Adams Time Chart for Kids

The Bonus Pack

20 activities · 96 printable pages

Everything here is built on the same 1881 chart as the book. Print only what you need, when you need it: the index on the next page says what each activity is for and how many sheets it takes.

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15 activities, 86 printable sheets in all. Activity 1 is the one to print first: most of the others are built on the strip you make there.

The Parent's Map of the 21 Sessions

What this teaches *One sheet for the fridge. Every session with its dates, the passage to read and the names of the family line, so you can see the whole year at a glance and know where you are without opening the book.*

	session	dates on the chart	Golden Thread	done
1	In the Beginning	4004–3800 B.C.	Adam, Seth	☐
2	The First Tools	3800–3500 B.C.	Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel	☐
3	Enoch Walks with God	3500–3200 B.C.	Jared, Enoch, Methuselah	☐
4	Pictures and Letters	3200–2900 B.C.	Lamech	☐
5	Iron, Harps and Wonders	2900–2600 B.C.	Noah	☐
6	The Great Flood	2600–2300 B.C.	Shem, Arphaxad	☐
7	The Tower of Babel	2300–2000 B.C.	Salah, Heber, Peleg	☐
8	Abraham's Big Journey	2000–1700 B.C.	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob	☐
9	Moses and the Great Escape	1700–1400 B.C.	Pharez, Esrom, Aram	☐
10	Brave Judges and Ruth	1400–1100 B.C.	Salmon, Boaz, Obed	☐
11	Kings David and Solomon	1100–800 B.C.	David, Solomon, Rehoboam	☐
12	Daniel and the King's Dream	800–500 B.C.	Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	☐
13	Alexander and the Wise Greeks	500–200 B.C.	Abiud, Eliakim, Azor	☐
14	Jesus Is Born	200 B.C.–A.D. 100	Eleazar, Matthan, Jacob	☐
15	Constantine and the Creed	A.D. 100–400		☐
16	St. Patrick and the Middle Ages	A.D. 400–700		☐
17	Charlemagne, Alfred and the Feudal Wor	A.D. 700–1000		☐
18	Castles, Crusades and Magna Carta	A.D. 1000–1300		☐
19	The Printing Press and a New World	A.D. 1300–1600		☐
20	Steam, Telegraph and a New Nation	A.D. 1600–1881		☐
21	Presidents, Queens and the End of the	after 1881		☐

Three ways to plan the year

The book is twenty-one sessions of about twenty minutes. How you spread them is the only real decision you have to make. These three work.

One session a week

21 weeks · about five months

The pace most families keep. Read on the same day every week and the children will remind you. Leaves room for the bonus activities in between.

Two sessions a week

11 weeks · about three months

Good for a short term, or for older children who want to get to the end. Do the panel and the story on one day, the activity on the other.

One session a month

21 months · nearly two years

Slow, but it works: one evening a month, with the chart on the table and the coloring page left out for the rest of the week.

Which bonus activity goes with which session

Before you start	Activity 20, this sheet, and Activity 1 sheet 1
After session 1	Activity 9, the lifespans of Genesis 5
After session 5	Activity 15, the Part I word search
After session 7	Activity 10, Ussher's arithmetic
After session 12	Activity 11, the books of the Bible
After session 14	Activity 2, the Golden Thread poster is now full
After session 19	Activity 17, the inventions
At the end	Activity 19, quiz night, and Activity 3, your own family

My Own Stream of Time

What this teaches *Time is a length, not a list. When a child draws 4,000 years of Bible history and sees that all of modern history fits in the last few inches, the scale stops being a number and becomes something he can point at.*

Eight sheets. Print them all, cut off the gray edge on the right of each sheet, then tape them in order: sheet 1 on the left, sheet 8 on the right. You will have a Stream of Time about five feet (one and a half metres) long.

The black pillars are already drawn for you: each one is one hundred years, exactly as on Adams's chart. The years are printed under them. Everything else is yours.

1. **Write above the Stream** the people of the Bible: the families, the kings, the prophets. One name, one date, on the line where it belongs.
2. **Write below the Stream** the nations and the inventions: Egypt, Babylon, Rome, the printing press, the telegraph.
3. **Color each nation** give every nation its own color and keep it the same all the way along, the way Adams did. When one nation conquers another, let the colors join.
4. **Add your own family** at the far right, mark the year your grandparents, your parents and you were born.

Tip for small hands: do one sheet per session, not all eight at once.

