



ATHEISM IS DEAD

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***ad hominem* adj. (to the person)**

... appealing to feelings or prejudices rather than intellect

: marked by or being an attack on an opponent's character rather than by an answer to the contentions made

**ATHEISM: NOUN**

...a person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods: as "he is a committed atheist"

**GASLIGHTING: VERB**

...a colloquialism, loosely defined as making someone question their own reality.



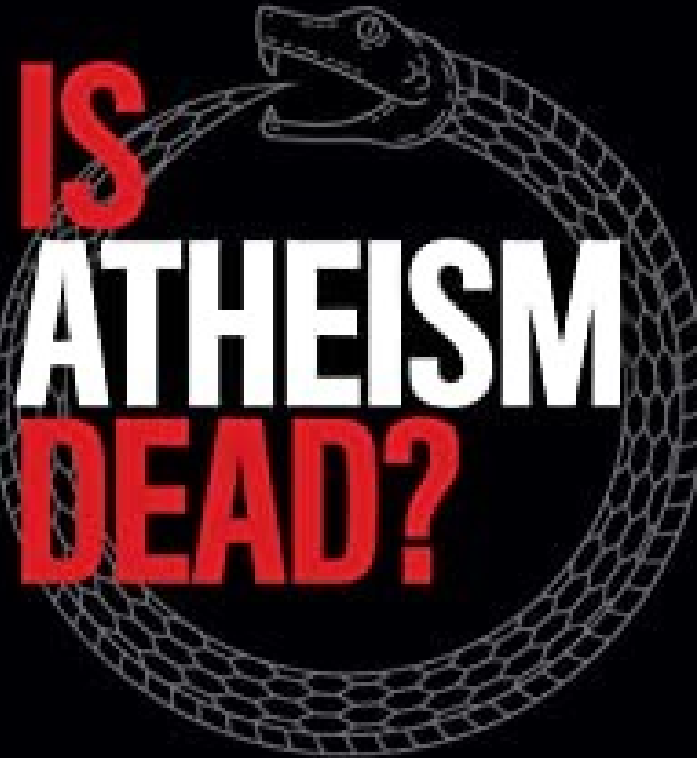
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“...In a voice that is by turns witty, muscular, and poetic, Metaxas intentionally echoes C.S. Lewis and G.K. Chesterton in cheerfully and logically making his astonishing case, along the way presenting breathtaking—and often withering—new evidence and arguments against the idea of a Creatorless universe. Taken all together, he shows atheism not merely to be implausible and intellectually sloppy, but now demonstrably ridiculous. Perhaps the only unanswered question on the subject is why we couldn’t see this sooner, and how embarrassed we should be about it....”

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**ERIC METAXAS**



Then Job answered the LORD and said: “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.’ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

Job 42:1-6



“God who has made us in his image has created all of creation to point us to himself in every conceivable way. We are not incidental to what he has done. We are central to it. Which makes us see that his love for us is so impossibly and unimaginably great that it really is infinitely too much for us to bear. If he did not shield us from it in some way, it would really and truly undo us. It would destroy us.”

—ERIC METAXAS

STEPHEN C. MEYER

*New York Times* bestselling author of *Darwin's Doubt*

RETURN  
*of the*  
GOD  
HYPOTHESIS

THREE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES  
THAT REVEAL THE MIND  
BEHIND THE UNIVERSE

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“When you don’t understand the details of living systems, ignorance permits discounting a Creator. But when the details of science are thrust upon you, you’re forced to ask: How on earth – literally – how did that happen? Thus, the God hypothesis returns. Stephen Meyer convincingly drives the point home: How could it be this way? Only God!”

- **JAMES M. TOUR, PHD**, T.T. and W.F. Chao Professor of Chemistry and professor of nano-engineering at Rice University

# OBSERVATIONS

1. Solar System

2. The Human Cell

3. Archeology





Mercury  
Venus  
Earth  
Mars  
Ceres  
Jupiter  
Saturn  
Uranus  
Neptune  
Pluto and Charon  
2003 UB<sub>313</sub>

“The idea that people of faith cling to God to avoid science has been replaced with the idea that atheists cling to their “science” to avoid the real God who created the universe that science is now discovering, and whose existence is increasingly undeniable because of those very discoveries.”

(Is Atheism Dead: pg. 38)





## THE MOON...

- Our moon is extremely large in relation to other moons in our solar system at 27 % the size of the earth.
- This means it has a steadying effect on our planet – making us wobble very little on our axis, providing virtually stable climates.
- However, it is also so large that it has enough gravity to cause our ocean tides – crucial to our ecosystems which are vital to the rest of life on the planet.
- The details of the Moon are absolutely crucial to life on earth.
- There is no other moon in our solar system that comes close to matching the unique values of the Moon.

