



# Reading Genesis in Chinese

How the Chinese Language  
Opens the Door for the Gospel

# China and the Gospel

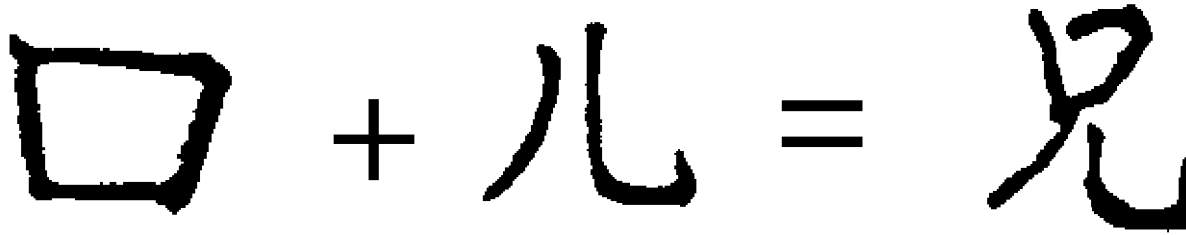
- An enormous country of 1.3 billion people
- 1/5 of the world's population
- An atheistic government
- Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism are the traditional religions
- Tradition is very, very important
- A culture and language very different from ours
- There is tremendous opportunity, but also major challenges

# The Chinese Language

- Is the oldest, continuous written language in the World
- First written over 4,500 years ago
- The inventors of the written language drew pictures to express words or ideas
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**For Example.....**



**Mouth**

**Man  
(legs)**

**Older  
Brother**

The “mouth man” or “spokes person” for the family was usually the oldest son or brother

Simple pictures were combined to make

**Well known history and  
common everyday things were  
used to make a word so people  
could remember it**

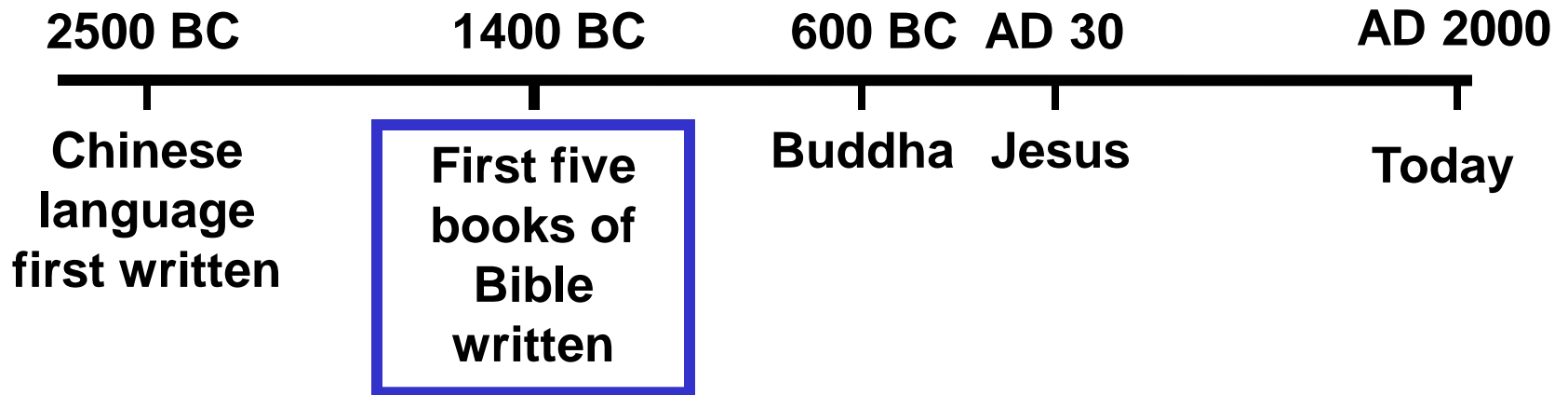
**The “mouthpiece person” for the  
family was usually the oldest son or brother**