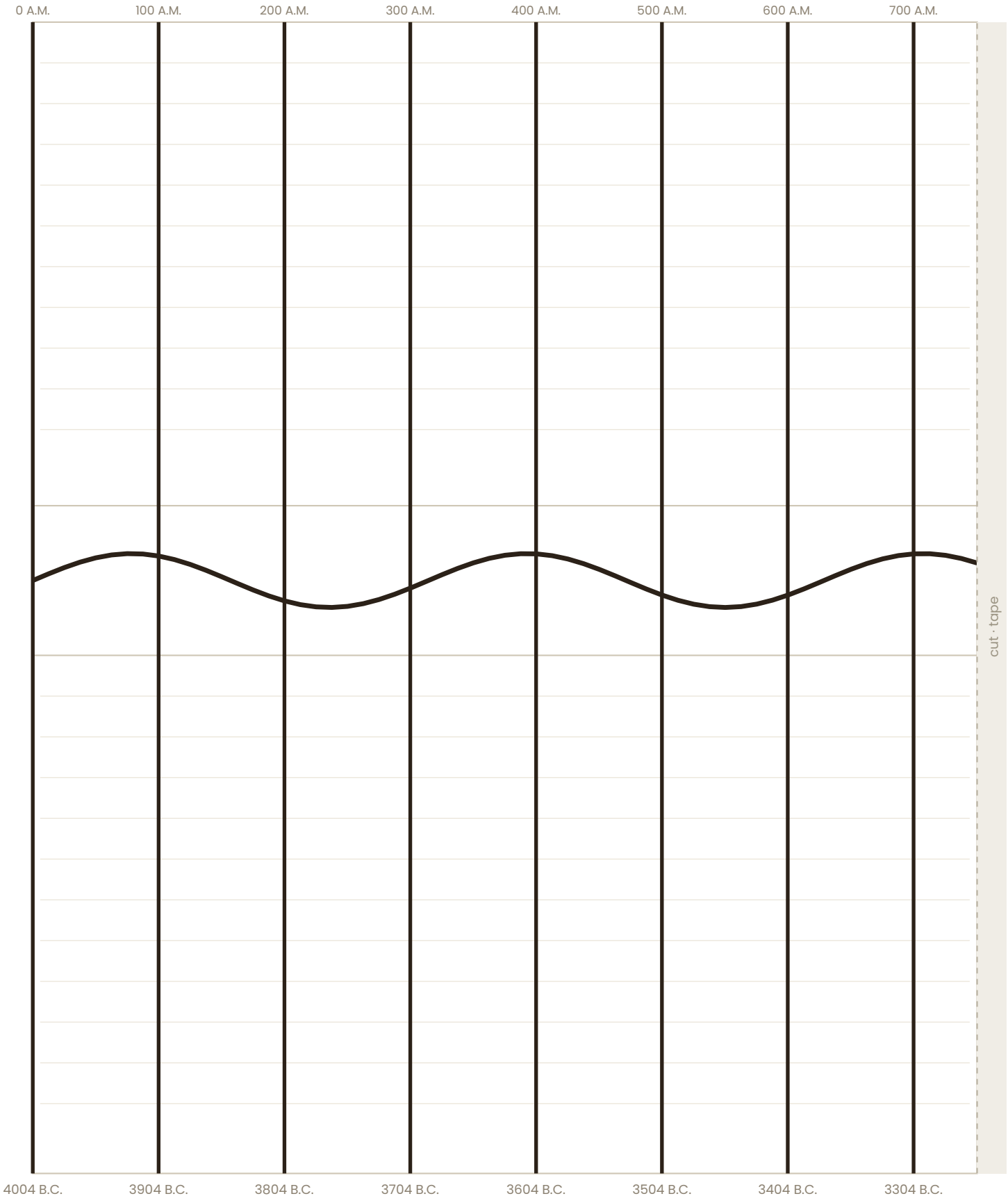
Bible families, kings and prophets

THE STREAM OF TIME

The nations, each with its own color

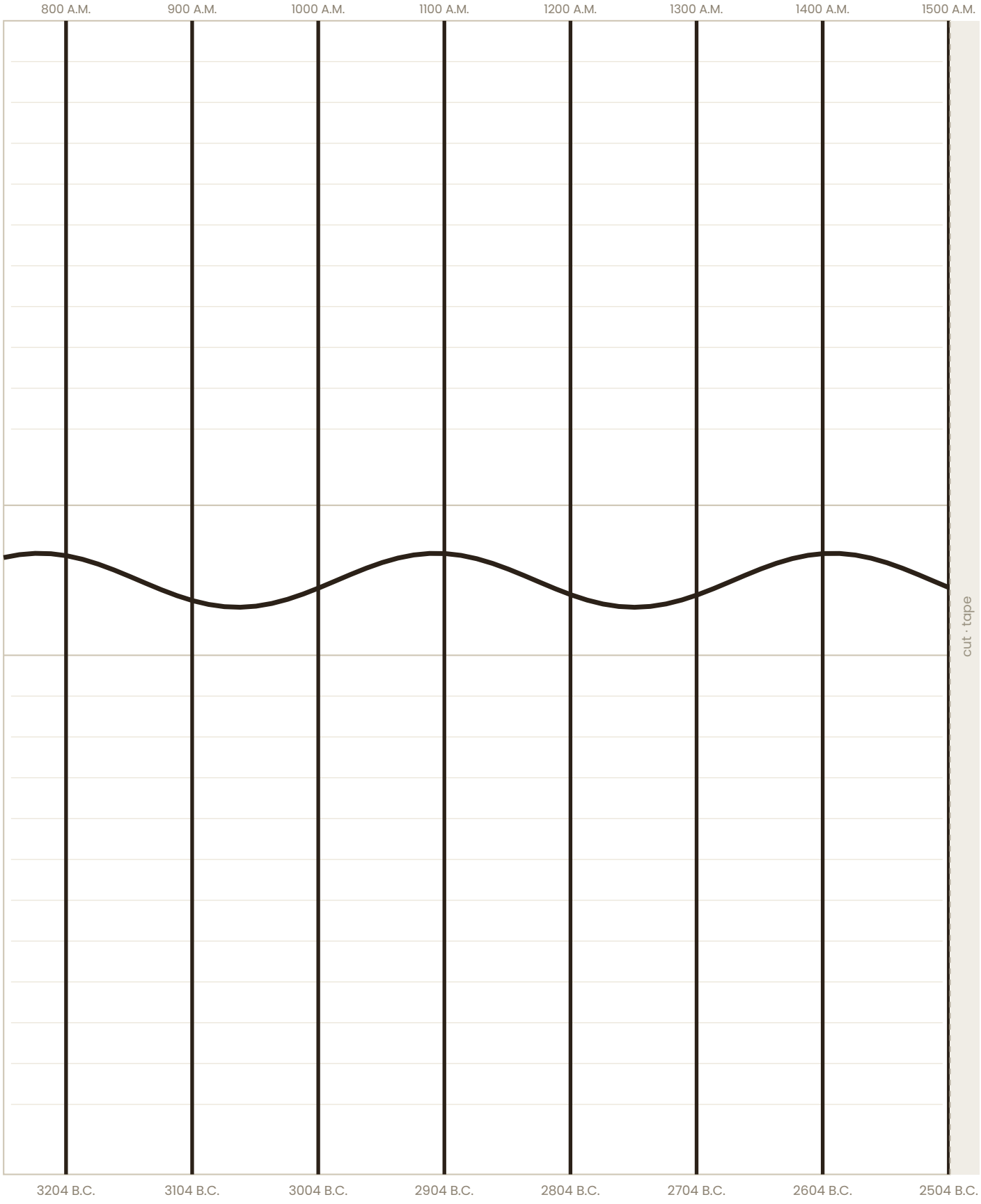
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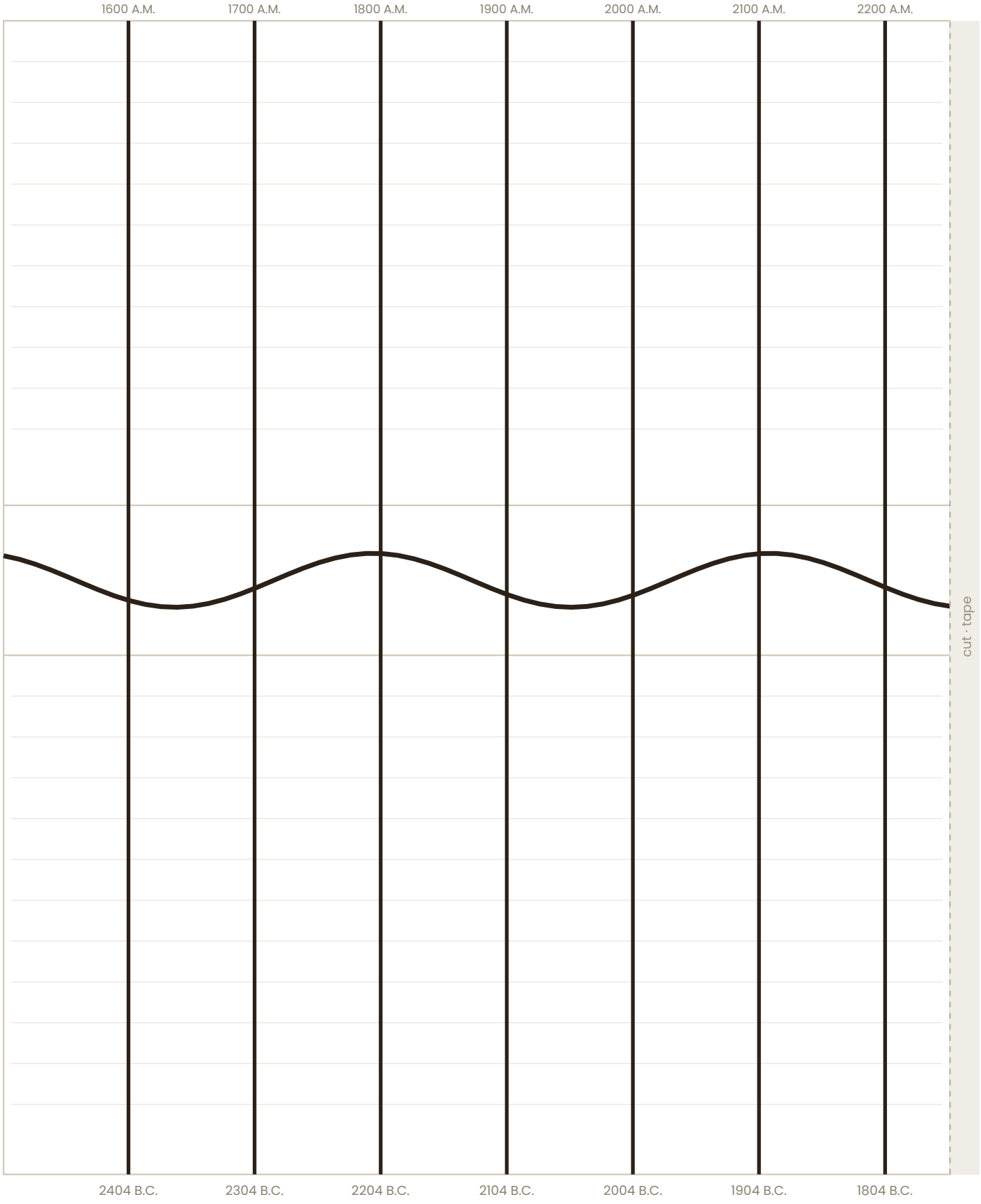
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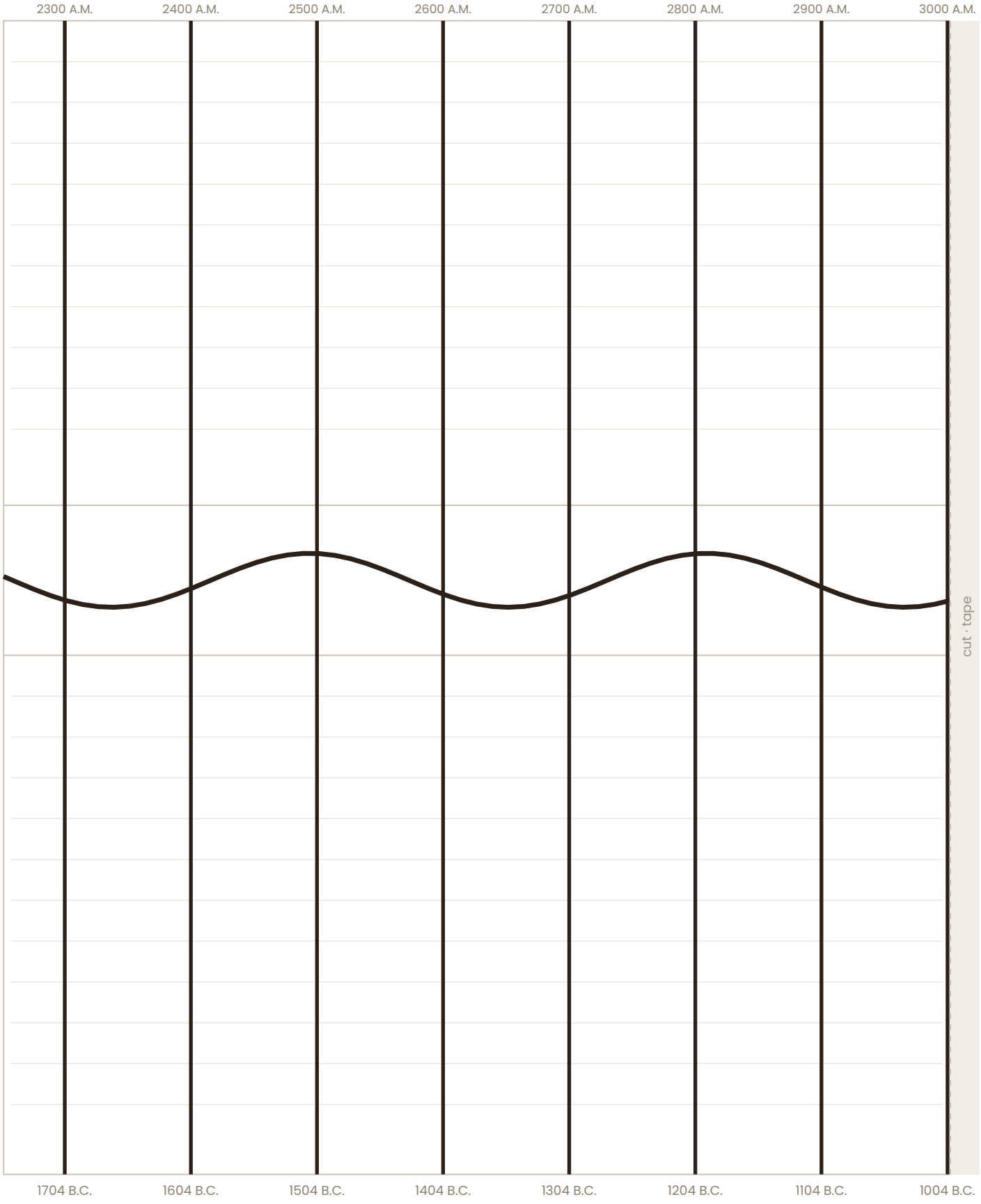
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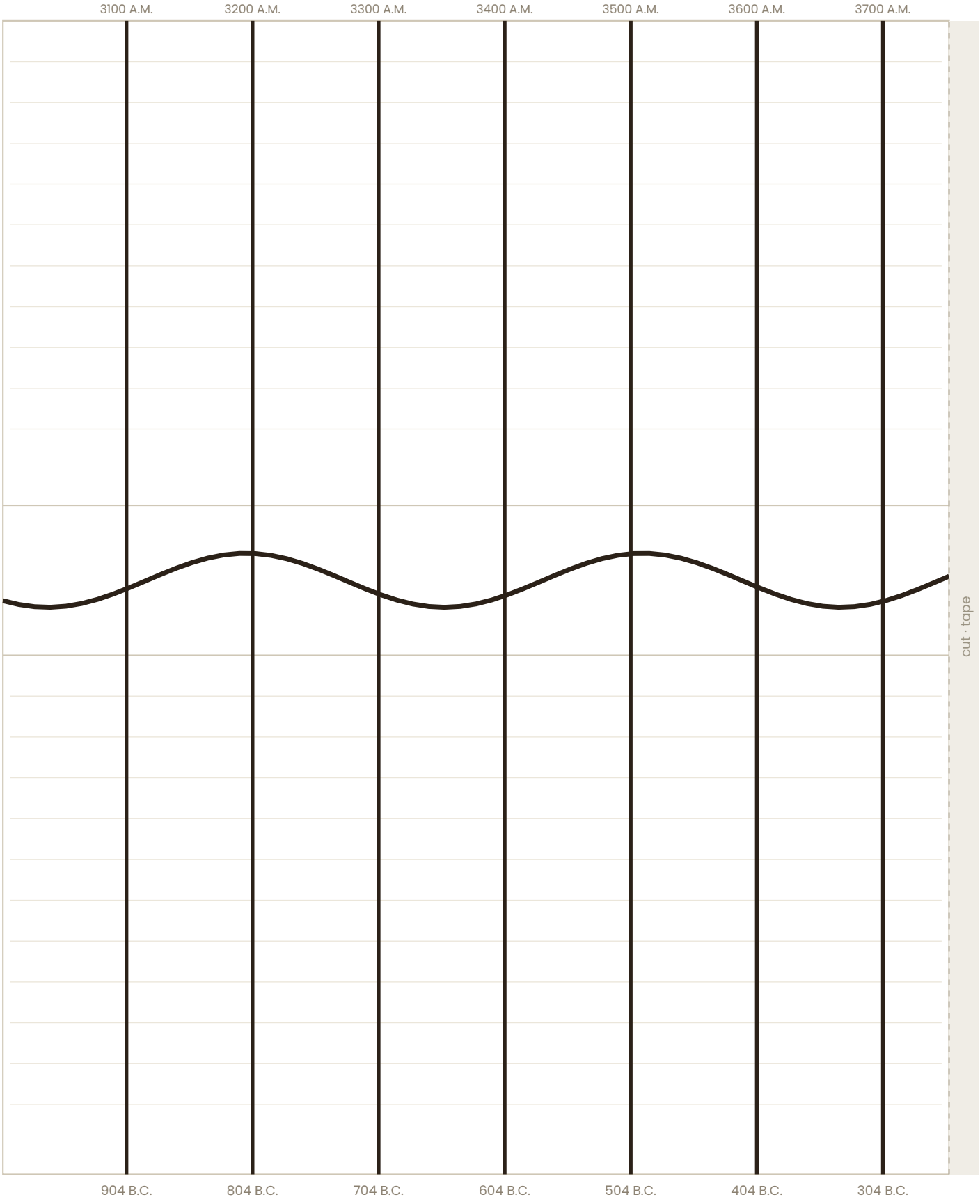
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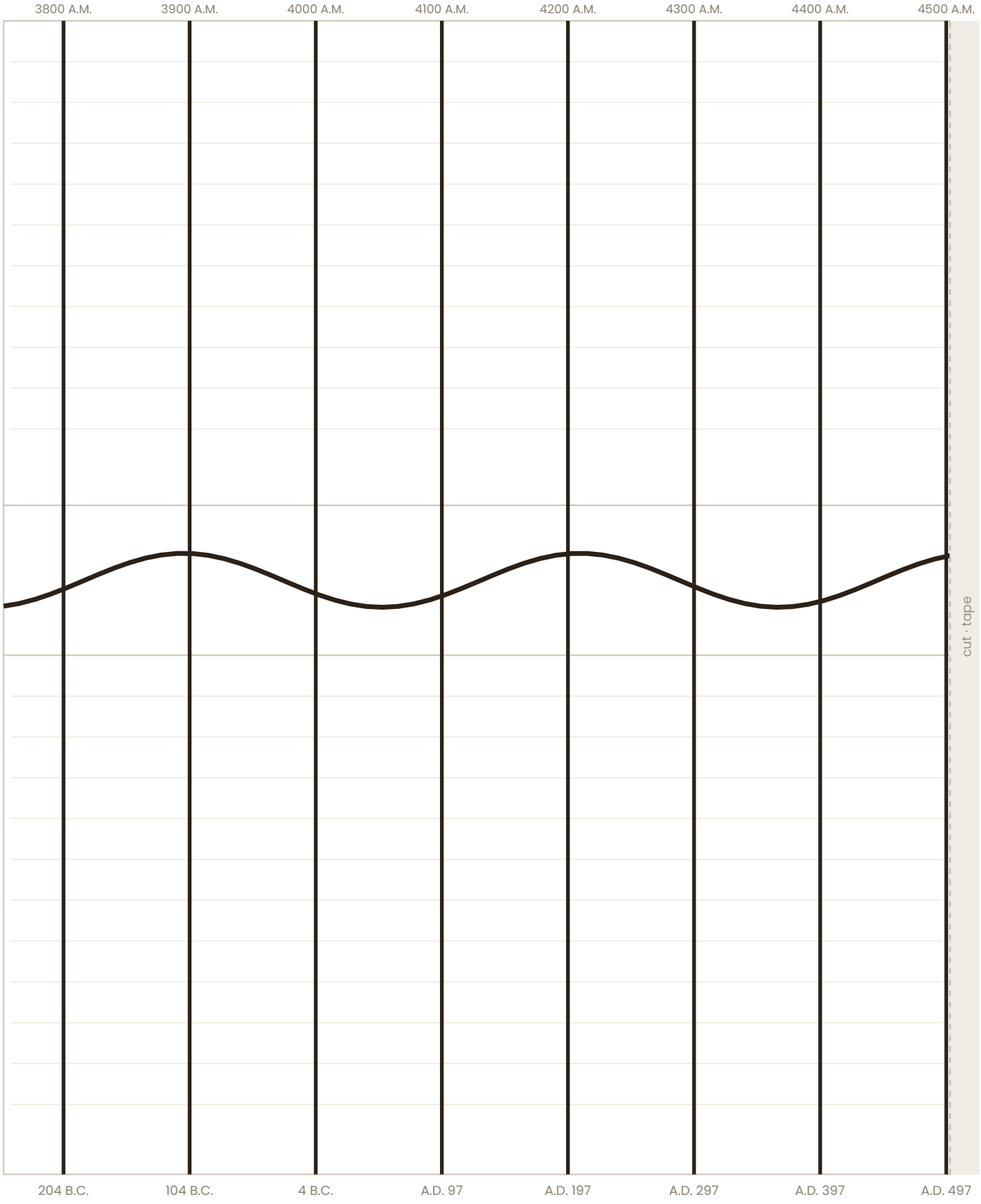
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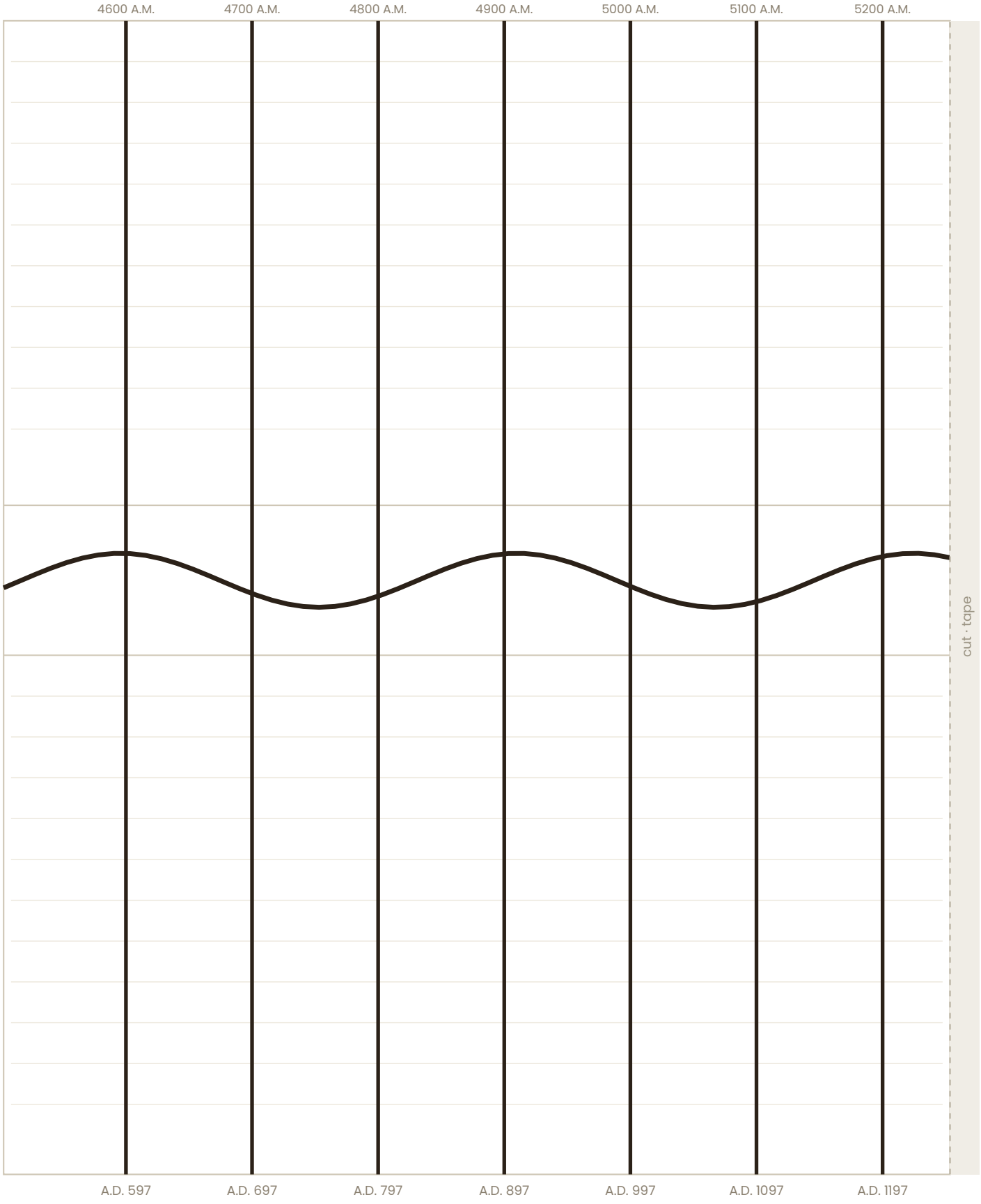
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251 B.C. to A.D. 500