# ECLIPSES



- Distance of earth to sun - about 93 million miles
- Distance from earth to - about 240,000 miles
- Distance from earth to sun is almost exactly 400 times the distance from earth to the moon.
- Diameter of the sun is 865,370 miles
- Diameter of the moon is 2,159 miles
- Diameter of the sun is almost 400 times the diameter of the moon.
- These two heavenly bodies look exactly the same size from the vantage point of the earth.
- Because of this we have total eclipses on earth, in which one disc completely covers the other.
- Nothing close to this happens on any other planet.
- A rational mind must suspect that this is perhaps no coincidence.
- This amazing oddity was actually intended for us...?

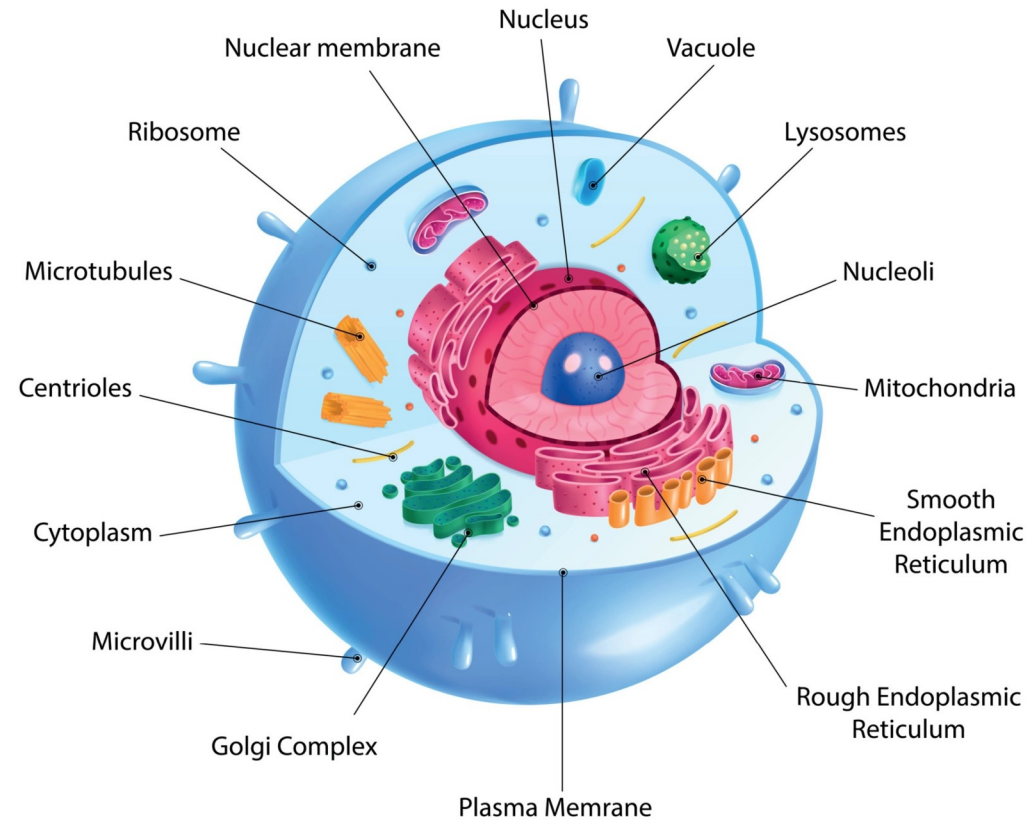
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- “And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—**AND THE STARS ALSO.**
- “And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.”
  - Genesis 1:14-19

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- Biological structures and systems cannot exist without all the pieces being together and working at the same time....

## HUMAN CELL ANATOMY





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## CELL FUNCTION

- The structural and functional characteristics of different types of cells are determined by the nature of the proteins present. Cells of various types have different functions because cell structure and function are closely related. It is apparent that a cell that is very thin is not well suited for a protective function. Bone cells do not have an appropriate structure for nerve impulse conduction. Just as there are many cell types, there are varied cell functions. The generalized cell functions include movement of substances across the cell membrane, cell division to make new cells, and protein synthesis.

## MOVEMENT OF SUBSTANCES ACROSS THE CELL MEMBRANE

- The survival of the cell depends on maintaining the difference between extracellular and intracellular material. Mechanisms of movement across the cell membrane include simple diffusion, osmosis, filtration, active transport, endocytosis, and exocytosis.
- Simple diffusion is the movement of particles (solutes) from a region of higher solute concentration to a region of lower solute concentration. Osmosis is the diffusion of solvent or water molecules through a selectively permeable membrane. Filtration utilizes pressure to push substances through a membrane. Active transport moves substances against a concentration gradient from a region of lower concentration to a region of higher concentration. It requires a carrier molecule and uses energy. Endocytosis refers to the formation of vesicles to transfer particles and droplets from outside to inside the cell. Secretory vesicles are moved from the inside to the outside of the cell by exocytosis.



