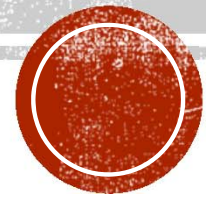


# BEYOND COINCIDENCE

Richard Osei



# CONTENT

- The evidence of design in **The Creation of God**
- The evidence of design in the **Word of God**



# THE EVIDENCE OF DESIGN IN THE CREATION OF GOD



# Information Measures

## Entropy

Disorder  
Noise  
Cacophony  
Chaos  
Randomness

## Information

Order  
Signal  
Music  
Cosmos  
Design



# PROVERBS 16:33

*The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole  
disposing thereof is of the LORD.*

Proverbs 16:33

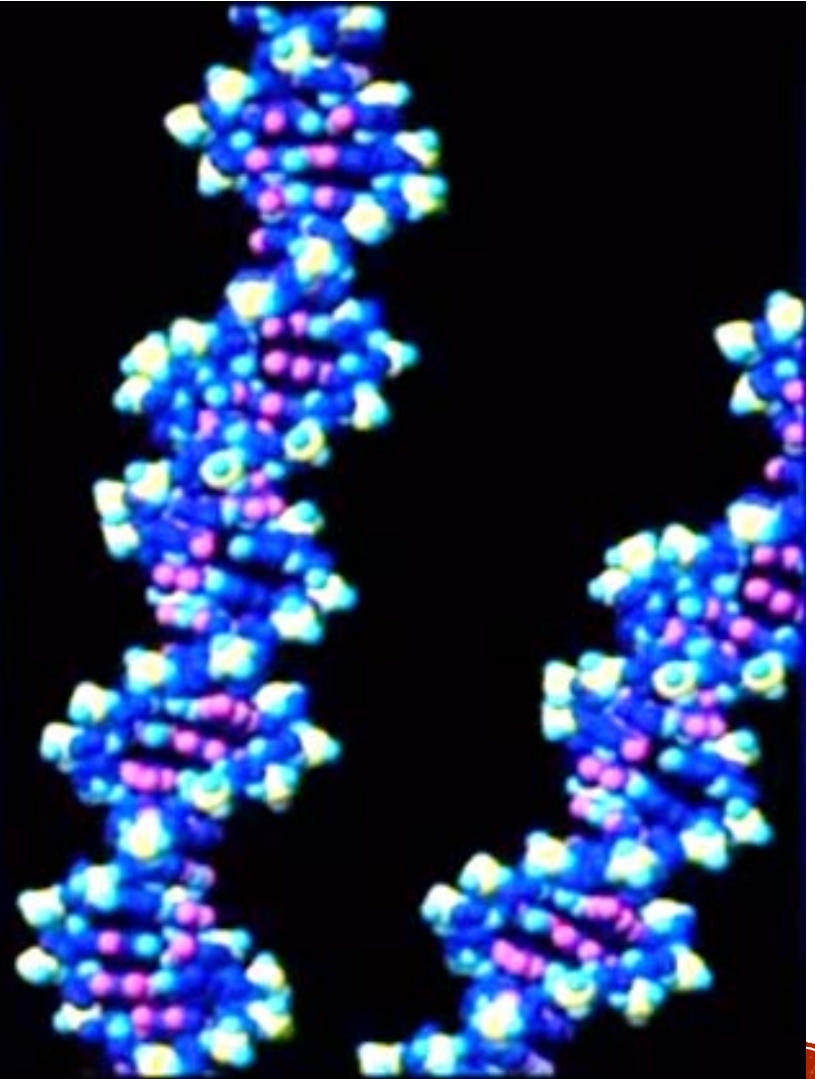
**“God does not play dice.”**

Albert Einstein



# The Code of Life: DNA

- 3 billion rungs on the famed double-helix
- *Digital, error-correcting, code!*
- Exploits advanced language design
- Same design for *all* life



# Digital Information System

DNA (master blueprint)

| transcription

RNA (photocopy)

| translation

Proteins (functional machines)



# ORDER

- If it is not in order is called Hemoglobinopathy (could be deadly)
- Formula for linear arrangement,
- $N = n! / (p! * q! * r! \dots)$
- $10^{650}$
- Only one of them is hemoglobin (change just one of them? = Hemoglobinopathy)
- Beorel's Law:
- P random chance  $< 10^{-50}$  defined as absurd!

## Chemical Composition: Hemoglobin (574 Amino Acids Long)

• Glycine	36	• Tryptophan	4
• Alanine	68	• Cysteine	5
• Serine	31	• Methionine	6
• Tyrosine	30	• Asparagine	47
• Proline	25	• Glutamine	29
• Valine	56	• Arginine	12
• Isoleucine	1	• Histidine	32
• Leucine	69	• Lysine	43
• Phenylalanine	28	• Amide N*	38
• Threonine	14		574

\*includes Aspartic & Glutamic acids





# Impossibility of “Chance”

- Only  $10^{18}$  seconds in the history of the universe
- Only  $10^{66}$  atoms in our entire galaxy
- Only  $10^{80}$  particles in our entire galaxy
- Probabilities  $<10^{-50}$  defines “*absurd*”
- Specificity  $\sim 10^{-650}$  far beyond “chance”
- equivalent to winning the lottery  
*...every day for 90 days in a row!*

# Basic Equation

Matter + Energy + ~~Entropy~~ = Life

Matter + Energy + Information = Life



# THE SEARCH FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE



# The Green Bank Formula

$$N = R \times fp \times ne \times fl \times fi \times fc \times L$$

- **N** = number of civilizations in galaxy capable of interstellar communication.
- **R** = average rate at which stars develop during lifetime of galaxy.
- **fp** = fraction of stars with planets.
- **ne** = average number of planets, per star, capable of supporting life.
- **fl** = fraction of planets with life.
- **fi** = fraction of planets with intelligent life.
- **fc** = fraction of planets with intelligent life capable of interstellar communication.
- **L** = average lifetime of society capable of interstellar communication.