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Knew the History of Genesis 1-11

**The Proof is in the Ancient Chinese  
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# Before Buddha, the Chinese Knew the History of Genesis 1-11

## The Proof is in the Ancient Chinese Characters



Many in China Today believe that the Bible is a Western book

- ❑ They believe it is simply myth and fable written by western men
- ❑ They think of it as an English book

**HOWEVER!**



**We will demonstrate that the  
ancestors of the modern Chinese  
knew the same stories that are  
in the first part of the Bible**

**W... e**

# How the Nations and our Languages became Divided

## **The Tower of Babel**

**Genesis 11:1-9**

**"Come, let Us go down and there  
confuse their language, that they may  
not understand one another's speech."**

# Notice the main points of this story in the Bible

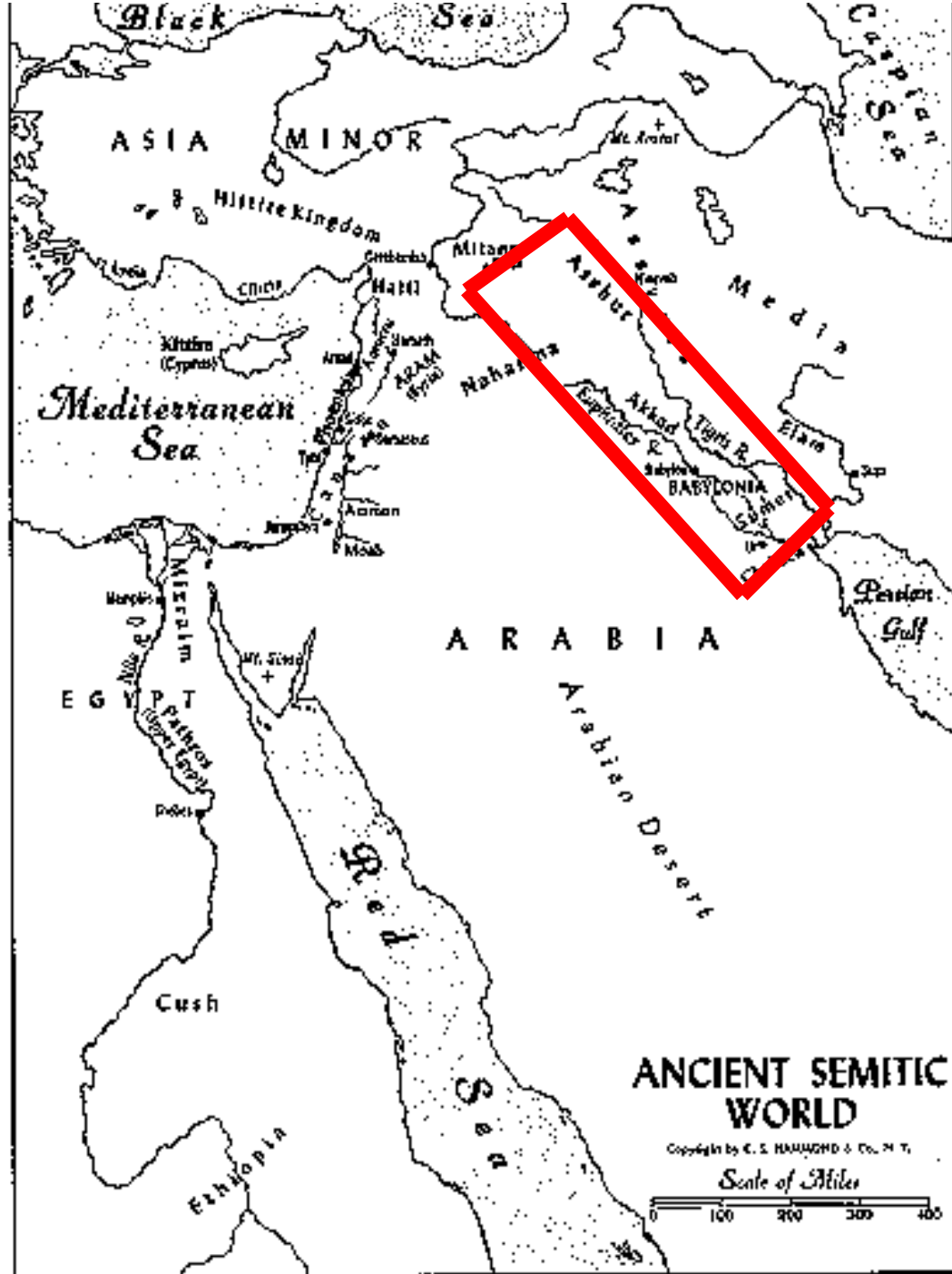
- Took place 5000 years ago
- World's oldest written language (Chinese) is more than 4500 years old
- Languages were divided
- People were scattered