**30,000,000,000,000 (HUMAN)**  
**38,000,000,000,000**  
**(BACTERIAL)**

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## Cell Types

- Stem Cells
- Bone Cells
- Blood Cells
- Muscle Cells
- Sperm Cells
  - Smallest human cell, motive (they can move using their tails - packed with mitochondria)
  - Cannot divide, carry only one Chromosome (haploid), majority of cells carry two (diploid)
- Female Egg Cells
- Fat Cells
- Nerve Cells

How many cells are in the human body?

# **ATHEISM IS DEAD:**

## **THE TESTIMONY OF BIOLOGY**

Doing some (current) biological reckoning

- 900,000 species of insects
- 400,000 species of plants
- 1,700,000 species of animals
- 8,000,000,000 humans on earth by end of 2022

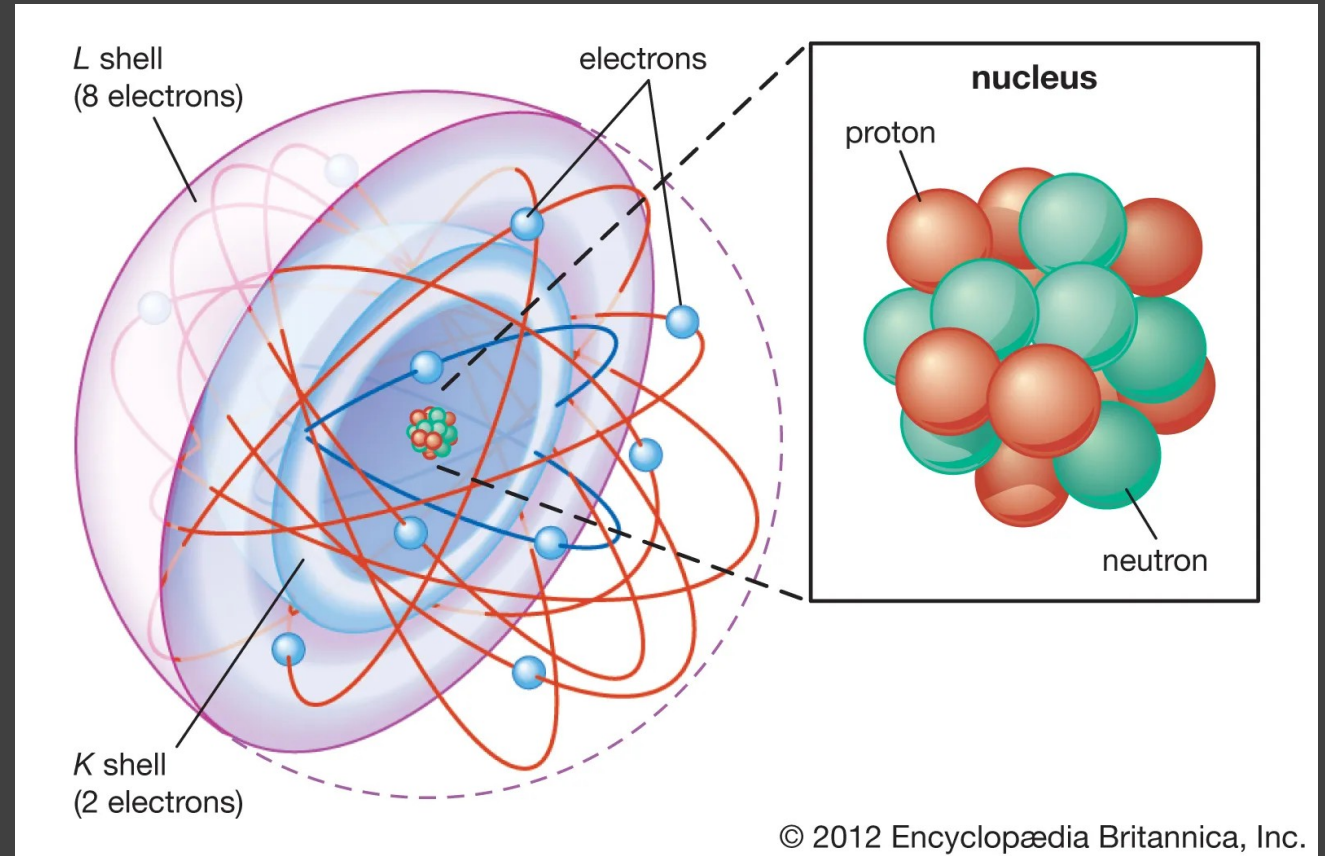
**SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE GOD CREATED** all life forms and was involved in how all life forms came into being, that he intended to create all life, including humans – **AND HE DID.** Others believe there is no God, so everything happened by accident, randomly evolving from a single cell – all the way up to all the life that now exists.