# THE ANTHROPIC PRINCIPLE

- “It seems as though somebody has fine-tuned nature’s numbers to make the Universe... The impression of design is overwhelming.” (Paul Davies)
- The appearance that the universe was designed for Man.
- In constructing a mathematical model of what we believe we know about the universe, there are hundreds of delicate ratios that, if altered the slightest, would render life impossible
- (Some as little as  $1/10^{55}$ !



# THE FOUR FORCES

- Gravity
- Electromagnetic
- Strong Nuclear Force
- Weak Nuclear Force



# GRAVITY

- Causes an apple to fall to the ground
- Keeps our feet on the floor
- Binds together our Solar System
- Keeps the Earth and planets in their orbits
- **Prevents the stars from exploding**
- **Guides the galaxies in their motions**



# **ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCE**

- Holds the atom together
- Determines the structure of the orbits of the electrons
- Governs the laws of chemistry
- Forms include X-rays, radio waves, light
- Can overcome gravity on Earth
- Can dominate other forces down to the size of the nucleus of an atom





# **STRONG NUCLEAR FORCE**

- **Binds together the protons and neutrons in the nucleus of the atom**
- **Balance between the strong force and electromagnetic forces limit and nucleus to about 100 protons.**
- **Energy released substantially greater than electromagnetic (chemical) force.**
- **Thus, stars shine; essential for life.**



# **WEAK NUCLEAR FORCE**

- **Governs atomic instability and radioactivity**
- **Disintegration of heavier nuclei**
- **Can create heat, such as the decay of radioactive elements in the Earth's core, or in a nuclear power plant**



# Gravitational Coupling

- **Stronger:**
  - All stars more massive than our sun by 1.4 times; they burn too rapidly and too inconstantly to maintain life-supporting conditions on surrounding planets.
- **Weaker:**
  - All stars would have less than .8 times the mass of the sun: no heavy elements.

# Electromagnetic Coupling

- **Weaker:**
  - Molecules for life cease to exist.
- **Stronger:**
  - Molecules for life cease to exist.



# Strong Force Coupling

- If slightly **weaker**, multi-proton nuclei would not hold together: hydrogen would be the only element in the universe.
- If slightly **stronger**, nuclear particles would tend to bond together more frequently and more firmly: hydrogen would be rare in the universe, and the supply of various life-essential elements heavier than iron would be insufficient.



# Weak Force Coupling

- **Larger:**
  - No helium
  - No heavy elements
- **Weaker:**
  - All helium
  - Over abundance of heavy elements



# Ratio of Electron/Proton Mass

- **Larger:**
  - Molecules would not form
  - Life would be impossible
- **Smaller:**
  - Molecules would not form
  - Life would be impossible



## Distance from the Sun

- **Closer:**
  - Too warm to maintain a stable water cycle
- **Farther:**
  - Too cold to have one.

## Surface Gravity

- **Stronger:**
  - Atmosphere: too much ammonia, methane
- **Weaker:**
  - Atmosphere would lose too much water





## Thickness of Earth's Crust

- **Thicker:**
  - Too much oxygen would be transferred from atmosphere to the crust
- **Thinner:**
  - Volcanic and tectonic activity would be too great

## Earth's Rotation Period

- **Longer:**
  - Diurnal temperature differences would be too great
- **Shorter:**
  - Atmospheric wind velocities would be too great



## Axial Tilt

- **Greater:**
  - Surface temperatures too great
- **Less:**
  - Surface temperature would be too great

## Albedo (Reflectivity)

- **Greater:**
  - A runaway ice age would develop
- **Less:**
  - A runaway greenhouse effect would develop



## Earth's Magnetic Field

- **Stronger:**
  - Electromagnetic storms would be too severe
- **Weaker:**
  - Inadequate protection from hard stellar radiation

## Ozone Level

- **Greater:**
  - Surface temperatures would be too low
- **Less:**
  - Surface temperature would be too high
  - Too much UV radiation at the surface



# CO<sub>2</sub> and Water Vapor Levels

- **Greater:**
  - A runaway greenhouse effect would develop
- **Less:**
  - The greenhouse effect would be insufficient



# Critical Factors

- Gravitational Coupling Constant
- Electromagnetic Coupling Constant
- Strong Force Coupling Constant
- Weak Force Coupling Constant
- Electron/Proton Mass
- Distance from the Sun
- Surface Gravity



# Critical Factors

- Thickness of Earth's Crust
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- CO<sub>2</sub> and Water Vapor Levels



# Evidence in the Microcosm

- At the atomic and sub-atomic level, the slightest variation in any of the primary constants of physics

*some as sensitive as one part in over  
1,000,000,000*

**causes life to be impossible!**



# Evidence of Design

- *The more rare these relationships are, the more they unequivocally reveal both*
  - *Skillful design in their origin as well as*
  - *Diligence in their maintenance!*
- **The most insulting “god” of all:**
  - **Randomness; the total absence of information!**