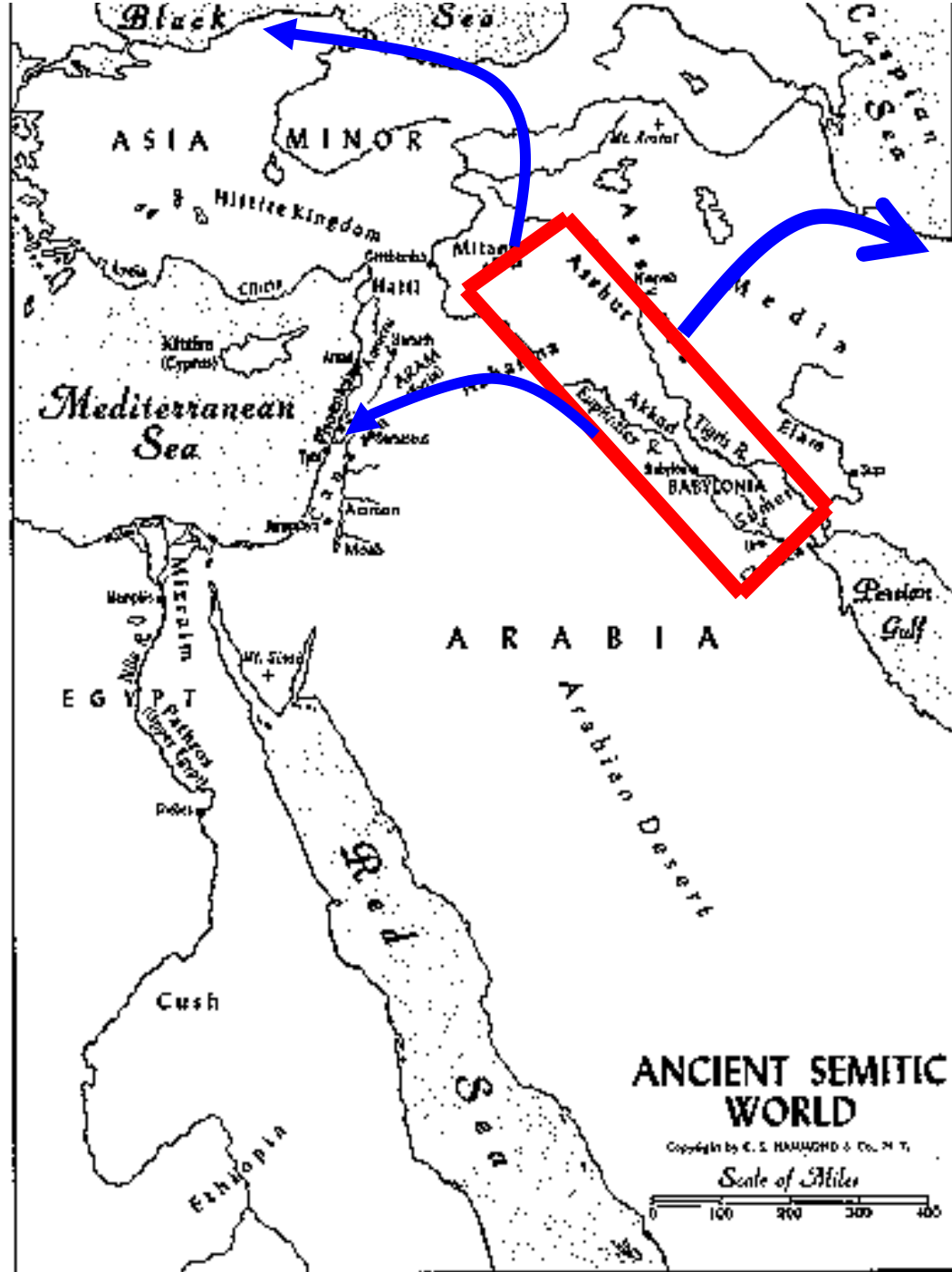
# The Scattering of the People

- After the languages were changed, the people of the earth scattered as God had commanded