....Eric Metaxas

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An atom is the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element. Every solid, liquid, gas and plasma is composed of neutral or ionized atoms. Atoms are extremely small, and typically around 100 picometers across. A picometer is one trillionth of a meter.

*Wiki/Nuclear\_physics*





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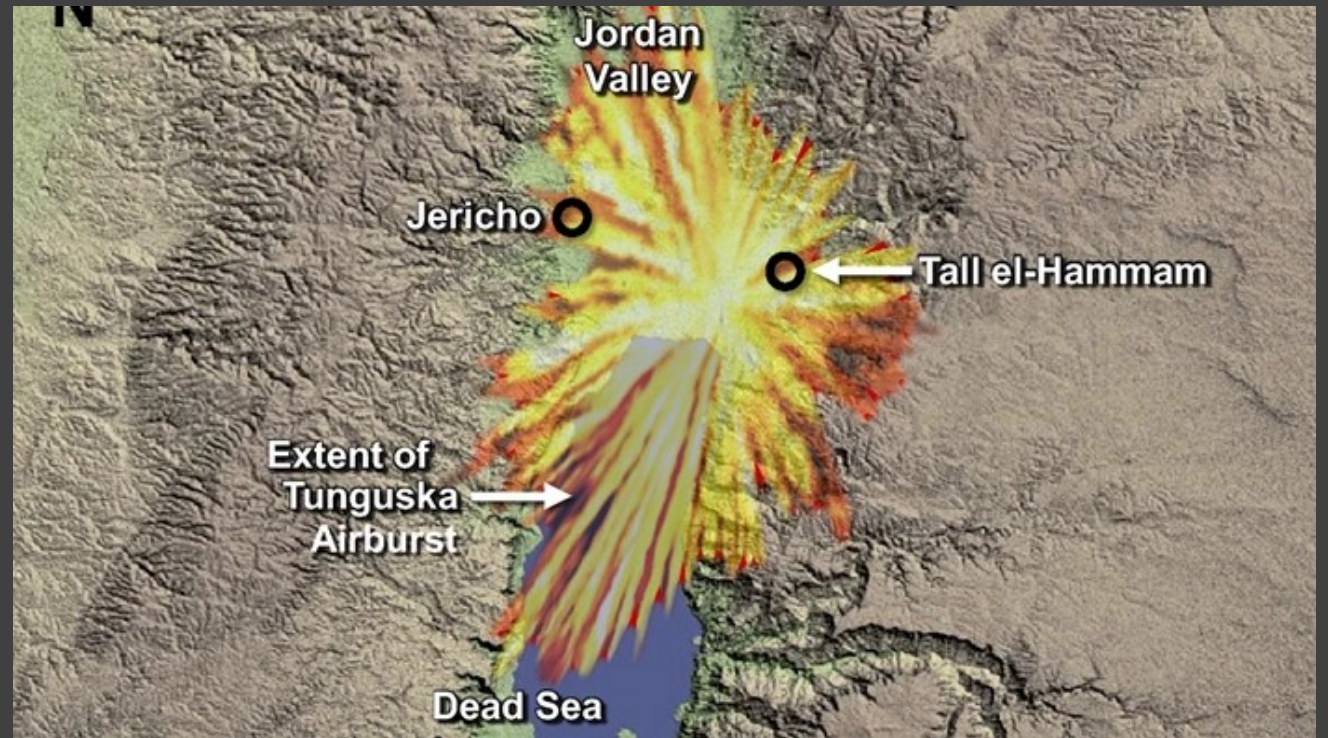
- “And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.
- “Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
  - Genesis 1:24-26