# The Privileged Planet

- Uniquely positioned for *life*
- Uniquely positioned to *discover*
  - Positioned in the galaxy
  - Positioned for total eclipses
  - Positioned within the visible spectrum
  - ...etc
- Implies teleology:
  - *A purposeful design*

*The Privileged Planet, 2004*  
Guillermo Gonzalez & Jay W. Richards

# Entropy in Scripture

*They shall perish... grow old as a garment...*  
*Psalm 102:25-26*

*The earth will grow old like a garment...*  
*Isaiah 51:6*

*Heaven and earth will pass away...*  
*Matthew 24:35*



# Entropy to be *Repealed*?

... Because the creation itself will be set free from its *bondage to decay* and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Romans 8:21



# THE EVIDENCE OF DESIGN IN THE WORD OF GOD



# TWO CRITICAL DISCOVERIES

- 1. We have in our possession an Integrated Message System
  - 66 separate books
  - Penned by 40 different individuals
  - Over thousands of years
  - ...in which every detail is anticipated by deliberate, skillful, design!
- 2. And which demonstrates that its origin is from outside our time domain



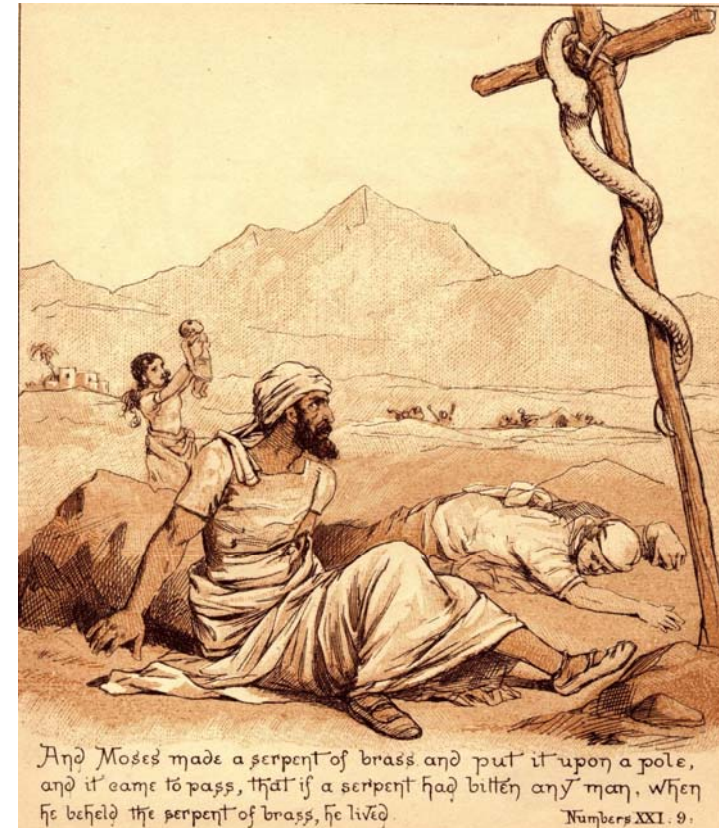
# **ONE INTEGRATED DESIGN**

- **The New Testament**
  - **is the Old Testament concealed**
- **The Old Testament**
  - **Is in the New Testament revealed**



# THE BRASS SERPENT

- <sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery *serpent*, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. (Numbers 21:8-9)



## Why?

Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

1 Corinthians 10:11

“*examples*” = **τύπος** *tupos*:

A figure, image, pattern, a prefiguring; a type  
(cf. a “prototype”)





# JOHN 3

- <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.



# Are there “Hidden Messages” in the Bible?

*It is the glory of God to conceal a thing:  
but it is the honor of kings to search out a matter.*

Proverbs 25:2



# A RIDDLE

- Who is the oldest man in the Bible?
  - Methuselah: he lived 969 years
- Yet he died before his father!
  - How can that be?
- His father was Enoch ...
- At age 65, something happened;
- He then “walked with God” 300 years...



# METHUSELAH

- muth: a root that means “death”
- shalach: which means “to bring,” or “to send forth.”
- “His death shall bring”