- The Bible tells of them scattering from Babylon

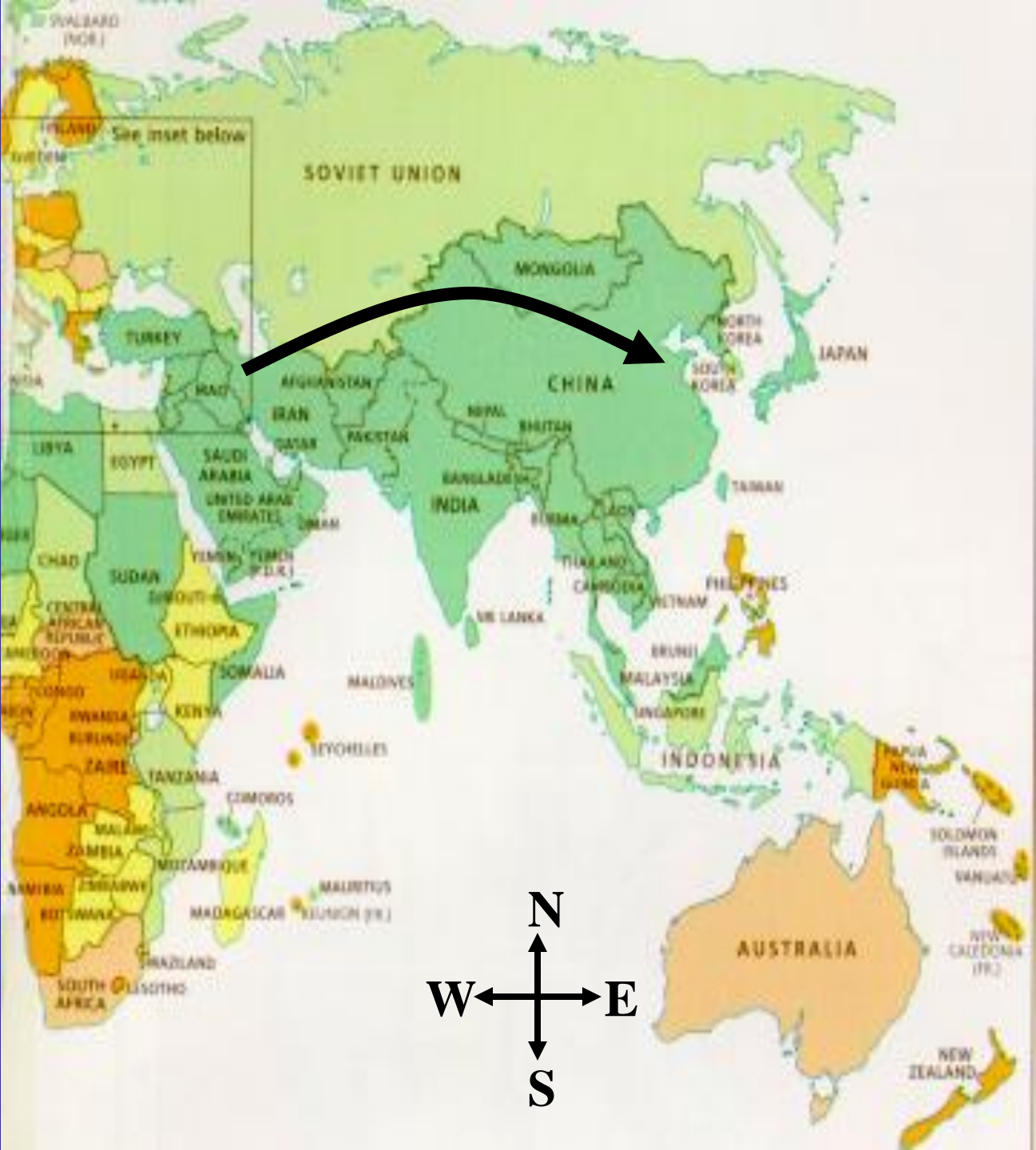
**Location of the  
Tower of Babel  
2500-3000 B.C.  
Today it is Iraq**