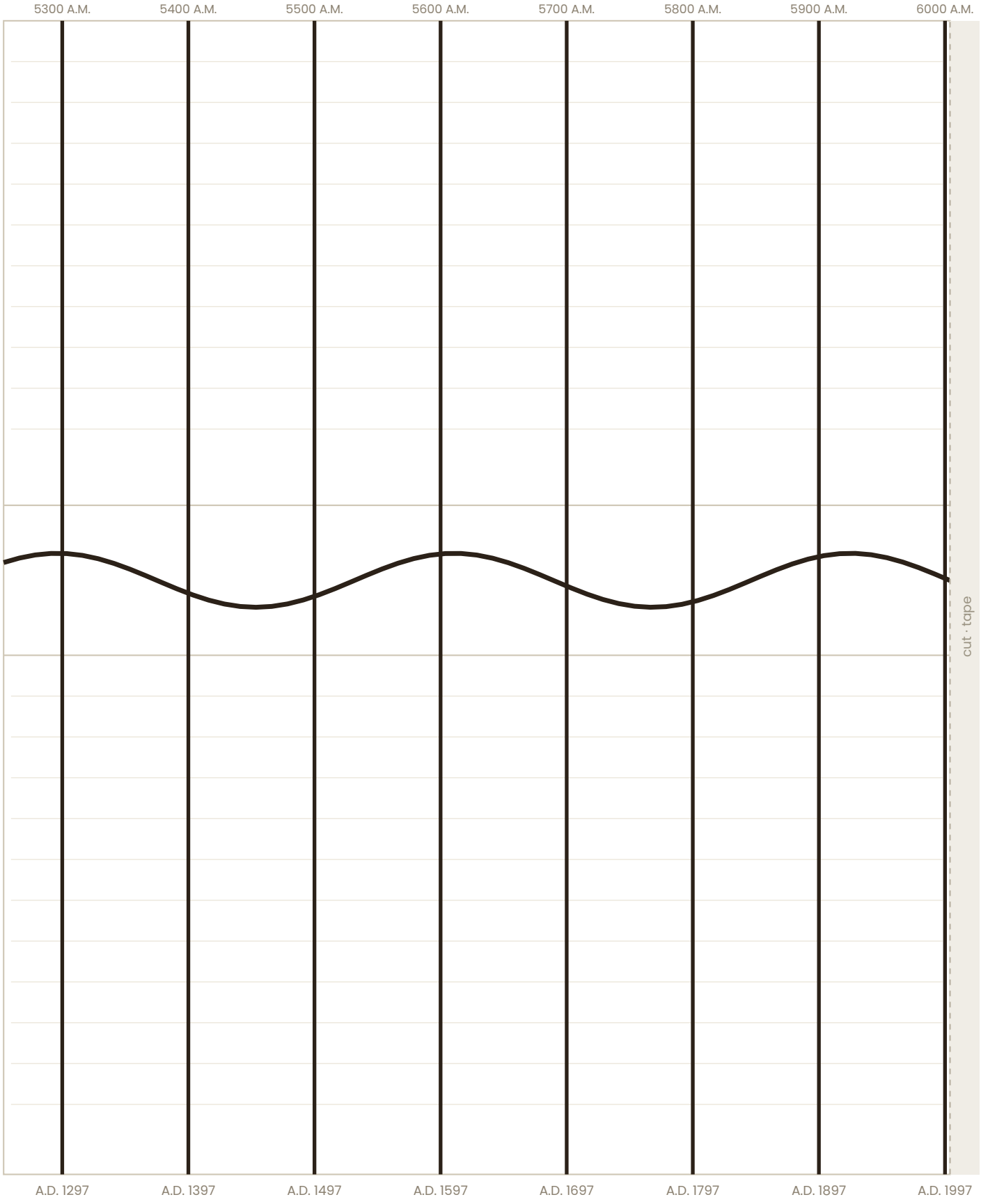
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A.D. 500 to A.D. 1250