# The Year of the Flood

Methuselah

187

782

Lamech

182

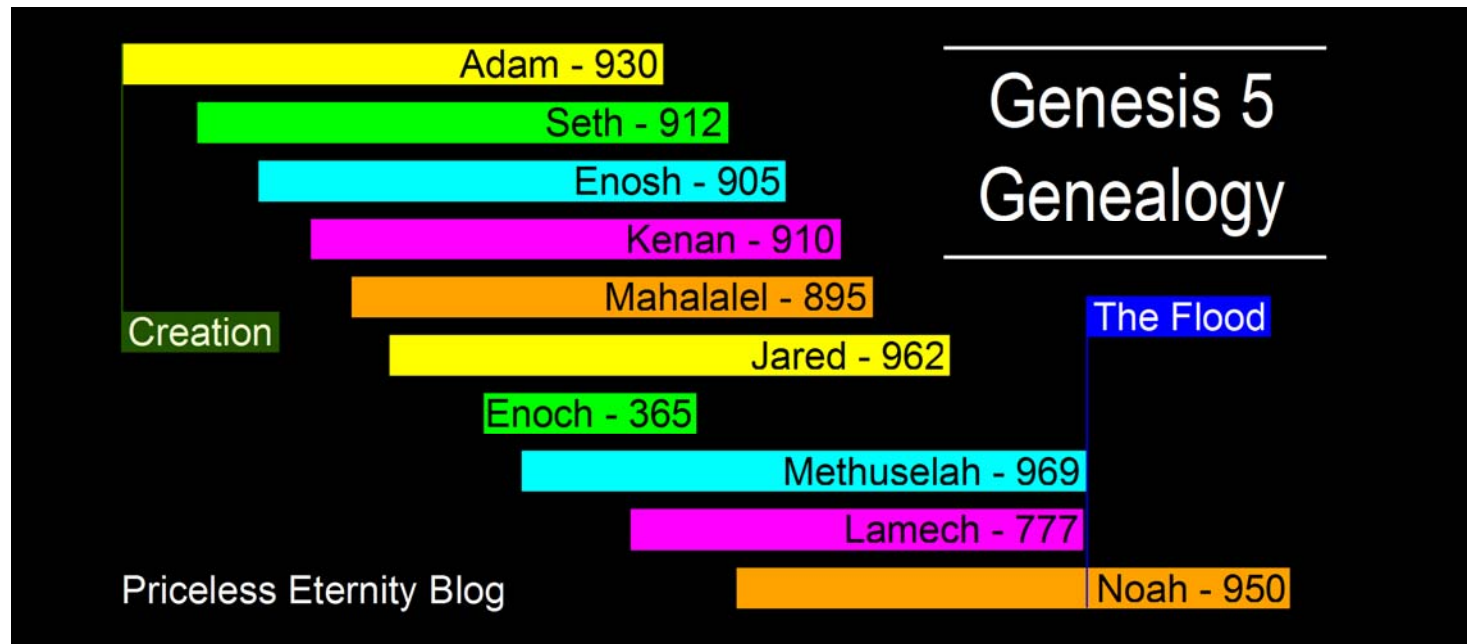
Noah

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# GENEALOGY OF GENESIS 5

- Adam
- Seth
- Enosh
- Kenan
- Mahalalel
- Jared
- Enoch
- Methuselah
- Lamech
- Noah



# GENEALOGY OF GENESIS 5

- Adam      adomah, means “man”
- Seth      seth, which means “appointed.”
  
- Eve said, “For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.” (Genesis 4:25)



# GENEALOGY OF GENESIS 5

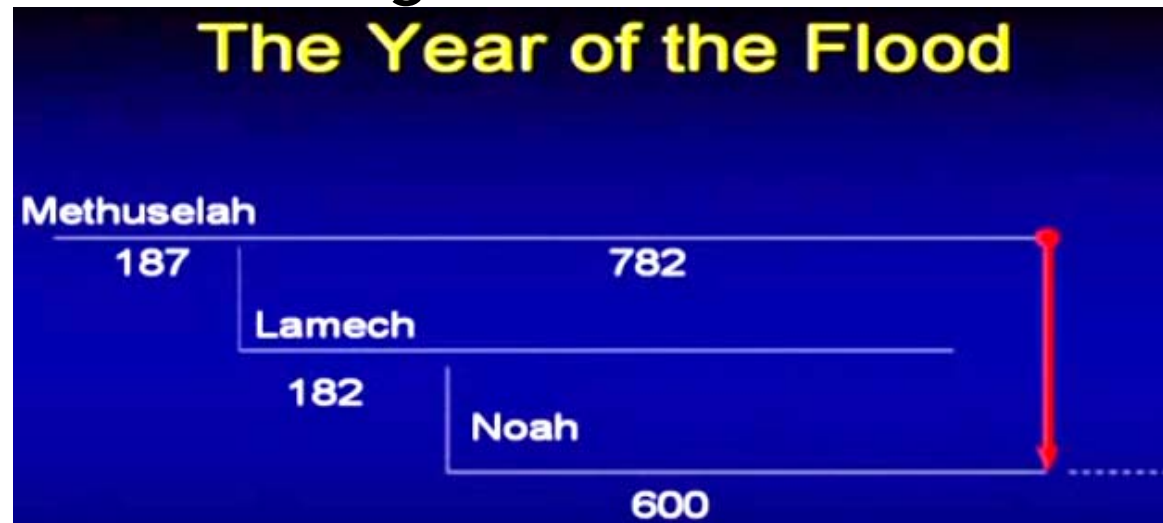
- Enosh which means “mortal,” “frail,” or “**miserable.**”
  - It is from the root anash, to be incurable; used of wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness
- Kenan which can mean “**sorrow,**” “dirge,” or “elegy”
- Mahalalel which means “blessed” or “praise” (Mahalal), El, the name for God
  - **The blessed God**
- Jared (Yared) from the verb yaradh, meaning “**shall come down.**”





# GENEALOGY OF GENESIS 5

- Enoch which means “commencement,” or “**Teaching.**”
- Methuselah **muth**: a root that means “death”  
**shalach**: which means “to bring,” or “to send forth.”  
“His death shall bring”



# GENEALOGY OF GENESIS 5

- Lamech a root still evident today on our own English word “lament” or “lamentation.”  
“**Despairing.**”
- Noah which is derived from nacham, “to bring relief” or “comfort” “**Comfort, or Rest**”
- Genesis 5:29 – And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall **comfort** us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed



# GENEALOGY OF GENESIS 5

- Adam Man (is)
- Seth Appointed
- Enosh Mortal
- Kenan Sorrow; (but)
- Mahalalel The Blessed God
- Jared Shall come down
- Enoch Teaching
- Methuselah His death shall bring
- Lamech The Despairing
- Noah Comfort, Rest



## **WHAT ABOUT THE “BIBLE CODES?”**

- **Specifically, the Equidistant Letter Sequences (“ELS”)?**
- **Much fanciful and contrived has been popularized in recent books:**
  - **Too bizarre to be accepted**
  - **Too impressive to be ignored**



# “Equidistant Letter Sequence?”

Rips explained that each code is a case of adding every fourth letter to form a word.