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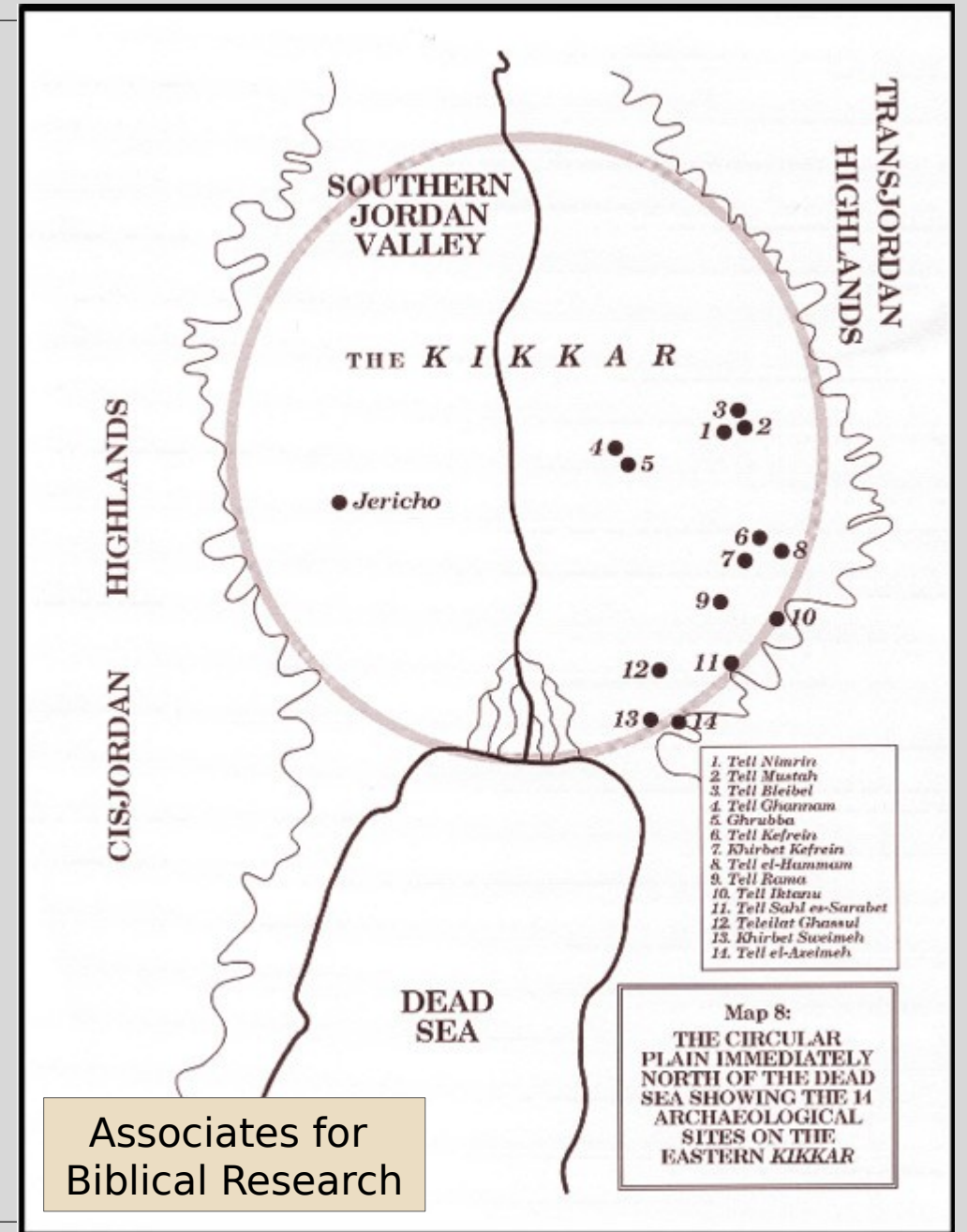
SODOM AND  
GOMORRAH



CHRISTIANITY TODAY:  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

# ATHEISM IS AS DEAD AS SODOM

- “And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. Genesis 13:10-11
- **Map of the southern Jordan River Valley, the area known as the *kikkar* ('the plain of the Jordan' - Gn 13:10) in the Hebrew Bible. Tall el-Hammam is number 8 on the map, a site which many scholars have suggested was Abel Shittim in the time of Moses and the TeHEP thesis is that the site might have been Sodom in Abraham's time).**