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A.D. 1250 to A.D. 2001



The Golden Thread Poster · sheet 1 of 4

What this teaches *The family line from Adam to Jesus is one unbroken thread. Seeing all sixty names in order, in the chart's own spelling, turns a list of hard names into a single story with a beginning and an end.*

Color a medallion each time you find that name on Adams's chart, and tick the little box with the number of the session where you found it. Tape the four sheets one under the other and you have a poster for the wall.

1	**Adam** *Gen. 5:1*	☐ session
2	**Seth** *Gen. 5:3*	☐ session
3	**Enos**	☐ session
4	**Cainan**	☐ session
5	**Mahalaleel**	☐ session
6	**Jared**	☐ session
7	**Enoch**	☐ session
8	**Methuselah**	☐ session
9	**Lamech**	☐ session
10	**Noah** *Gen. 5:29*	☐ session
11	**Shem** *Gen. 11:10*	☐ session
12	**Arphaxad**	☐ session
13	**Salah**	☐ session
14	**Heber**	☐ session
15	**Peleg** *Gen. 11:16*	☐ session

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16	**Reu**	☐ session
17	**Serug**	☐ session
18	**Nahor**	☐ session
19	**Terah**	☐ session
20	**Abraham** *Gen. 11:26*	☐ session
21	**Isaac** *Gen. 21:3*	☐ session
22	**Jacob** *Gen. 25:26*	☐ session
23	**Judah** *Gen. 29:35*	☐ session
24	**Pharez**	☐ session
25	**Esrom**	☐ session
26	**Aram**	☐ session
27	**Aminadab**	☐ session
28	**Nashon**	☐ session
29	**Salmon**	☐ session
30	**Boaz** *Ruth 4:21*	☐ session

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31	**Obed** *Ruth 4:22*	☐ session
32	**Jesse** *Ruth 4:22*	☐ session
33	**David** *Matt. 1:6*	☐ session
34	**Solomon** *Matt. 1:6*	☐ session
35	**Rehoboam**	☐ session
36	**Abijah**	☐ session
37	**Asa**	☐ session
38	**Jehoshaphat**	☐ session
39	**Jehoram**	☐ session
40	**Uzziah**	☐ session
41	**Jotham**	☐ session
42	**Ahaz**	☐ session
43	**Hezekiah**	☐ session
44	**Manasseh**	☐ session
45	**Amon**	☐ session

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46	**Josiah**	☐ session
47	**Jeconiah** *Matt. 1:11*	☐ session
48	**Salathiel**	☐ session
49	**Zerubbabel** *Matt. 1:13*	☐ session
50	**Abiud**	☐ session
51	**Eliakim**	☐ session
52	**Azor**	☐ session
53	**Sadoc**	☐ session
54	**Achim**	☐ session
55	**Eliud**	☐ session
56	**Eleazar**	☐ session
57	**Matthan**	☐ session
58	**Jacob** *Gen. 25:26*	☐ session
59	**Joseph** *Matt. 1:16*	☐ session
60	**Jesus** *Matt. 1:16*	☐ session

Make a Rolled Scroll

What this teaches *Adams did not print a book, he printed a roll. Building one with your hands explains why: a page shows you one thing at a time, a roll shows you things side by side. That is what the word synchronological means.*

You need: the eight taped sheets from Activity 1, two pencils (or two chopsticks, or two pieces of dowel), sticky tape, and about twenty minutes.

1 Tape the sheets

Lay sheet 1 to sheet 8 in order, left to right, overlapping each gray edge by a finger's width. Tape the back, not the front.

2 Fix the first pencil

Lay a pencil along the left edge of sheet 1. Fold about an inch of paper over it and tape it down, so the pencil can turn inside.

3 Fix the second pencil

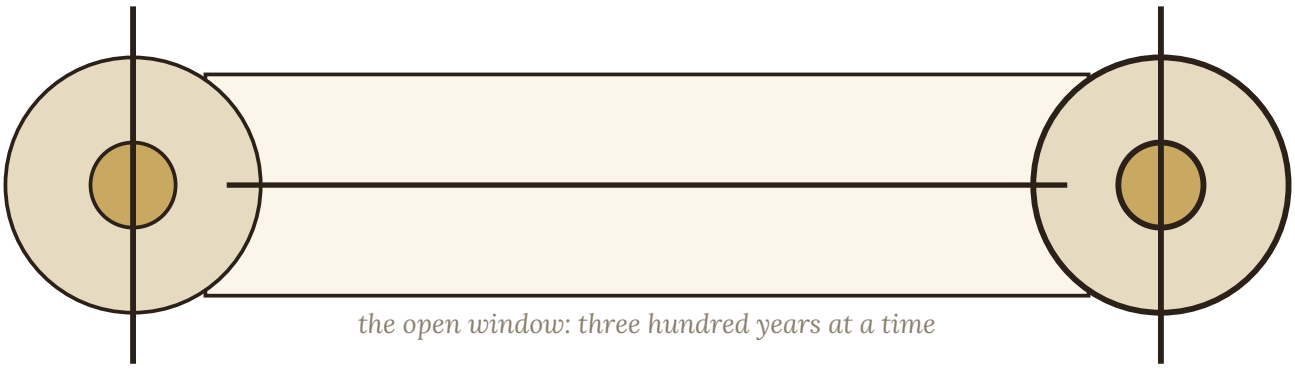
Do the same at the right edge of sheet 8.

4 Roll it up

Roll both ends toward the middle. Now you can open any three hundred years you like and keep the rest rolled away.

5 Read it

Open the roll at the Flood. Notice what you can see to the left and to the right at the same moment. A book cannot do that.



the open window: three hundred years at a time

Empire Bands: color the key

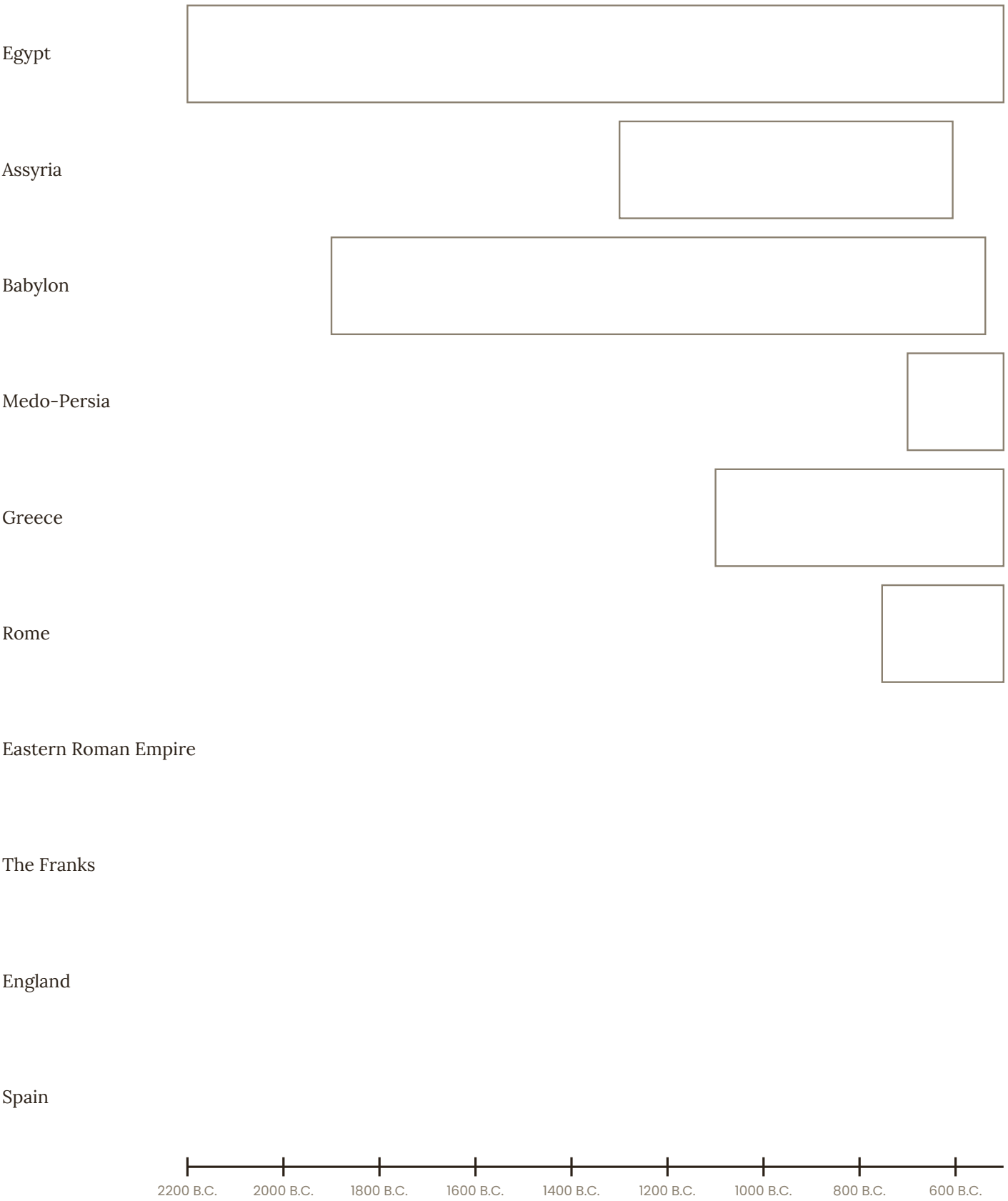
What this teaches *Children think history is a relay race: one empire stops, the next starts. Coloring the bands shows the truth: Egypt and Assyria and Babylon are all alive at the same time, for centuries. That is the whole idea of Adams's chart.*

Give every nation one color and keep it the same on both sheets. Then look across: how many nations are alive in the year 600 B.C.?