Read the code



# BIBLE CODE – 49<sup>TH</sup> LETTER

## Genesis

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תְהוֹמוֹת וּבְהוֹמוֹת חָשֶׁךְ עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹמוֹת אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי

הַמַּיִם: וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אוֹר וַיְהִי־אוֹר:

וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאוֹר כִּי־טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאוֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ:

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְאוֹר יוֹם וּלְחֹשֶׁךְ קִרְיָה לַיְלָה וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד: ׀

תורה = TORH



# Exodus

וְאֵלֶּה שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הַבָּאִים מִמִּצְרַיִם אִתְּ יַעֲקֹב אִישׁ וּבֵיתוֹ בְּאֵזְרוֹ:

49 Letters:

רְאוּבֵן שְׁמֵעוֹן לֵוִי וַיהוּדָה:

49 Letters:

יִשְׁשַׁכָּר זְבוּלֹן וּבְנִימִן:

דָּן וַנַּסְחֵלִי נָד וְאָשֵׁר:

49 Letters:

וַיְהִי כָל-נֶפֶשׁ יְעָאִי יִרְדְּ-יַעֲקֹב שִׁבְעִים נֶפֶשׁ וַיּוֹסֶף הָיָה בְּמִצְרַיִם:

וַיָּמָת יוֹסֵף וְכָל-אָחָיו וְכָל הַדּוֹב הַהוּא:

תורה = TORH



# Numbers

וידבר יהוה אל-משה במדבר סיני באהל מועד באחד לחדש השני בשנה  
השנית לצאתם מארץ מצרים לאמר:  
שאו אחד ראש כל-עדת בני-ישראל למשפחתם לבית אבתם במספר שמות  
כל-זכר לגלגלתם:  
מבן עשרים שנה ומעלה כל-יציא צבא בישראל תפקדו אתם לצבאתם אתה  
ואהרן:

הרות = HROT





# Deuteronomy

בעבר הירדן בארץ מואב הואיל משה באר את החורה הזאת לאמר:  
יהיה אלהינו הבר אלינו בחרב לאמר רב לכם שבת בחר הזה:  
פנו וסעו לכם ובאו הר האמרי ואל כל שכניו בערבה בחר ובשפלה ובנגב  
ובחוף הים ארץ הכנעני והלבנון עד הנהר הגדל נהר פרת:  
ראה נתתי לפניכם את הארץ באו ורשו את הארץ אשר נשבע יהוה  
לאבותיכם לאברהם ליצחק וליעקב לחת להם ולזרעם אחריהם:

הרות = HROT



# Torah Codes

49 ( $7^2$ ) letter sequences:

Genesis	TORH
Exodus	TORH
Leviticus	?
Numbers	HROT
Deuteronomy	HROT



# Leviticus

Intervals of 7:

וַיִּקְרָא אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בַּיַּדְבָּר יְהוָה אֵלָיו מֵאֵתֶל מוֹעֵד לֵאמֹר:

יהוה = YHWH



Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

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תורה

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## Genesis 38

1 ויהי בעת ההוא ויבד יהודה מאת אשתו וזו היא שרה אשת שרלמי ושמו חיבה:  
 2 ויראשם יהודה בתיאיש כנעני ושמו שוש וישתה נכבא אליה:  
 3 ותהר ותלד בן ויקבא אחישמי שר:  
 4 ותהר שר ותלד בן ותקבא אחישמי אינן:  
 5 ותספ שר ותלד בן ותקבא אחישמי שלה ותנה בכזב בלדתה אתו:  
 6 וישת יהודה אשה לער בכורו ושמה תמר:  
 7 ויהי ער בכור יהודה כע בשעי יהנה נמתהו יהנה:  
 8 ויאמר יהודה לאינן זבא אליאשת אהיד ויבס אתה ותקם זרע לאהיד:  
 9 וזרע אינן כי לא לו יתנה **ע** ותלה אסוקא אליאשת אינן ושמי **א**רצה  
 לבלתי נהרזרע לאחיה:  
 10 וזיכר **ע** יעי יהנה אשר עשה נכבא נסראתה:  
 11 **א**מר יהודה לתמר כלתו שבי אלמנה **ע** תיאבד שריונבל שלה בני כי  
 פויקוה נסראת כאתו ותלד תמר ותשב בית אביה:  
 12 וירבו תמים ותמת בתיאוש אשתיהודה ונחם יהודה וישל שלינני צאנו  
 הוא וחיבה רעהו השרלמי תמנה:  
 13 ויגד לתמר לאמר הנה תמיד עליה תמנה לנו צאנו:  
 14 ותסר בגלי אלמנותה מעליה ותקם בעעיה ותחעליה ותשב בתח עינים  
 אשר שלינדך תמנה כי נאשה כיונבל שלה **ע** הוא לאיתנה לו לאשה:



15 ויראה יהונתן בחשבה ליונה כי כסתה פניהו

16 ויט אליה אליהלרד ויאמר תבהנא אבוא אליך כי לא ירע פי כלתו

הוא ותאמר מהיתתוילי כי תבוא אלי:

17 ויאמר אנכי אשלח גרועים מיהצאן ו§תאמר אסיתו ערבון עד שלתו:

18 ויאמר קח הערבון אשר אסוילך ותאמר תסד וסחילך יסדה אשר ערד

ויתולח נבא אליה ותמר לה:

19 נתנם יתנו ונתם עטופה מעלית ותלכס כדו אלמנתהו:

20 וישלח ונתה אמתוהו מעום ביה העוה העלמנו לקחת יט וכוון סוד

האשה ולא מצאתה:

21 וישאל אחיאושן מקמה לאמר איה קרעה הוא פעינים שליהלרד ויאמרו

לאיחיתה קנה קרעהו:

22 וישב אליהונתה ויאמר לא מצאתיה וגם אנשי המקום אמרו לאיחיתה

קנה קרעהו:

23 ויאמר יהונתן תפחילה פו נתנה לפיו הנה שלחתי העוה הזה ואסיה לא

מצאתה:

24 ויהיו כמשלש חדשים ויגד ליהונתן לאמר ונתה תמר כלתך וגם הנה

הנה לזננים ויאמר יהונתן הוציאתה ותשרהו:



25 הוּא מוֹצֵאת וְהוּא שֵׁלַח אֶלֶיָּהּ לֵאמֹר לֹאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־אֵלֶּה לּוֹ אָנֹכִי הִנֵּה  
וְהַאֲמִיר מִכִּינּוּן לִפְנֵי מַלְאָכָה וְהִשְׁמִי לָיוּם וְהִמְטָה הָאֱלֹהִים:

26 וַיִּכַּר וְהוֹלֶה וְאֵשֶׁר עֲבָדָה מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי־עָלְיוֹן לְאַחֲתָוִיתָּ וְלֵה בְּנֵי וְלֹא־יִסְף  
פֶּדֶר לְרֵשֶׁתָּהּ:

27 וַיְהִי בַעַת לְרֵתָה וְהִנֵּה תְּאוֹמִים בְּבִטְנָהּ:

28 וַיְהִי בְּלִדְתָהּ וַתְּוִיַד וַתִּפֶּחַ מִכִּלְכַת וַתִּקְשֹׁר עֲלֵיהֶּוּ שְׁנֵי לֹאמֹר זֶה יֵצֵא  
רֹאשֹׁנָה:

וַיְהִי כַּמִּשִּׁיב יָדָו וְהִנֵּה יֵצֵא אֶחָיו יֵצֵא אֶחָיו מִהִשְׁתַּצַּת עֲלֵיהֶּוּ קֶרֶן וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ  
29

פְּרִי:

30 וְאַחֵר יֵצֵא אֶחָיו אֲשֶׁר עֲלֵיהֶּוּ הִשְׁנֵי וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ זְרָחוּן:







25 הוא מוצאת והיא שלחה אליהם לומר לאיש אשר אלה לו אנכי הנה  
ולומר הכריזא לפי החתמת והפסוקים והמפתח האלה:

26 ניכר יהי ויאמר צדקה ממני כי שלכן לאינתהיה ישה בנע ולא ינסף  
שוד לדעתה:

27 ויהי בעת לדתה והנה תאומים במטנה:

28 ויהי פלדתה ותורנה ותקת המניח ותקשר שליכרו שני לאמר זה יצא  
ראשונה:

29 ותקו כמשוב נלו והנה יצא אחיו ויאמר מהיפכות שליך פרו ויקרא שני

פרקי:

ישי Yishay

דוד David

30 ואמר יצא אחיו אשר שליכרו השני ויקרא שני נדה ס

בעז Boaz

רות Ruth

עבד Obed

ישי Jesse

דוד David

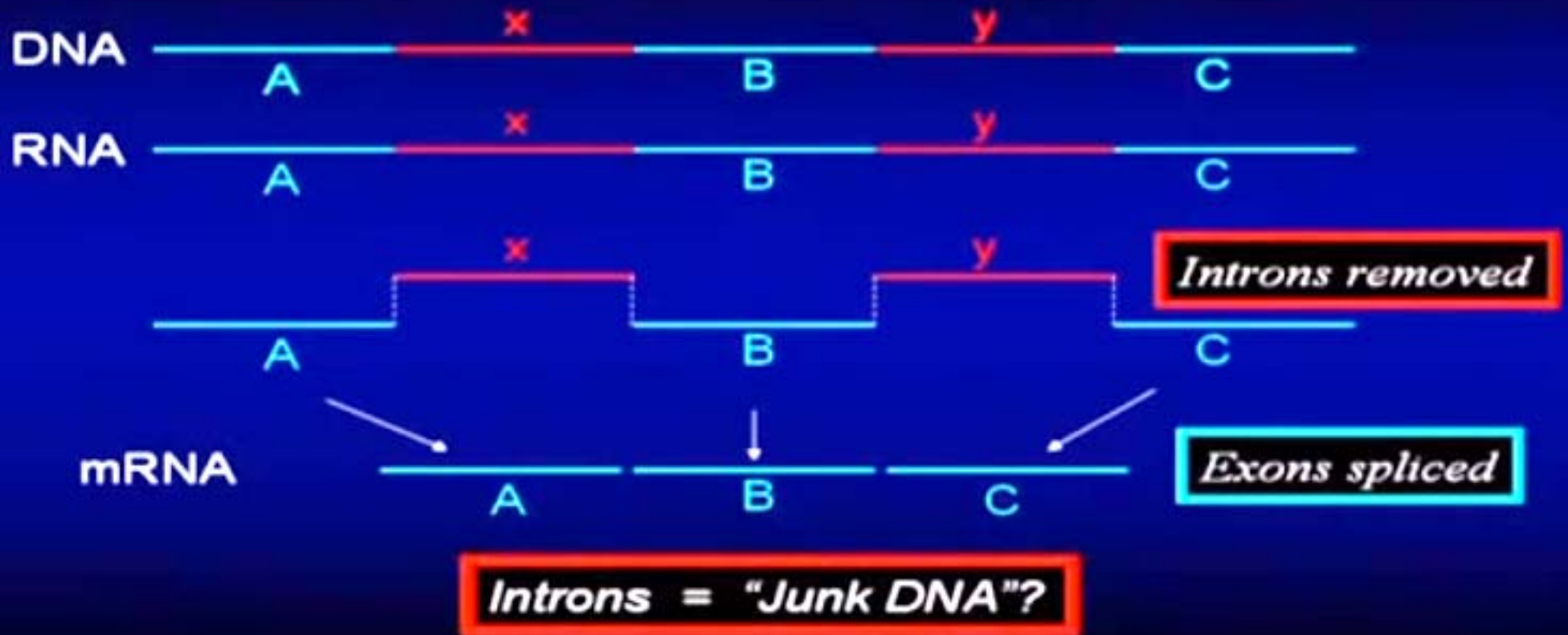
**All in 49-letter intervals; &  
All in chronological order!**

# ELSSs

- Torah
- Genealogy of David **Gen 38**
- Appointed Times **Gen 1:14**
- Trees **Gen 2**
- Attendees at the Cross **Isa 53**



# DNA Transcription



## Detailed Design

*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.*

*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

**Matthew 5:17, 18**



# The Old Testament

(The *Tenach*)

- These Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek by 270 BC.
- They contain over 300 prophecies detailing the Coming Messiah.



# Old Testament Prophecies

## *Quoted in the Gospels*

- He was to be of David's family  
2 Sam 7:12-16; Ps 89:3-4; 110:1; 132:11;  
Isa 9:6, 7; 11:1
- He would be born of a virgin  
Gen 3:15; Isa 7:14
- He would be born in Bethlehem  
Micah 5:2
- He would sojourn in Egypt  
Hos 11:1
- He would live in Galilee  
Isa 9:1, 2
- ... in Nazareth  
Isa 11:1
- To be announced by an Elijah-like herald  
Isa 40:3-5; Mal 3:1; 4:5
- Would occasion massacre of Bethlehem's children  
Gen 35:19-20; Jer 31:15
- Would proclaim a Jubilee to the world  
Isa 58:6; 61:1
- His mission would include the Gentiles  
Isa 42:1-4
- Ministry would be one of healing  
Isa 53:4
- He would teach through parables  
Isa 6:9-10; Ps 78:2
- He would be disbelieved, rejected by Rulers  
Ps 69:4; 118:22;  
Isa 6:10; 29:13; 53:1

# Old Testament Prophecies

## *Quoted in the Gospels (continued)*

- Would make a triumphal entry into Jerusalem Zech 9:9; Ps 118:26
- Betrayed by friend for 30 pieces of silver Zech 11:1-13; Ps 41:9
- Would be like a smitten shepherd Zech 13:7
- Would be given vinegar and gall Ps 69:21
- They would cast lots for His garments Ps 22:18
- His Side would be pierced Zech 12:10; Ps 22:16
- Not a bone would be broken Ex 12:46; Num 9:12;  
Ps 34:20
- Would die among malefactors Isa 53:9, 12
- His dying words foretold Ps 22:1; 31:5
- Would be buried by a rich man Isa 53:9
- Rise from dead on 3<sup>rd</sup> day Gen 22:4; Ps 16:10-11;  
Jon 1:7; Hos 6:2
- Resurrection followed by destruction of Jerusalem Dan 9:26; 11:31; 12:1, 11

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- **We are now going to examine just 8 of them.**





# Number 1

*But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

Micah 5:2



## Born in Bethlehem

- What is the probability of any person, taken at random, of fulfilling this?

$$P \leq 10,000 / 1,000,000,000$$

$$P \leq 10^4 / 10^9 = 1:10^5$$



## Number 2

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout,  
O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King  
cometh unto thee: he is just, and having  
salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass,  
and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Zechariah 9:9



## Zechariah 9:9

- How many have presented themselves as a king to Jerusalem riding a donkey?

$p \leq 1:100$



## Number 3

*And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.*

**Zechariah 11:12**



## Zechariah 11:12

- How many people have been betrayed for 30 pieces of silver?

$p \leq 1:1,1000$



## Number 4

*And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.*

**Zechariah 11:13**



Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying,  
"I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood."

And they said, "What is that to us? see thou to that."

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Matthew 27:4-5



And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, "It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood."