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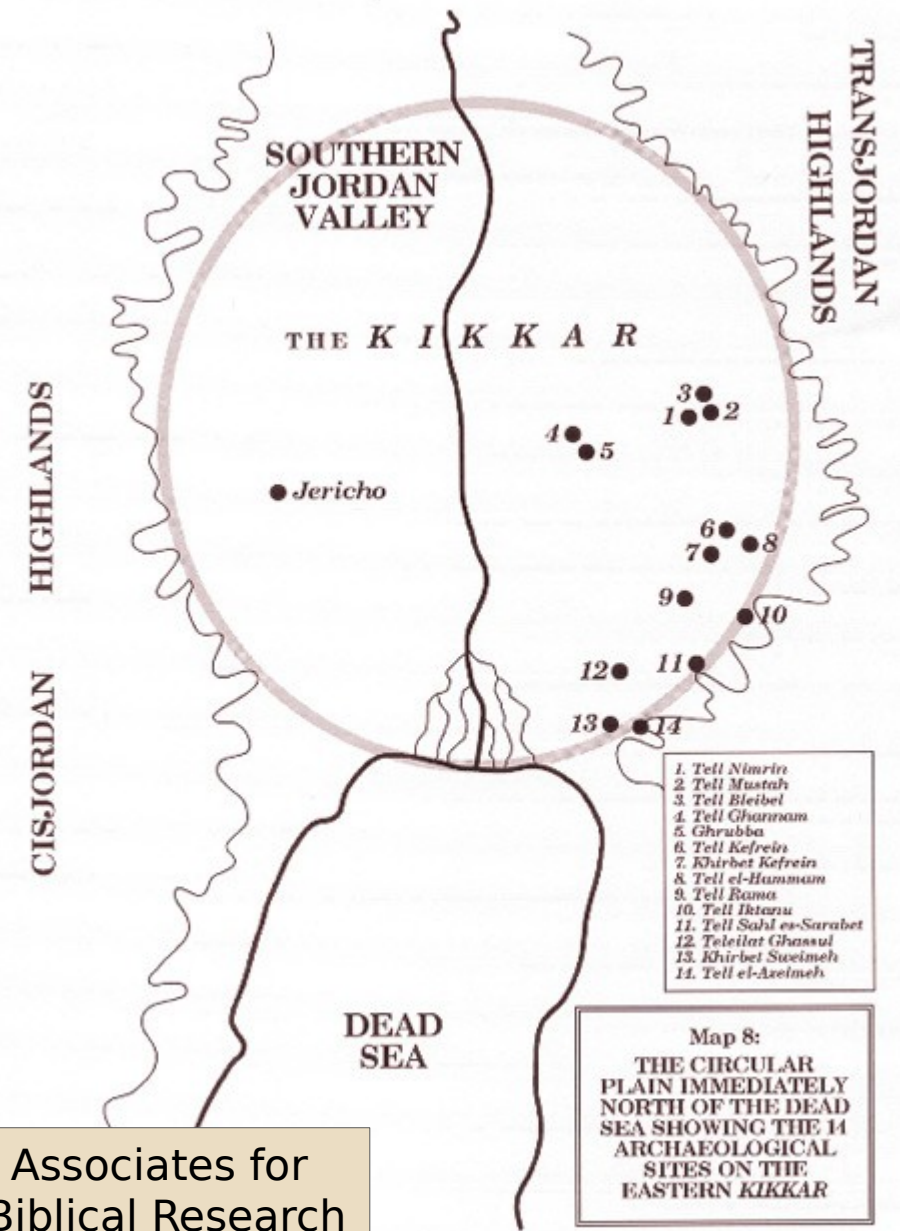
Sodom and Gomorrah? Evidence That a Cosmic Impact Destroyed a Biblical City in the Jordan Valley

“The sun had risen on the earth when Lot came to Zoar. Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from the LORD out of heaven. And he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. But Lot's wife, behind him, looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