Egypt	☐	2200 B.C.	to	30 B.C.
Assyria	☐	1300 B.C.	to	606 B.C.
Babylon	☐	1900 B.C.	to	538 B.C.
Medo-Persia	☐	700 B.C.	to	330 B.C.
Greece	☐	1100 B.C.	to	146 B.C.
Rome	☐	753 B.C.	to	A.D. 476
Eastern Roman Empire	☐	A.D. 330	to	A.D. 1453
The Franks	☐	A.D. 481	to	A.D. 987
England	☐	A.D. 449	to	A.D. 1881
Spain	☐	A.D. 711	to	A.D. 1881

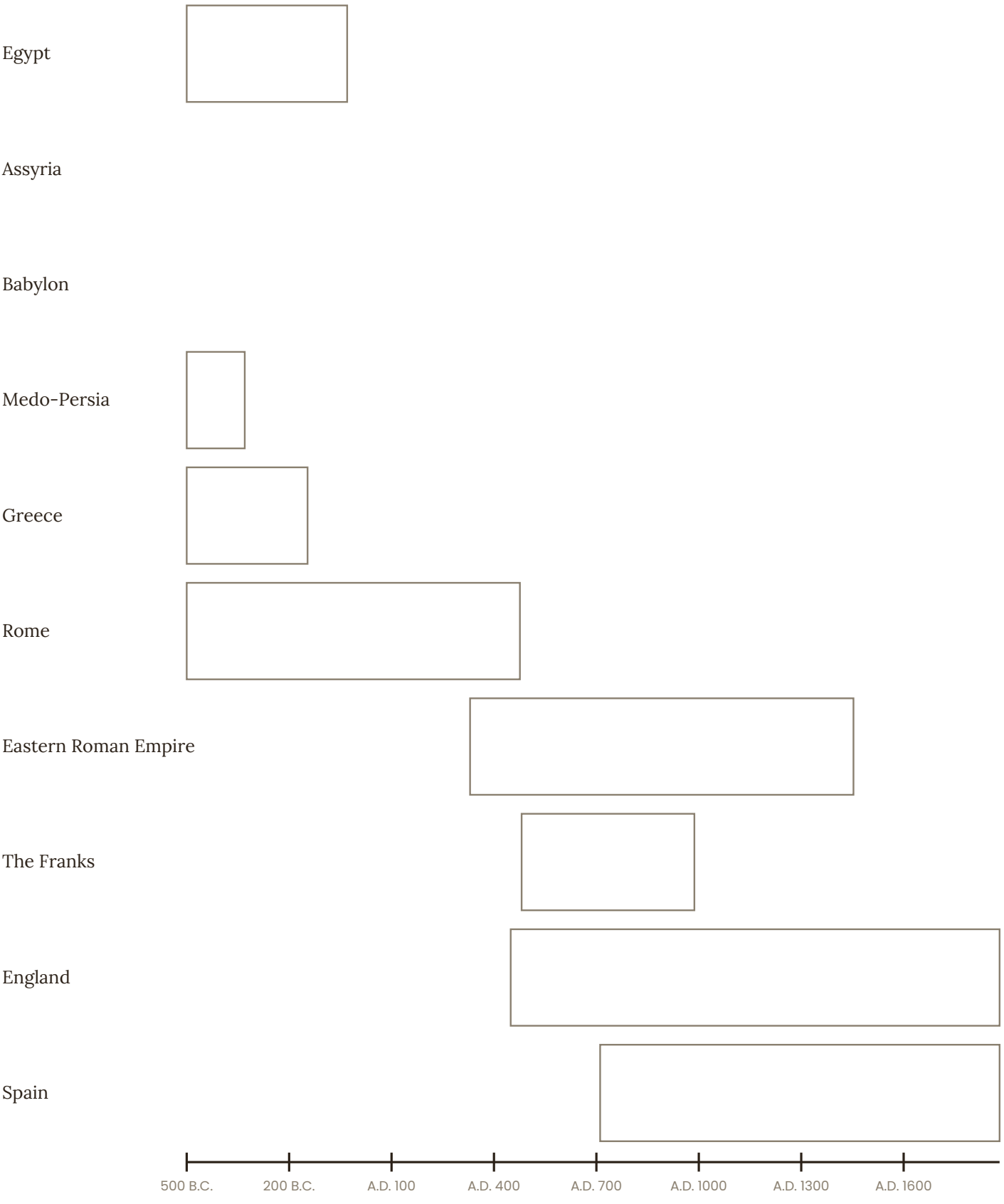
Now color the same ten nations on the two band sheets that follow, using exactly these colors.

Empire Bands · 2200 B.C. to 500 B.C.



Each band is one nation. Read down a vertical line to see who was alive at the same time.

Empire Bands · 500 B.C. to A.D. 1881



Each band is one nation. Read down a vertical line to see who was alive at the same time.

Empire Bands · what you should see

How many of these ten nations are alive in 600 B.C.?

Five: Egypt, Assyria (just ending), Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece. Rome has already been founded too, in 753 B.C., so really six.

Which nation on this sheet lasts the longest?

Egypt, by a long way: more than two thousand years as its own kingdom.

Which one begins last?

Spain, in A.D. 711 on this sheet, and it is still there in 1881, where Adams stops drawing.

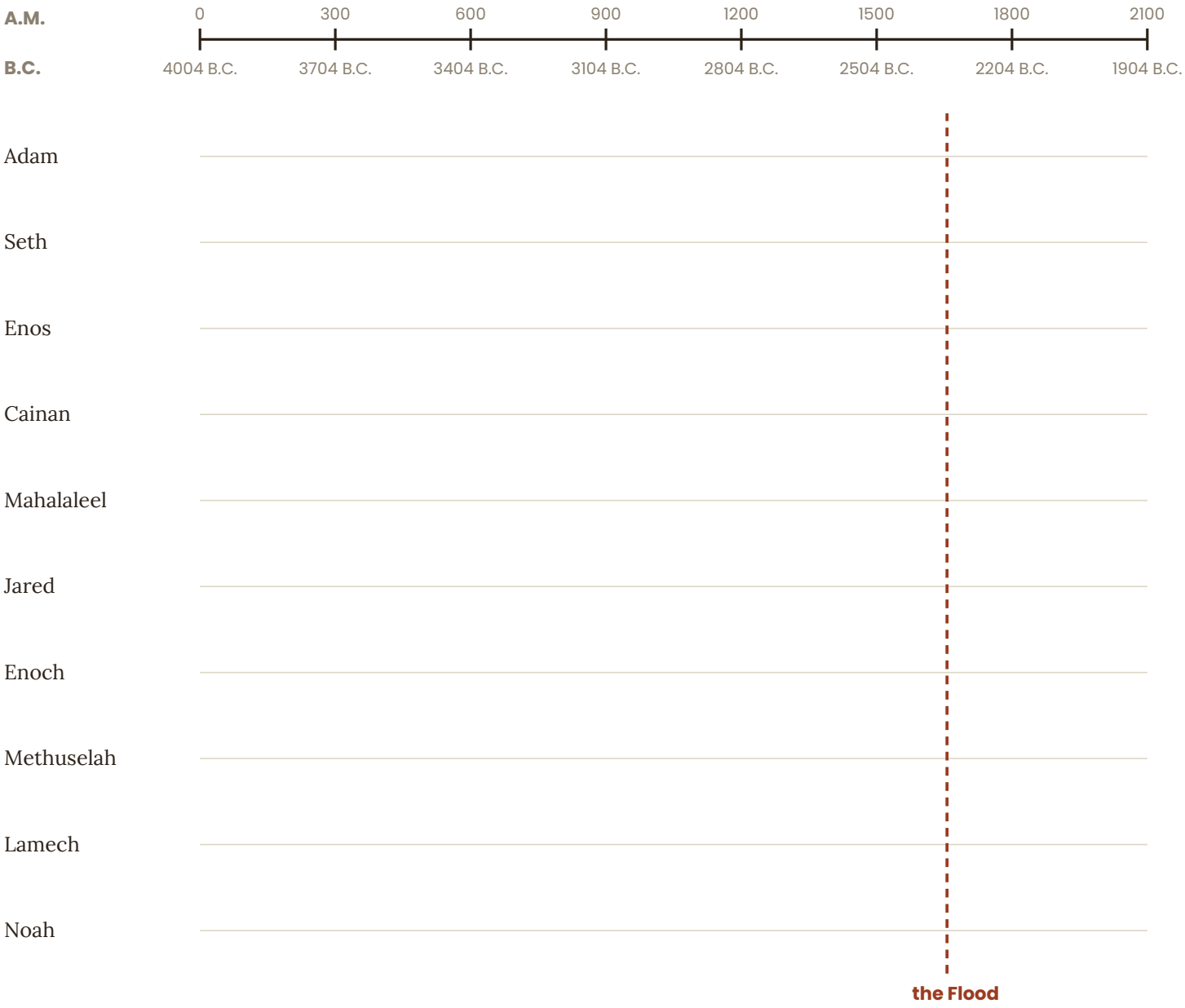
What does it mean when two bands join?

One nation has conquered the other. Adams joins the colors instead of writing a sentence: the picture is the sentence.

Who Lived at the Same Time?