**If the Bible is true, all nations migrated or moved from Babylon**



The Chinese would have migrated or walked from the west to China





The Chinese walked from the west after a great division

To Migrate,  
to Move

大 + 已 + 西 + 走 = 遷

Great Division

West

Walk

**Migrate**



# Creation

The Bible says that God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.

Genesis 1 and 2

# The Story of Creation in the Bible

Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)

Then the LORD God CREATED man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)

土 + 口 + 丿 = 告

DUST

BREATH  
MOUTH

ALIVE

TO TALK

告 + 辵 = 造

TO TALK

WALKING

TO CREATE

# According to the Bible

The **First** Man was a Living Dust Man

丿 + 土 + 儿 = 先

**ALIVE**

**DUST**

**MAN**

**FIRST**

According to the Chinese Language,  
4500 years ago this was also believed in  
China

# The Garden of Eden

- God and man at peace
- Garden of Eden shows a picture of complete and perfect happiness as God and man live together as one
- Genesis 1:26-31

福

Happiness or  
Blessing

示

+

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+

口

+

田

God

One

Man

Garden

In the beginning God and the man  
had close fellowship, this leads to  
true happiness!

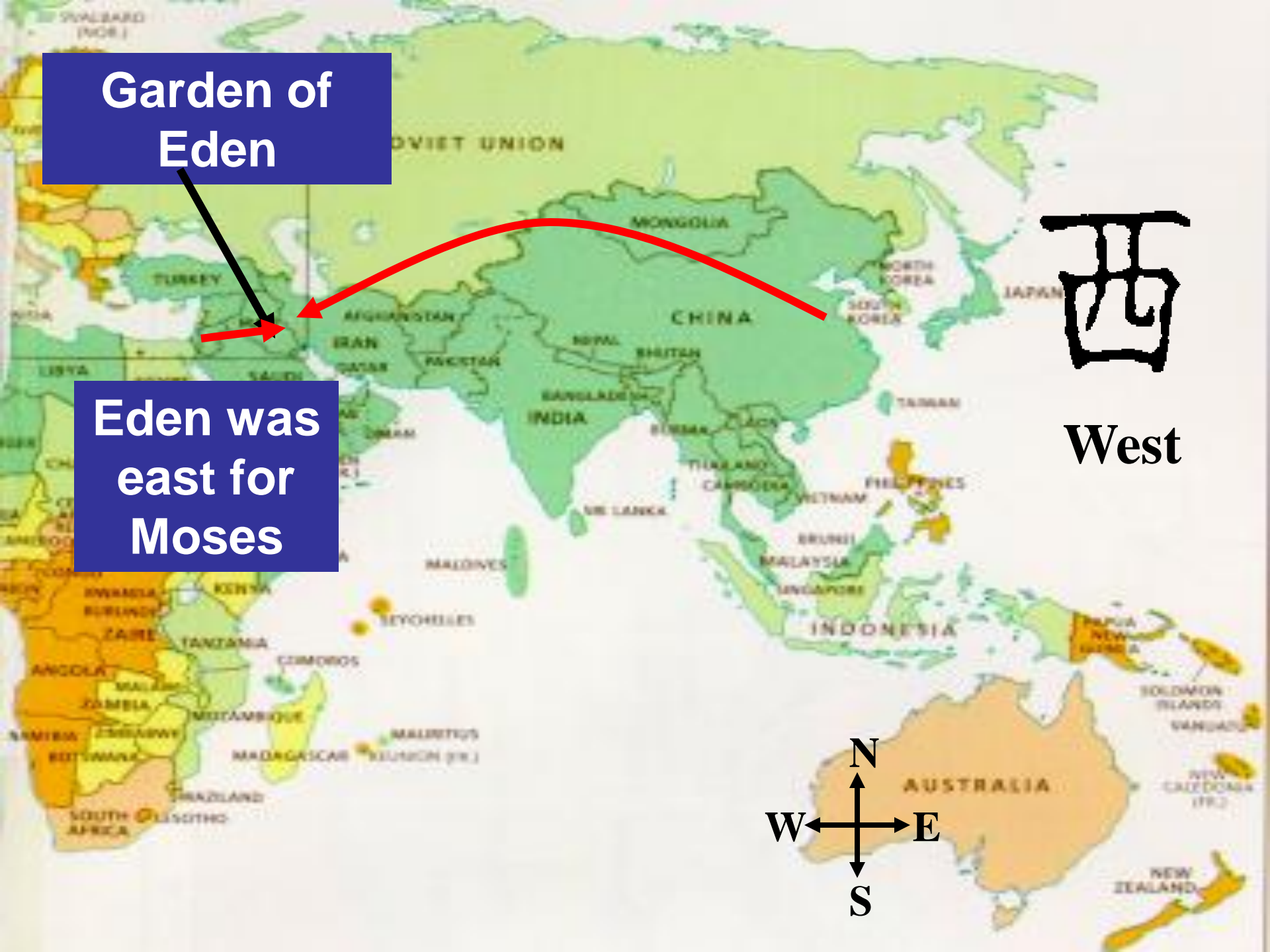
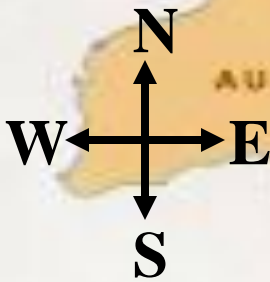
**Garden of Eden**



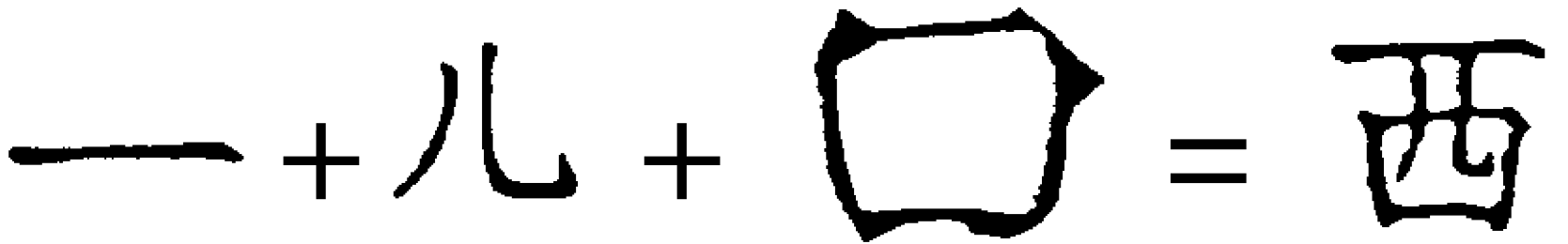
**Eden was east for Moses**



**West**



And God planted a **garden** eastward,  
in Eden; and there he put the **man**  
whom he had formed.



