languages. Unfortunately, when this delegation hit the Gobi desert they decided to go south and went down to India. In India they found the Buddhist scriptures and brought Buddhism to China. Although Buddhism first came to China in 67 B.C. it has only been part of the culture for the last 1300 years.



Many people say that Christianity is a Western religion, but Western society has only existed since around 1000 A.D. Christianity is a Middle Eastern religion. However, Christianity doesn't begin in the year 0, but goes all the way back to 4000 B.C. approximately.



Jesus lived at the beginning of the first century A.D. In fact the Western calendar is based on Jesus. B.C. means “Before Christ” i.e. Jesus Christ, and A.D. means “in the year of our Lord” i.e. After Death (of Jesus). The whole history is separated into “before and after Jesus”. The Old Testament begins from 4000 B.C. approximately to 450 B.C. and the New Testament is from 0-100 A.D. approximately.

BLESSING

True blessing is what the first man (Adam) had with God in the garden.

A large, bold Chinese character '福' (blessing) is centered within a square frame. The character is composed of a vertical stroke on the left, a horizontal stroke at the top, and a complex structure on the right side.

They were together, walked and talked with each other and had a wonderful relationship.

God ← → Man

God

SIN=SEPARATION from God

Man

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

罪

(Chinese character for sin)

Sin=囗4+非not

1. Not look
2. Not listen
3. Not say
4. Not think

So, if you look at the wrong thing, listen to the wrong thing, say the wrong thing or think the wrong thing you have sinned, so you are a sinner.

Man's Problems

1. Disobeyed God-Sin

Genesis 3:11

Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

2. Death

Genesis 3:22

Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death.

3. Judgement

Genesis 3:23

Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

God's Solutions

1. Forgiveness

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Eternal Life

Romans 6:23

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 3:16

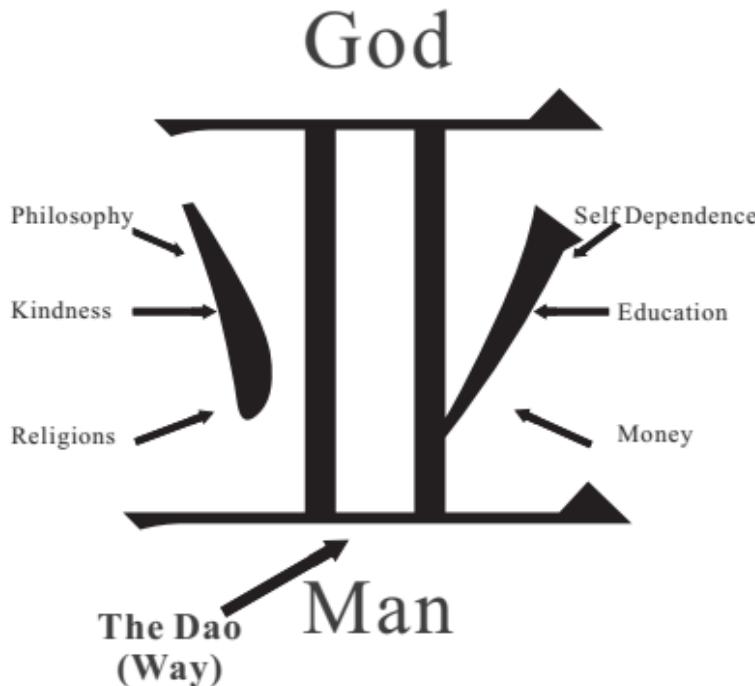
For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth him shall not perish, but has everlasting life.

3. No Judgement

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

GOING THE WRONG WAY



Man is separated from God.

Some people depend on religion to reach God, and others depend on themselves, education, philosophy, money, etc., but none of these ways is sufficient to reach God.

There is a way to reach God.

CHINA'S PHILOSOPHERS SEEKING OF THE TRUE WAY ("DAO")

China's great philosophers agree that there is a way to Heaven.

Confucius says,

“There is a way (“dao”) to heaven,
but people don’t know what it is.”

Laozi says,

“I know He exists, but I don’t know
His Name, or details about Him, so
I call Him the “dao” temporarily.”

So can mankind find this “dao” to Heaven?

ONE WAY

The Bible says there is one way people can get to Heaven.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word (“dao”), and the Word (“dao”) was with God, and the Word(“dao”) was God.

John 1:14

And the Word (“dao”) was made flesh, and dwelt among us.



John 14:6

I am the way, the truth,
and the life: no man
cometh unto the Father,
but by me.

I Peter 2:24

His own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree.

I Peter 3:18

He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh.

THE WAY

Do you believe that Jesus is the “dao”(way)?

Do you believe there is no other way to God but through Jesus? That Jesus is the only way?

Do you believe that Jesus bore your sins on the cross?

Do you believe that Jesus died for your sin to bring you to God?

HOW TO FIND THE TRUE WAY ("DAO")?

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God.

Faith comes from hearing.
You've now just heard.

John 1:12-13

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.

So to become a Christian you have to believe and receive Jesus. Then there is no separation between you and God, and you receive forgiveness, eternal life and no judgement. You become a child of God and he becomes your Heavenly Father.

ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE A CHOICE OR...

If you are willing to believe in Jesus, right now you can pray to receive Him. Prayer is talking to God. You can pray in your heart.

Are you willing to pray 1-6?

1. Admit that you are a sinner to God.
2. Thank God for giving you Jesus.
3. Thank Jesus for dying on the cross for you.
4. Thank God for forgiving your sins.
5. Ask Jesus to come into your heart and give you eternal life.
6. Give your life to following Jesus' way.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,

I confess that I'm a sinner and I can't get to heaven without Jesus Christ. Thank you Heavenly Father for giving me Jesus Christ. Thank you Lord Jesus for dying on the cross for me. Thank you Heavenly Father for forgiving my sins because of the finished work of Jesus Christ. Lord Jesus I believe on you for salvation and I receive you as my Savior. Please come into my heart and give me eternal life. Amen.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you want to know more about the true way, please visit the following website:

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