What this teaches *Genesis 5 is a list of ages that children skip. Cut the ten lives out, line them up on one scale, and the list turns into a discovery: Adam was still alive when Noah's father was born. Nobody has to tell them: they see it.*

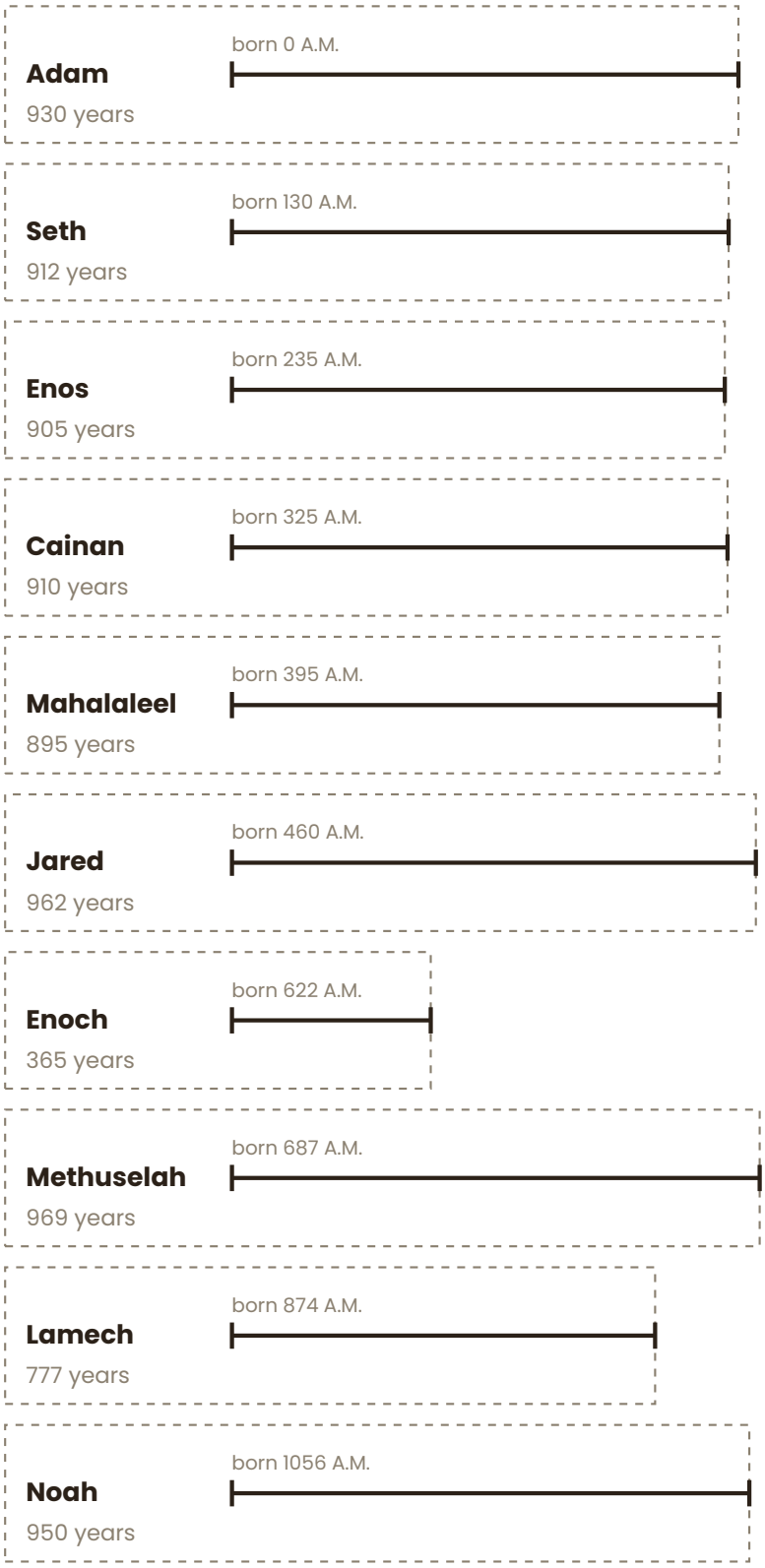
Cut out the ten strips on the next sheet. Lay them one under the other on the scale below, each one starting at its birth year. Then look down the page.



Three things to look for once the strips are down: who was still alive when Noah's father Lamech was born; who was the last man born before the Flood to die before it; and who lived the longest.

Who Lived at the Same Time? · cut these out

Each strip is one life, drawn to the same scale as the sheet before. Cut along the gray lines.



Who Lived at the Same Time? · what you will find

Was Adam still alive when Lamech, the father of Noah, was born?

Yes. Adam died in 930 A.M. Lamech was born in 874 A.M. For fifty-six years they were alive at the same time. Adams writes it on the chart: “Lamech could talk with Adam 56 years.”

And Methuselah?

Methuselah was born in 687 A.M., while Adam still had 243 years to live. Adams writes that too. So the story of the garden needed only two memories to reach Noah’s own family.

Who lived the longest?

Methuselah, 969 years. He was born in 687 A.M. and died in 1656 A.M. the very year of the Flood.

Who is the odd one out?

Enoch: 365 years, when everyone around him lived more than nine hundred. Genesis 5:24 says why: “Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”

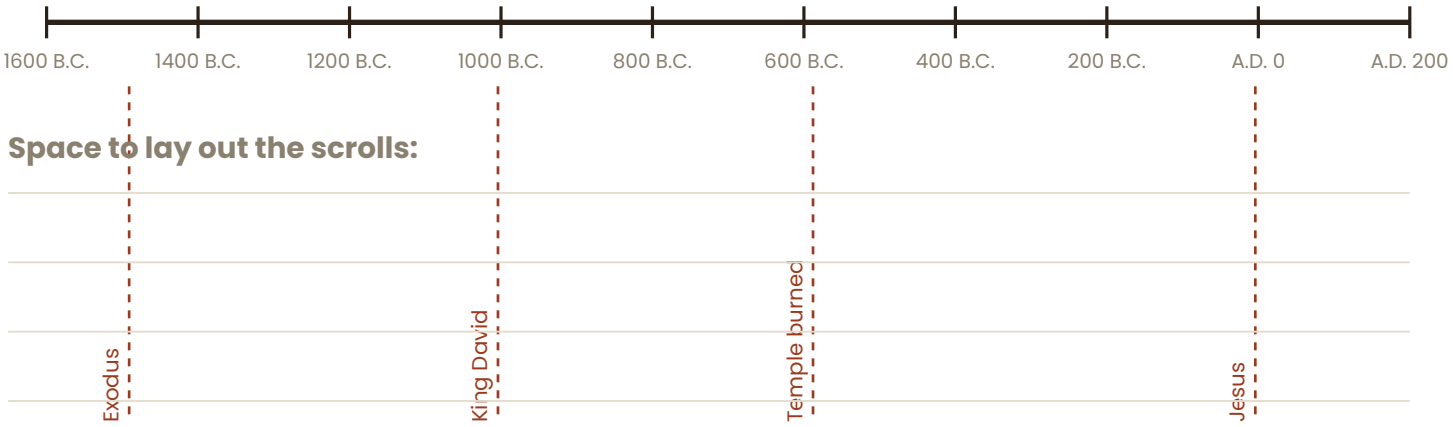
A harder one for the older children

Noah was born in 1056 A.M., 126 years after Adam died. So Noah is the first man in the list who never could have met Adam. Find the gap on your strips.

The Books of the Bible on the Stream

What this teaches *A child reads Daniel and Jeremiah as if they were in different worlds. Put them on the same line and he sees they were alive together, writing about the same disaster from two sides of it. The Bible stops being a shelf and becomes a story in time.*

Adams drew each book as a little scroll and put it where it was written. Cut out the scrolls on the next sheet and place them on the line below. The dates are Adams's own, from the chart.



Space to lay out the scrolls:

The Books of the Bible · cut out the scrolls

Genesis
Moses
1491 B.C.

Exodus
Moses
1491 B.C.

Leviticus
Moses
1490 B.C.

Numbers
Moses
1452 B.C.

Deuteronomy
Moses
1451 B.C.

Joshua
Joshua
1427 B.C.

Judges
Samuel
1120 B.C.

Ruth
Samuel
1120 B.C.

1 Samuel
Samuel
1055 B.C.

Psalms
David
1017 B.C.

Proverbs
Solomon
1000 B.C.

Ecclesiastes
Solomon
977 B.C.

Isaiah
Isaiah
698 B.C.

Jeremiah
Jeremiah
588 B.C.

Ezekiel
Ezekiel
574 B.C.

Daniel
Daniel
534 B.C.

Malachi
Malachi
397 B.C.

Matthew
Matthew
A.D. 38

Luke
Luke
A.D. 63

Acts
Luke
A.D. 63

John
John
A.D. 97

Revelation
John
A.D. 96

The Books of the Bible · what to notice

Who was writing at the same time as Jeremiah?

Ezekiel and Daniel. All three lived through the fall of Jerusalem: Jeremiah was inside the city, Ezekiel and Daniel had already been carried off to Babylon. Three books, one disaster, three places.

How long is the gap before Matthew?

About four hundred years between Malachi (397 B.C.) and Matthew. On your line it is a wide empty space, and that space has a name: the silent years.

How long did it take to write the whole Bible?

On Adams's dates, from Moses to the Revelation of John is about 1,590 years. Measure it on your line.

A warning worth giving your children

These are Adams's dates, and scholars argue about several of them. especially who wrote Judges and Ruth, and when. The order matters more than the exact year.

Copywork · Genesis 4:26

What this teaches *Handwriting and memory in one exercise. The child traces the words once, then writes them alone. These are the same verses the sessions read aloud, so the hand is copying something the ear already knows.*

Session 2 · The First Tools

Trace it

"men began to call upon the name of the Lord"

Now write it yourself

Genesis 4:26 *King James Version*

Copywork · Genesis 5:24

Session 3 · Enoch Walks with God

Trace it

"Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him"

Now write it yourself

Genesis 5:24 *King James Version*

Copywork · Genesis 5:29

Session 4 · Pictures and Letters

Trace it

"This same shall comfort us"

Now write it yourself

Genesis 5:29 *King James Version*

Copywork · Genesis 4:22

Session 5 · Iron, Harps and Wonders

Trace it

"an instructer of every artificer in brass and iron"

Now write it yourself

Genesis 4:22 *King James Version*

Copywork · Genesis 11:4

Session 7 · The Tower of Babel

Trace it

"Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven"

Now write it yourself

Genesis 11:4 *King James Version*

Copywork · Genesis 12:1

Session 8 · Abraham's Big Journey

Trace it

"Get thee out of thy country… unto a land that I will shew thee"

Now write it yourself

Genesis 12:1 *King James Version*

Copywork · Ruth 1:16

Session 10 · Brave Judges and Ruth

Trace it

"Whither thou goest, I will go"

Now write it yourself

Ruth 1:16 *King James Version*

Copywork · Esther 4:14

Session 13 · Alexander and the Wise Greeks

Trace it

"Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Now write it yourself

Esther 4:14 *King James Version*

Copywork · Acts 1:8

Session 15 · Constantine and the Creed

Trace it

"unto the uttermost part of the earth"

Now write it yourself

Acts 1:8 *King James Version*

Copywork · Psalm 90:12

Session 21 · Presidents, Queens and the End of the Chart

Trace it

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"

Now write it yourself

Psalm 90:12 *King James Version*

The 21 Panel Cards · sheet 1 of 4

What this teaches *Three games in one deck: put the twenty-one panels in order, match the picture to the dates, or guess the panel from a single fact. Order is the hardest thing to teach in history and the easiest thing to play with.*

1



In the Beginning

4004–3800 B.C.