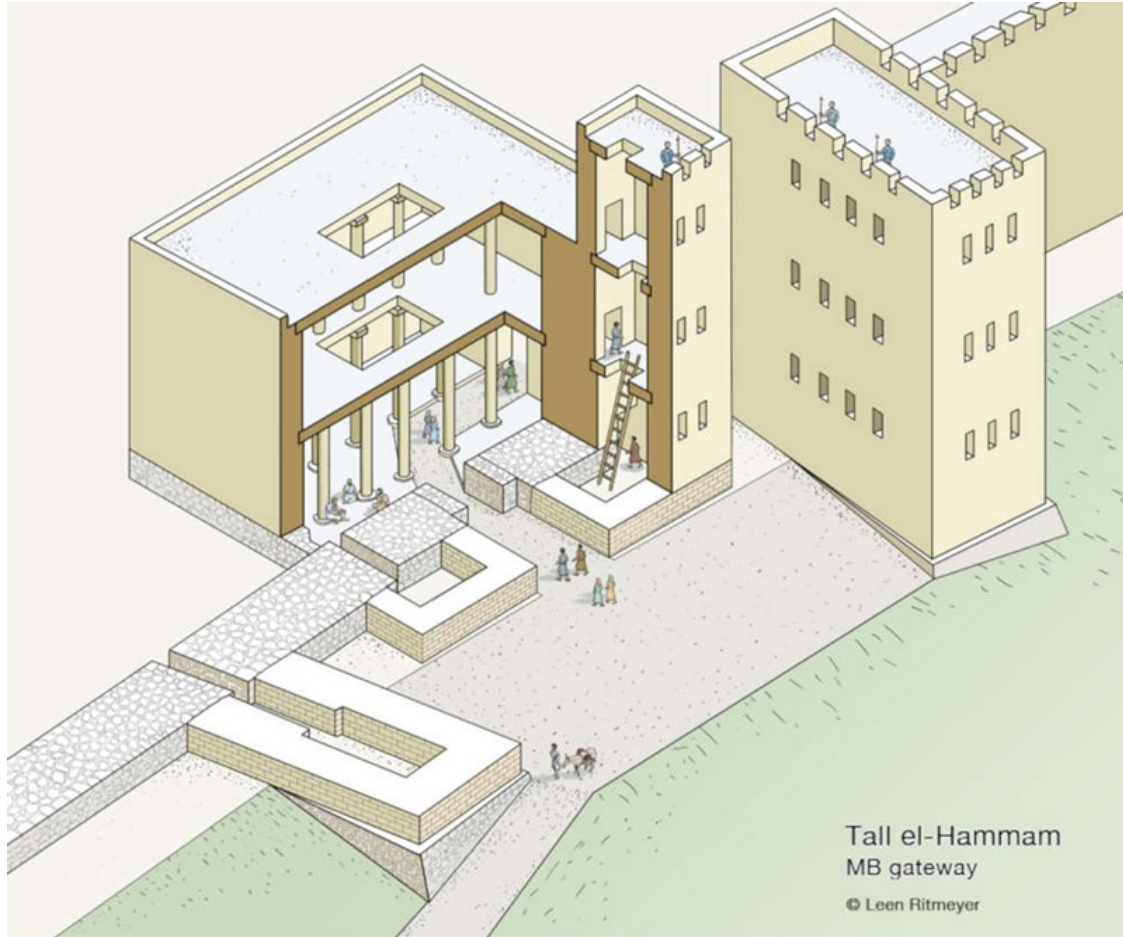
“And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the LORD. And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the land of the valley, and he looked and, behold, the smoke of the land went up like the smoke of a furnace.”

Genesis 19:23-28

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## Atheism is Dead as Sodom

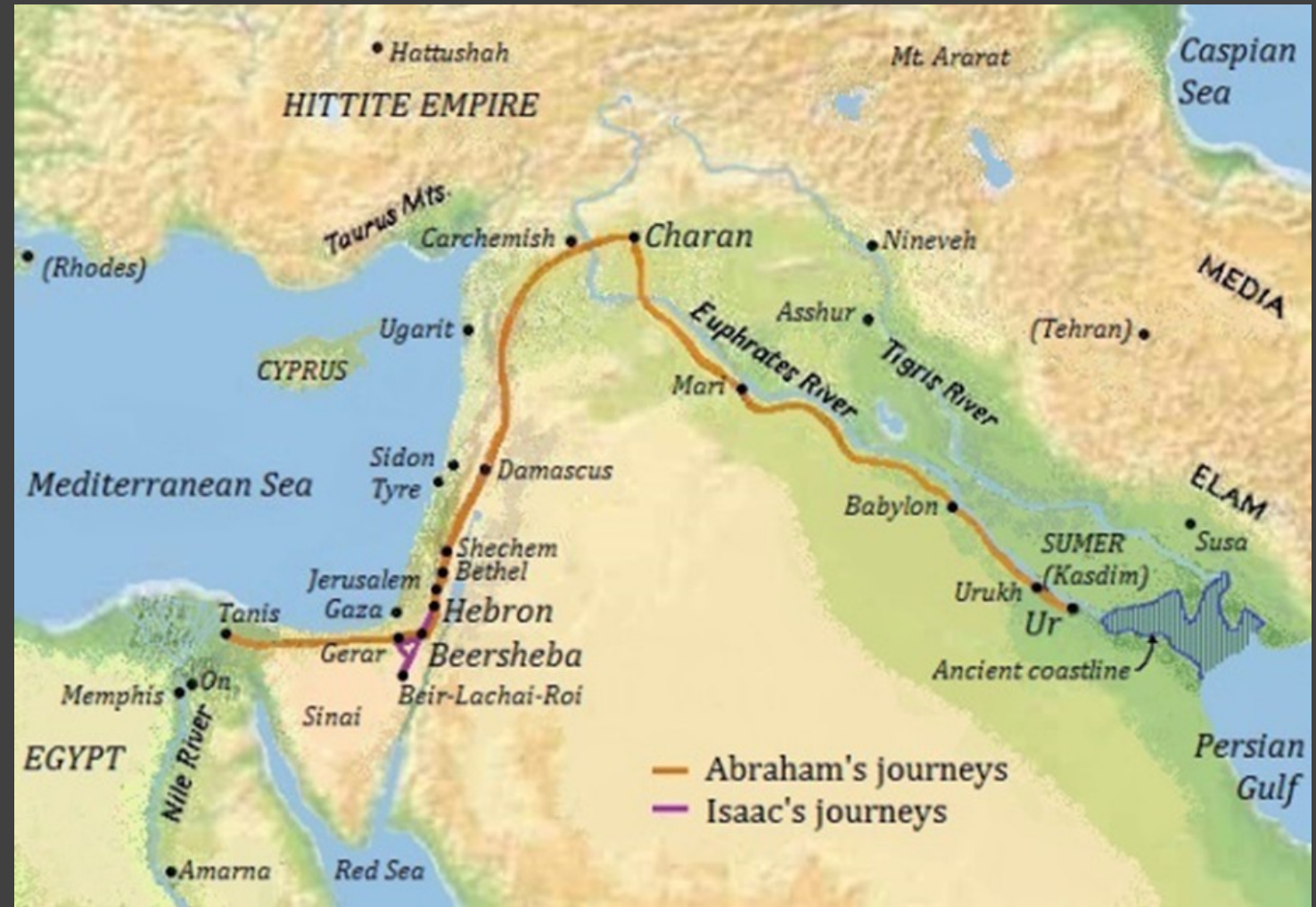
- “During the excavations of Tall el-Hammam in 2013, a large gatehouse with pillars was found behind the main entrance to the Middle Bronze Age city. This reconstruction drawing shows what the main gate of Tall el-Hammam would have looked like. As the excavator of this archaeological site has identified Tall el-Hammam with Sodom, it appears that this was the gate mentioned in Genesis 19.1, where we read that Lot sat in the Gate of Sodom. The drawing shows a right angled pathway through the gatehouse with a space at the side where the elders and judges of the city congregated.”