**One,  
First**

**Person**

**Enclosure  
Garden**

**West**



# The Two Trees and Sin

- God gave man a law
- Man was told not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden
- God gave man the ability to choose between eating of the tree and not eating of the tree
- Genesis 2:9

And the Lord God made a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had made. And out of the earth the Lord made every tree to come, delighting the eye and good for food; and in the middle of the garden, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:8-9 BBE)

**How many special trees were  
in the middle of the garden?**

**TWO TREES**

**And the Lord God gave the man orders, saying, You may freely take of the fruit of every tree of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you may not take; for on the day when you take of it, death will certainly come to you.  
(Genesis 2:16-17 BBE)**

**Man was forbidden to eat one of the two trees -- if he ate the forbidden tree the other would be taken from him also.**

**木木 + 示 = 禁**

**Two Trees                      Command                      Forbidden**

# The Woman and the Forbidden Fruit

- Satan tempted Eve to eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil
- God had told man not to eat of that fruit
- Adam and Eve were presented with opportunity to sin
- They gave in to temptation and sinned
- Genesis 3:1-5

# FELLOWSHIP IS LOST

**GOD**

**SIN**

**MAN**

# The Woman and the Forbidden Fruit

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. (Genesis 3:6-8 NASB)

木木 + 女 = 婪

Two Trees                      Woman                      To Covet, desire

The Chinese people 4500 years ago associated the devil with a garden and two trees

丩 + 厶 + 田 + 儿 = 鬼

Life or Motion      Secret, private      Garden      Man      Devil, Satan

魔 = 鬼 + 木木 + 宀

Tempter      Devil      Two Trees      Cover

After Eating the Fruit they realized  
they were naked

The image shows the kanji character for 'naked' (裸) written in a traditional, slightly calligraphic style. It consists of a top radical '亠' and a bottom radical '儿'.

Naked

The image shows the kanji character for 'naked' (裸) written in a more modern, standard style. It consists of a top radical '亠' and a bottom radical '儿'.

Naked



After Eating the Fruit  
they realized they were naked

人

Man

+

果

Fruit

=

裸

Naked

衣

Clothing

+

果

Fruit

=

裸

Naked

# Man Was Punished Because They Sinned

- Punishment was placed on the woman because she sinned
- Punishment was placed on the man because he sinned

Genesis 3:6 ... **she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; ...**

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly **multiply thy pain** and thy conception; **in pain** thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

疋 + 木木 = 楚

A piece

Two Trees

Pain

# Man's Punishment for Sin

- Man was punished with the ground producing weeds and thorns
- He would have to work for his food
- The earth was cursed because of man's sin

# GEN.3:17-19

古

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艹

=

苦

ANCIENT

WEEDS

SORROW

# The First Murder

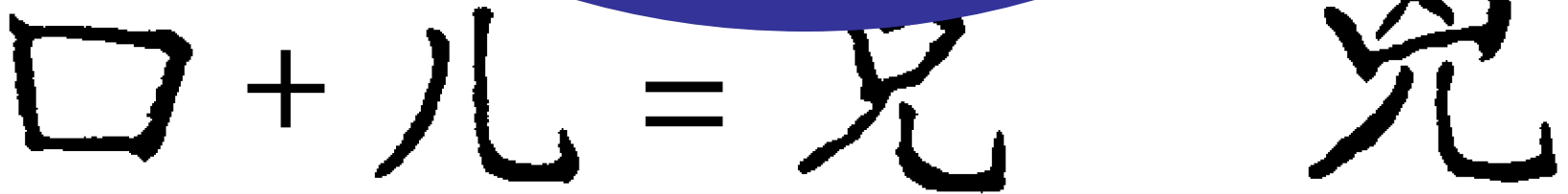
- Adam and Eve's sons were named Cain and Abel
- Cain, the older son, killed Abel the younger son
- Genesis 4:1-2, 8