Adams begins at 4004 B.C. with one family, not with a king.

2



The First Tools

3800–3500 B.C.

Jabal, Jubal and Tubal-Cain: tents, the harp, iron, all in four verses.

3



Enoch Walks with God

3500–3200 B.C.

Enoch lived 365 years and did not die.

4



Pictures and Letters

3200–2900 B.C.

Adam dies here, in 3074 B.C., with Lamech already born.

5



Iron, Harps and Wonders

2900–2600 B.C.

The Seven Wonders of the World are listed in the margin.

6



The Great Flood

2600–2300 B.C.

The ark: 300 cubits, about 547 feet on Adams's own note.

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7



The Tower of Babel

2300–2000 B.C.

Peleg means "division": in his days the earth was divided.

8



Abraham's Big Journey

2000–1700 B.C.

Abraham is called in 1921 B.C.; Sodom falls 23 years later.

9



Moses and the Great Escape

1700–1400 B.C.

The ten plagues are written out in a list at the top of the panel.

10



Brave Judges and Ruth

1400–1100 B.C.

Ruth, a foreigner, enters the family line of the Messiah.

11



Kings David and Solomon

1100–800 B.C.

Saul, David and Solomon: forty years each, three times over.

12



Daniel and the King's Dream

800–500 B.C.

The statue of the dream: gold, silver, brass, iron, iron and clay.

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13



Alexander and the Wise Greeks

500–200 B.C.

Socrates drinks the hemlock in 399 B.C.; the Old Testament ends in 397.

14



Jesus Is Born

200 B.C.–A.D. 100

The chart's numbers start again here: 4004 A.M., the Christian era.

15



Constantine and the Creed

A.D. 100–400

The first ecumenical council meets at Nice in A.D. 325.

16



St. Patrick and the Middle Ages

A.D. 400–700

Patrick goes back to Ireland about A.D. 432, to the people who enslaved him.

17



Charlemagne, Alfred and the Feudal World

A.D. 700–1000

Charles Martel stops the Saracens at Tours, 10 October 732.

18



Castles, Crusades and Magna Carta

A.D. 1000–1300

Magna Carta, the crusades, and the Bible divided into chapters in 1227.

The 21 Panel Cards · sheet 4 of 4

19



The Printing Press and a New World

A.D. 1300–1600

Gutenberg prints in 1440; Columbus sails in 1492; both on one panel.

20



Steam, Telegraph and a New Nation

A.D. 1600–1881

The first telegraph message, 1844: "What hath God wrought!"

21



Presidents, Queens and the End of the Chart

after 1881

Adams stops in 1881, with Garfield president and Victoria queen.

Three games with this deck

- Order: deal all twenty-one face up and put them in order of time. Then check the numbers.
- Memory: say a fact out loud and let the children find the panel it belongs to.
- Snap the century: call out a date and the first to touch the right card keeps it.

Hard Names Flashcards · 1 of 4

What this teaches *Families stop reading aloud when the names get hard. Twenty-four cards cure that: the name as the chart spells it, the sound in plain syllables, and one line saying who the person was.*

MAHALALEEL

muh-HAL-uh-leel

fifth from Adam; lived 895 years

CAINAN

KAY-nan

fourth from Adam; lived 910 years

METHUSELAH

muh-THOO-zuh-luh

the longest life in the Bible: 969 years

ARPHAXAD

ar-FAK-sad

son of Shem, born two years after the Flood

PELEG

PEE-leg

his name means division; the Tower of Babel

SERUG

SEE-rug

great-grandfather of Abraham

NAHOR

NAY-hor

grandfather of Abraham

TERAH

TEH-rah

father of Abraham; left Ur for Haran

Hard Names Flashcards · 2 of 4

MIZRAIM

MIZ-ray-im

son of Ham; the Bible's name for Egypt

NIMROD

NIM-rod

built Babylon; "a mighty hunter"

JEHOSHAPHAT

juh-HOSH-uh-fat

a good king of Judah

HEZEKIAH

hez-uh-KY-uh

the king who prayed when Assyria came

MANASSEH

muh-NAS-uh

reigned 55 years, the longest in Judah

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

neb-yuh-kud-NEZ-ur

the king of the dream of the statue

ZERUBBABEL

zuh-RUB-uh-bul

led the people home and rebuilt the Temple

SALATHIEL

suh-LAY-thee-el

in the family line between the exile and Jesus

Hard Names Flashcards · 3 of 4

AHASUERUS

uh-haz-yoo-EE-rus

the king in the book of Esther

ANTIOCHUS

an-TY-uh-kus

the Greek king who defiled the Temple

CONSTANTINE

KON-stun-teen

the emperor who called the council at Nice

CHARLEMAGNE

SHAR-luh-mayn

crowned emperor on Christmas Day, 800

HAROUN-AL-RASCHID

ha-ROON al ra-SHEED

caliph of Baghdad in Charlemagne's day

BOADICEA

boh-uh-dih-SEE-uh

the British queen who fought Rome

PTOLEMY

TOL-uh-mee

drew the map of the world Adams reproduces

EUSEBIUS

yoo-SEE-bee-us

the first historian of the church

Hard Names Flashcards · 4 of 4

ATHANASIUS

ath-uh-NAY-zhus

defended the creed at the council of Nice

IRENAEUS

eye-ruh-NEE-us

an early writer of the church, on panel 15

ORIGEN

OR-ih-jen

the scholar who wrote on every book of the Bible

PYTHAGORAS

pih-THAG-or-us

the Greek who measured triangles, on panel 12

SHALMANESER

shal-muh-NEE-zur

the Assyrian king who besieged Samaria

JEHOIAKIM

juh-HOY-uh-kim

the king of Judah taken in chains to Babylon

BELISARIUS

bel-ih-SAIR-ee-us

the general of the Eastern Roman Empire

ATTILA

AT-ih-luh

king of the Huns, “the scourge of God”

Word Search · Part I — Before the Flood

What this teaches *One grid for each Part of the book, built from the words really printed on those panels. Finding a word you have just read on the chart fixes the spelling of a hard name better than copying it ten times.*

The words come from sessions 1–5. They can run in any of the eight directions, including backwards.

K	C	C	U	F	I	B	Q	U	B	I	F	S	J	Z
G	U	X	G	D	Q	I	Q	V	I	K	K	U	R	E
G	Z	B	M	E	P	L	H	E	Z	P	P	Q	S	I
M	E	Y	B	N	Y	B	E	Z	F	Q	X	B	T	T
J	Q	R	Y	O	J	T	L	B	O	Y	O	H	U	U
J	M	C	C	C	W	T	J	N	A	C	A	K	B	M
M	A	O	L	H	D	I	M	C	N	G	F	B	A	G
J	D	Q	W	E	Y	J	V	I	W	T	X	R	L	N
L	A	Z	L	V	U	K	G	G	S	T	X	X	C	A
A	M	G	H	E	B	C	P	W	E	J	S	R	A	R
B	S	A	W	V	A	R	B	Z	T	K	D	V	I	P
U	W	U	U	I	A	I	F	O	H	N	F	T	N	F
J	D	N	N	H	G	S	Q	C	G	I	V	E	R	A
F	U	S	V	T	I	S	O	I	X	I	X	E	M	M
K	H	A	L	E	S	U	H	T	E	M	X	F	N	S

Find: ADAM EVE CAIN ABEL SETH ENOCH METHUSELAH JUBAL TUBALCAIN HARP

Word Search · Part II — A New Start

The words come from sessions 6–7. They can run in any of the eight directions, including backwards.

S	B	L	H	C	Y	K	Z	C	J	I	H	W	Q	L
U	V	B	V	D	E	L	U	G	E	F	W	P	G	K
I	W	F	X	F	V	F	Y	M	H	G	H	L	O	V
I	O	H	L	T	O	P	C	N	O	K	E	S	D	Q
E	B	A	Z	E	N	G	A	H	Q	B	T	V	R	D
B	N	L	X	T	X	B	I	S	A	N	M	G	C	L
J	I	S	G	G	H	L	C	B	E	D	M	L	B	V
V	A	O	S	R	D	J	X	T	V	A	U	P	G	K
N	R	A	Q	R	X	U	M	W	H	F	K	D	E	A
S	Y	R	J	B	D	O	X	T	R	U	V	A	L	E
I	H	K	O	O	B	A	G	P	N	N	W	G	E	A
O	E	E	R	M	K	B	F	H	H	C	I	M	P	T
L	R	M	M	T	I	H	H	A	Z	M	A	G	V	A
P	I	N	V	U	O	W	R	O	F	V	Z	R	P	S
N	U	L	N	U	F	X	X	N	F	D	A	D	A	Q

Find: NOAH ARK DELUGE RAINBOW SHEM BABEL PELEG NIMROD TENTS

Word Search · Part III – Fathers of Faith

The words come from sessions 8–9. They can run in any of the eight directions, including backwards.

Y	M	W	T	Z	B	I	I	H	Q	T	B	V	K	I
I	T	S	S	A	V	M	P	S	X	V	S	M	T	H
V	A	B	J	S	I	E	A	S	C	M	E	S	P	T
U	Q	N	Y	W	S	W	P	T	R	B	U	C	Y	R
Q	I	Q	I	O	K	H	C	P	V	D	G	A	M	J
U	H	M	J	S	F	S	G	Y	O	A	A	A	S	G
A	Q	B	J	J	E	P	K	X	D	P	L	S	N	E
K	B	V	B	S	Q	Y	E	A	Q	P	P	I	L	J
I	R	R	O	V	S	C	H	D	J	B	W	H	D	K
N	F	M	A	G	O	V	A	R	A	J	A	C	O	B
W	P	Q	G	H	W	G	R	H	Q	O	Z	V	G	I
C	R	R	J	J	A	N	A	W	Y	O	R	W	D	Z
D	C	N	G	T	D	M	S	J	K	G	O	M	G	H
I	L	T	N	K	X	O	X	O	J	X	P	O	I	O
T	Y	S	I	M	H	D	O	K	P	Q	M	Z	J	K

Find: ABRAHAM SARAH ISAAC JACOB JOSEPH MOSES EXODUS SINAI PLAGUES

Word Search · Part IV – Judges and Kings

The words come from sessions 10–12. They can run in any of the eight directions, including backwards.