And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

Matthew 27:6-8



# The Precision of Zech 11:13

- Price: 30 pieces of silver
- Location of the the transaction:  
the House of the Lord (Temple);
- Who ends up with the money?  
The Potter

$p \leq 1:100,000$



## Number 5

And one shall say unto him,  
"What are these wounds in thine hands?"  
Then he shall answer,  
"Those with which I was wounded in the  
house of my friends."

Zechariah 13:6



## Thomas' Unbelief

But he [Thomas] said unto them, "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe."

John 20:25



*And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be unto you."*

*Then saith he to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing."*

*John 20:26, 27*

*And Thomas answered and said unto him,  
"My Lord and my God."*

*Jesus saith unto him,  
"Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast  
believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and  
yet have believed."*

**John 20:28, 29**



## Zechariah 13:6

- How many people, taken at random, have been “wounded in their hands” in “the house of their friends?”

$p \leq 1:1,000$



## Number 6

*He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.*

Isalah 53:7





## Isaiah 53:7

- How many prisoners, accused of a capital crime, make no defense even though innocent?

$p \leq 1:1,000$



## Number 7

*And he made his grave with the wicked, and  
with the rich in his death; because he had  
done no violence, neither was any deceit  
in his mouth.*

Isaiah 53:9



## Isaiah 53:9

- How many died among the wicked, yet were buried with the rich?

$p \leq 1:1,000$



## Number 8

*For dogs have compassed me: the assembly  
of the wicked have inclosed me: they  
pierced my hands and my feet.*

Psalm 22:16



# Psalm 22:16

(700 years before crucifixion invented)

- How many, taken at random, have died by having hands and feet pierced?

$p \leq 1:10,000$



## 8 Prophecies

Micah 5:2	Born in Bethlehem	1:100,000
Zechariah 9:9	King on Donkey	1:100
Zechariah 11:12	30 pieces of Silver	1:1,000
Zechariah 11:13	Temple, Potter, etc.	1:100,000
Zechariah 13:6	Wounds in hands	1:1,000
Isaiah 53:7	No defense; innocent	1:1,000
Isaiah 53:9	Died with the wicked Grave with the rich	1:1,000
Psalm 22:16	Crucified	<u>1:10,000</u> 1:10 <sup>28</sup>

## 8 Prophecies Combined

- Total population  $\leq 100$  billion ( $10^{11}$ )
- Combined probabilities:

$$10^{28}/10^{11} = 10^{17}$$

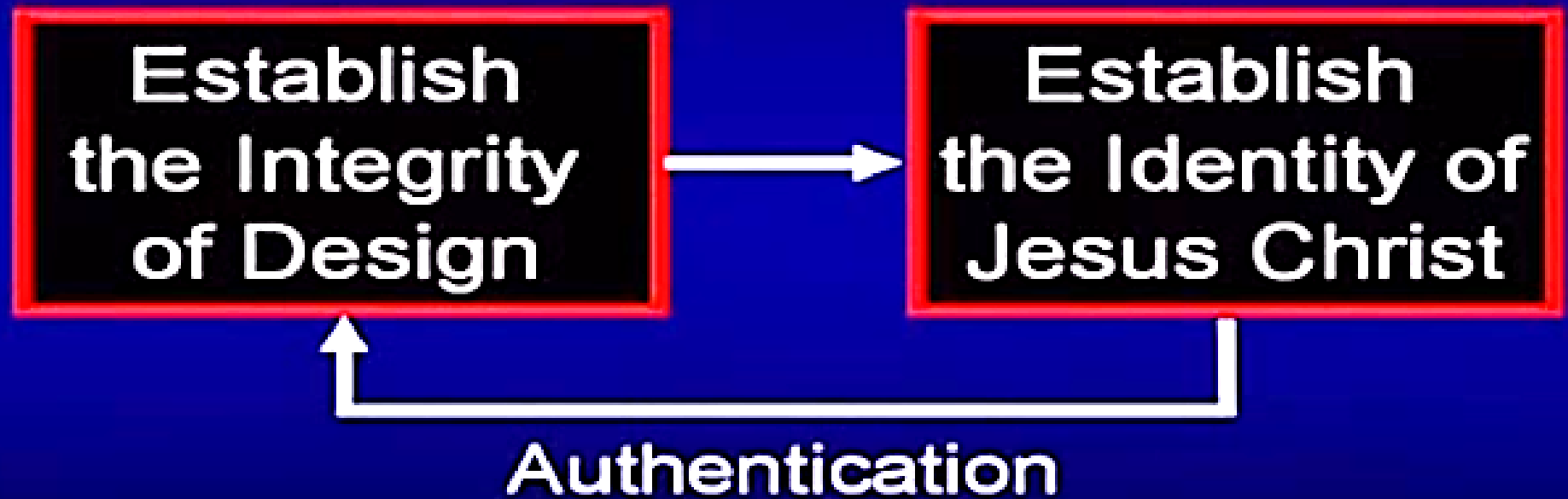


# The 69 Weeks





# Epistemological Approach



# The Return of Christ to Rule

- **1,845 references in the Old Testament**
  - 17 books give prominence to the event
- **318 references in the New Testament**
  - 216 chapters
  - 23 of 27 books give prominence to the event
- *For every prophecy of Christ's 1st Coming there are 8 of His 2nd Coming!*



## Your Action Plan?

- What is God calling YOU to do?
- “Raise the bar” on your personal walk with Him
  - Join (or start) a Small Study Group
  - Commit to a systematic program to really learn your Bible
  - Respond to His calling... *NOW!*