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**THE HITTITES**



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## The Historicity of the Hittites

◦ For many years Bible skeptics kept bringing up the fact the Hittites were a myth and that these people only existed in the Bible...that is until archaeologists uncovered evidence of such a nation. The Hittites had apparently been around for many centuries and stayed in power up until the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. Uriah the Hittite was one of the most powerful warriors in King David's army (2 Sam 11:3) and even long after the nation of Israel returned from captivity hundreds of years later, the Hittites were still a formidable nation to deal with (Ezra 9:1). The Hittites were a pagan nation that was obsessed with worshipping a multitude of gods that were related to nature like wind, fire, ice, the sky, thunder, the earth and dozens of other nature entities. Part of the reason God wanted the Hittites out of the Promised Land was so that they wouldn't pollute the Israelites worship and mix their false, pagan gods with the one true God (Ex 23).

## ARCHEOLOGY SUPPORTS THE BIBLE NARRATIVE AND PLACES





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*ARCHEOLOGY SUPPORTS THE BIBLE NARRATIVE AND PLACES*

- “Now Ephron was sitting among the Hittites, and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the Hittites, of all who went in at the gate of his city, “No, my lord, hear me: I give you the field, and I give you the cave that is in it. In the sight of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead.”

- Genesis 23:10-11

- “It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, “Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”

- 2 Samuel 11:2-3



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*ARCHEOLOGY SUPPORTS THE BIBLE NARRATIVE AND BIBLE PLACES*

- For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, “Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to come against us.”
  - 2 Kings 7:6

- “The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.
  - Ezra 9:1

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Archaeology and New Testament discovery

- “During much of the nineteenth century, many academics claimed Jesus never existed, and that most of the people, places, and events of the New Testament were invented. But with the tremendous evidence that we have today, such dismissiveness seems inconceivable.”
  - Is Atheism Dead? Eric Metaxas (pg. 179)

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## THE TAKEAWAY.....

- If we believe in the God of the Bible – we have the high ground
- If we believe in the God of Israel – we have the high ground
- If we believe in the God of Israel – we believe in Jesus Christ
- If we believe in Jesus, the Son of God – we believe in the Miracle of resurrection
- If we believe in the Miracle of resurrection – we believe in the miracle of Creation
- If we believe in Creation – we don't have to be intimidated by the "Atheists"
- There is now overwhelming evidence that there is a God
- This God has 'fine tuned' our planet (and everything in it) – and the universe
- Do not let them say you are stupid or uneducated because you believe in God
- Do not let them bully or intimidate you, or "gaslight" you into their thinking
- It is not you who is the "fool" – it is them – and the evidential tide has clearly turned
- Do not shy away from intelligent discussions on the one true God of the Bible.
- "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."" Psalms 14:1
- **"IF A WISE MAN HAS AN ARGUMENT WITH A FOOL, THE FOOL ONLY RAGES AND LAUGHS...."** Prov 29:9

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## HAVE NO FEAR OF THEM....

- “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. So, everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

- Matthew 10:26-33

**JESUS SAID, “LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME....”**

John 14:1