# The First Murder

And the man had come with his wife, and she became with child and gave birth to two sons. The firstborn was Cain, and he gave birth to Abel, his brother. Cain was a farmer, and Abel was a shepherd. Cain brought an offering of the fruits of the soil to the Lord, and Abel brought the young lambs of his flock. The Lord was pleased with Abel's offering, but he was not pleased with Cain's offering. And Cain was angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? If you do well, will you not be accepted? If you do not do well, sin is waiting at the door, desiring you, but do not let it be your master. And Cain said to his brother, Let us go into the field: and when they were in the field, Cain made an attack on his brother Abel and put him to death. (Genesis 4:1-8 BBE)

And the... Cain is  
 put... will be  
 take... but **a**  
mark... might  
 put... (:15)

The First Older Brother  
 in the Bible was violent  
 The words for “elder son”  
 and “violent” are both  
 Pronounced “SHUN”



MOUTH      MAN      ELDEST SON      Cruel, Violent



# The Flood

- Man continued to sin and totally forgot God
- God was sorry that He had made man and decided to destroy man with a flood
- However, there was a man named Noah who, along with his wife, 3 sons, and their wives, were faithful to God – 8 people total
- God told Noah to build an ark and He would save him from the flood
- Genesis 6:5-8,14,22

# The Great World Flood

Noah, his wife and their wives

**Eight people on  
the boat**

And the Lord saw that the world was very evil:  
...  
...  
for you, and truly, I  
make  
will send  
...everything  
you I will make an ark, and you will come into the  
ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons'  
wives with you. (Genesis 6:11-18 BBE)

# GEN.6:5-8; 7:7



**Person**

+



**Eight**

+



**Boat**

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**Large  
Ship**



**Person**

+



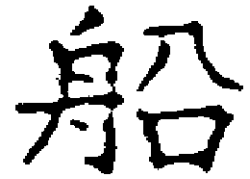
**Eight**

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**Boat**

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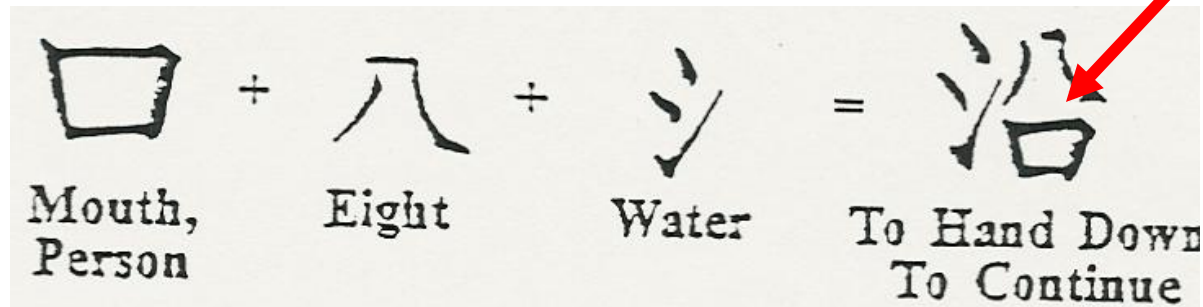


**Large  
Ship**



**How did the ancient people  
Of China know these things?  
They did not have a Bible!**

# How did the Chinese know these things without a Bible?



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# The Chinese Language Confirms...

- That all peoples have a common history
- That many of the truths revealed in Genesis were known by all men at one time
- They are not know today because
  - They were not remembered and passed down
  - Or they were corrupted beyond recognition
- God has not left Himself without witness

# Deuteronomy 4:9

“Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. **And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,**”



# Acts 14:15-17

... "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, 16 who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Nevertheless **He did not leave Himself without witness**, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."