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

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

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2500 BC 1400 BC 600 BC AD 30 AD 2000
Chinese language first written First five books of Bible written Buddha Jesus

Today
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.
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.
To Migrate, to Move

The Chinese walked from the west after a great division

大 + 己 + 西 + 乏 = 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
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)
According to the Bible

The First Man was a Living Dust Man

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

1 + 木 + 田 + 人 = 鬼

Life or Motion  Secret, private  Garden  Man  Devil, Satan

魔 = 鬼 + 木

Tempter  Devil  Two Trees  Cover
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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.

A piece  Two Trees  =  楚  

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

 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 connection with Eve his wife, and she became with child and gave birth to Cain, and said, I have got a man from the Lord. Then again she became with child and gave birth to Abel, his brother. And after a time, Cain gave to the Lord an offering of the fruits of the earth. And Abel gave an offering of the young lambs of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord was pleased with Abel's offering; But in Cain and his offering he had no pleasure. And Cain was angry and his face became sad. And the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? and why is your face sad? If you do well, will you not have honour? and if you do wrong, sin is waiting at the door, desiring to have 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 Lord said, Truly, if Cain is put to death, seven lives will be taken for his. And the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one might put him to death. (Genesis 4:15)

The First Older Brother in the Bible was violent. The words for “elder son” and “violent” are both Pronounced “SHUN”
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
And the earth was evil in God’s eyes and full of violent ways. And God, looking on the earth, saw that it was evil: …And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come; and now I will put an end to them with the earth. Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood with rooms in it, and make it safe from the water inside and out. …For truly, I will send a great flood of waters over the earth, …everything on the earth will come to an end. But with you I will make an agreement; 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

口 + 八 + 舟 = 船

Person  Eight  Boat  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?

Mouth, Person + Eight + Water = 沿

To Hand Down
To Continue
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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
“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."