N	T	E	N	T	W	L	M	Z	L	N	K	M	P	A
X	K	Q	A	Y	H	I	M	D	W	J	X	C	U	O
B	E	S	C	U	Z	U	G	F	B	N	O	R	U	M
C	I	D	A	V	I	D	M	C	Y	K	B	P	K	O
L	D	B	C	C	X	B	N	A	E	P	Y	M	C	D
E	S	O	L	O	M	O	N	K	Z	K	E	G	T	P
I	A	Z	U	D	A	D	S	Z	A	J	Y	I	C	Z
N	N	Q	B	J	G	Q	F	G	O	O	T	D	L	S
A	A	O	X	Z	R	A	O	N	B	J	R	E	J	R
D	B	M	S	U	C	T	F	G	S	B	L	O	I	C
G	G	G	T	M	E	L	P	M	E	T	U	N	V	D
U	O	H	S	E	A	L	T	B	L	R	A	O	F	J
G	B	H	O	B	M	S	G	J	F	A	S	F	U	L
F	W	H	D	Z	W	K	T	S	R	V	U	W	R	J
G	M	P	N	M	X	B	E	V	V	U	K	D	V	D

Find: RUTH BOAZ SAMSON GIDEON SAUL DAVID SOLOMON TEMPLE DANIEL

Word Search · Part V – Empires and the Savior

The words come from sessions 13–14. They can run in any of the eight directions, including backwards.

E	M	O	R	P	R	T	Z	N	J	T	A	F	X	L
A	H	K	X	Z	D	B	R	O	W	A	A	Y	H	F
Z	C	X	D	J	S	E	E	G	U	L	P	N	J	B
F	Y	P	J	R	L	T	I	T	E	V	M	J	Z	R
H	P	V	E	F	U	A	A	X	H	X	W	Y	O	U
V	Z	C	S	S	B	Q	A	H	C	L	P	K	I	O
E	G	E	U	I	O	N	V	Y	T	I	E	H	I	R
V	K	Q	S	J	D	C	P	U	N	E	C	H	R	G
K	K	A	G	E	W	S	R	U	M	A	D	R	E	D
D	L	Q	R	U	L	K	T	A	L	K	N	E	R	M
G	T	D	V	Q	L	I	G	A	T	N	T	H	D	N
C	F	I	R	D	U	I	M	N	G	E	M	T	W	W
I	T	L	Q	G	M	B	T	W	J	Z	S	S	S	C
B	O	P	E	O	K	Y	T	W	B	V	K	E	W	E
X	K	A	P	Z	A	F	K	S	T	I	L	D	V	B

Find: ALEXANDER SOCRATES ESTHER MALACHI BETHLEHEM MAGI JESUS ROME

Word Search · Part VI – The World Grows Up

The words come from sessions 15–21. They can run in any of the eight directions, including backwards.

A	Q	D	E	D	A	S	U	R	C	K	P	B	H	K
Z	U	Y	Y	S	K	Z	U	S	B	V	J	C	Q	V
D	Y	A	X	O	F	D	V	D	C	Y	X	O	B	M
C	H	A	R	L	E	M	A	G	N	E	R	N	T	P
F	M	G	V	S	U	B	M	U	L	O	C	S	E	K
L	Q	F	N	N	A	W	K	C	G	R	E	T	L	L
C	G	Y	O	K	H	K	W	O	G	P	F	A	E	Y
W	P	G	S	J	Z	T	M	R	P	A	D	N	G	I
E	G	T	U	O	H	J	E	A	B	T	J	T	R	F
Z	W	R	J	V	X	B	D	L	P	R	T	I	A	Y
J	F	R	R	B	N	Y	E	F	J	I	Y	N	P	T
I	L	R	T	E	U	X	F	R	H	C	A	E	H	T
L	Y	Q	T	T	H	K	K	E	J	K	E	Q	S	E
L	N	U	R	X	M	C	F	D	Z	R	L	W	J	V
E	G	Y	C	T	D	A	L	R	N	K	X	A	N	E

Find: CONSTANTINE PATRICK CHARLEMAGNE ALFRED CRUSADE GUTENBERG COLUMBUS TELEGRAPH

Word Search · answers

Part I – Before the Flood

K	C	C	U	F	I	B	Q	U	B	I	F	S	J	Z
G	U	X	G	D	Q	I	Q	V	I	K	K	U	R	E
G	Z	B	M	E	P	L	H	E	Z	P	P	Q	S	I
M	E	Y	B	N	Y	B	E	Z	F	Q	X	B	T	T
J	Q	R	Y	O	J	T	L	B	O	Y	O	H	U	U
J	M	C	C	C	W	T	J	N	A	C	A	K	B	M
M	A	O	L	H	D	I	M	C	N	G	F	B	A	G
J	D	Q	W	E	Y	J	V	I	W	T	X	R	L	N
L	A	Z	L	V	U	K	G	G	S	T	X	X	C	A
A	M	G	H	E	B	C	P	W	E	J	S	R	A	R
B	S	A	W	V	A	R	B	Z	T	K	D	V	I	P
U	W	U	U	I	A	I	F	O	H	N	F	T	N	F
J	D	N	N	H	G	S	Q	C	G	I	V	E	R	A
F	U	S	V	T	I	S	O	I	X	I	X	E	M	M
K	H	A	L	E	S	U	H	T	E	M	X	F	N	S

Part II – A New Start

S	B	L	H	C	Y	K	Z	C	J	I	H	W	Q	L
U	V	B	V	D	E	L	U	G	E	F	W	P	G	K
I	W	F	X	F	V	F	Y	M	H	G	H	L	O	V
I	O	H	L	T	O	P	C	N	O	K	E	S	D	Q
E	B	A	Z	E	N	G	A	H	Q	B	T	V	R	D
B	N	L	X	T	X	B	I	S	A	N	M	G	C	L
J	I	S	G	G	H	L	C	B	E	D	M	L	B	V
V	A	O	S	R	D	J	X	T	V	A	U	P	G	K
N	R	A	Q	R	X	U	M	W	H	F	K	D	E	A
S	Y	R	J	B	D	O	X	T	R	U	V	A	L	E
I	H	K	O	O	B	A	G	P	N	N	W	G	E	A
O	E	E	R	M	K	B	F	H	H	C	I	M	P	T
L	R	M	M	T	I	H	H	A	Z	M	A	G	V	A
P	I	N	V	U	O	W	R	O	F	V	Z	R	P	S
N	U	L	N	U	F	X	X	N	F	D	A	D	A	Q

Part III – Fathers of Faith

Y	M	W	T	Z	B	I	I	H	Q	T	B	V	K	I
I	T	S	S	A	V	M	P	S	X	V	S	M	T	H
V	A	B	J	S	I	E	A	S	C	M	E	S	P	T
U	Q	N	Y	W	S	W	P	T	R	B	U	C	Y	R
Q	I	Q	I	O	K	H	C	P	V	D	G	A	M	J
U	H	M	J	S	F	S	G	Y	O	A	A	A	S	G
A	Q	B	J	J	E	P	K	X	D	P	L	S	N	E
K	B	V	B	S	Q	Y	E	A	Q	P	P	I	L	J
I	R	R	O	V	S	C	H	D	J	B	W	H	D	K
N	F	M	A	G	O	V	A	R	A	J	A	C	O	B
W	P	Q	G	H	W	G	R	H	Q	O	Z	V	G	I
C	R	R	J	J	A	N	A	W	Y	O	R	W	D	Z
D	C	N	G	T	D	M	S	J	K	G	O	M	G	H
I	L	T	N	K	X	O	X	O	J	X	P	O	I	O
T	Y	S	I	M	H	D	O	K	P	Q	M	Z	J	K

Part IV – Judges and Kings

N	T	E	N	T	W	L	M	Z	L	N	K	M	P	A
X	K	Q	A	Y	H	I	M	D	W	J	X	C	U	O
B	E	S	C	U	Z	U	G	F	B	N	O	R	U	M
C	I	D	A	V	I	D	M	C	Y	K	B	P	K	O
L	D	B	C	C	X	B	N	A	E	P	Y	M	C	D
E	S	O	L	O	M	O	N	K	Z	K	E	G	T	P
I	A	Z	U	D	A	D	S	Z	A	J	Y	I	C	Z
N	N	Q	B	J	G	Q	F	G	O	O	T	D	L	S
A	A	O	X	Z	R	A	O	N	B	J	R	E	J	R
D	B	M	S	U	C	T	F	G	S	B	L	O	I	C
G	G	G	T	M	E	L	P	M	E	T	U	N	V	D
U	O	H	S	E	A	L	T	B	L	R	A	O	F	J
G	B	H	O	B	M	S	G	J	F	A	S	F	U	L
F	W	H	D	Z	W	K	T	S	R	V	U	W	R	J
G	M	P	N	M	X	B	E	V	V	U	K	D	V	D

Part V – Empires and the Savior

E	M	O	R	P	R	T	Z	N	J	T	A	F	X	L
A	H	K	X	Z	D	B	R	O	W	A	A	Y	H	F
Z	C	X	D	J	S	E	E	G	U	L	P	N	J	B
F	Y	P	J	R	L	T	I	T	E	V	M	J	Z	R
H	P	V	E	F	U	A	A	X	H	X	W	Y	O	U
V	Z	C	S	S	B	Q	A	H	C	L	P	K	I	O
E	G	E	U	I	O	N	V	Y	T	I	E	H	I	R

Part VI – The World Grows Up

A	Q	D	E	D	A	S	U	R	C	K	P	B	H	K
Z	U	Y	Y	S	K	Z	U	S	B	V	J	C	Q	V
D	Y	A	X	O	F	D	V	D	C	Y	X	O	B	M
C	H	A	R	L	E	M	A	G	N	E	R	N	T	P
F	M	G	V	S	U	B	M	U	L	O	C	S	E	K
L	Q	F	N	N	A	W	K	C	G	R	E	T	L	L
C	G	Y	O	K	H	K	W	O	G	P	F	A	E	Y

Invention Timeline Sort

What this teaches *Nine things Adams actually drew on his chart, from the compass to the telegraph. Put them in order first by guessing, then check: the surprise is how close together the last four are, and how long nothing happened before.*

Cut out the nine cards. Lay them in the order you think they came. Only then turn them over and read the dates. Finally, stick them on your own Stream of Time from Activity 1.

The compass
sailors can find north far from land
date: _____

Gunpowder
walls and castles stop being safe
date: _____

Printing press
a book can be copied in days, not years
date: _____

The first watch
time leaves the church tower and goes in a pocket
date: _____

Columbus sails
two halves of the world meet
date: _____

The telescope
Galileo looks at the moons of Jupiter
date: _____

The hot-air balloon
people leave the ground for the first time
date: _____

The photograph
a face can be kept exactly as it was
date: _____

The telegraph
a message travels faster than a horse
date: _____

Write the date on the line of each card only after you have put them in order.

Invention Timeline Sort · answers

In order, with the dates Adams prints on the chart:

about 1300	The compass	*sailors can find north far from land*
about 1320	Gunpowder	*walls and castles stop being safe*
1440	Printing press	*a book can be copied in days, not years*
1477	The first watch	*time leaves the church tower and goes in a pocket*
1492	Columbus sails	*two halves of the world meet*
1610	The telescope	*Galileo looks at the moons of Jupiter*
1783	The hot-air balloon	*people leave the ground for the first time*
1839	The photograph	*a face can be kept exactly as it was*
1844	The telegraph	*a message travels faster than a horse*

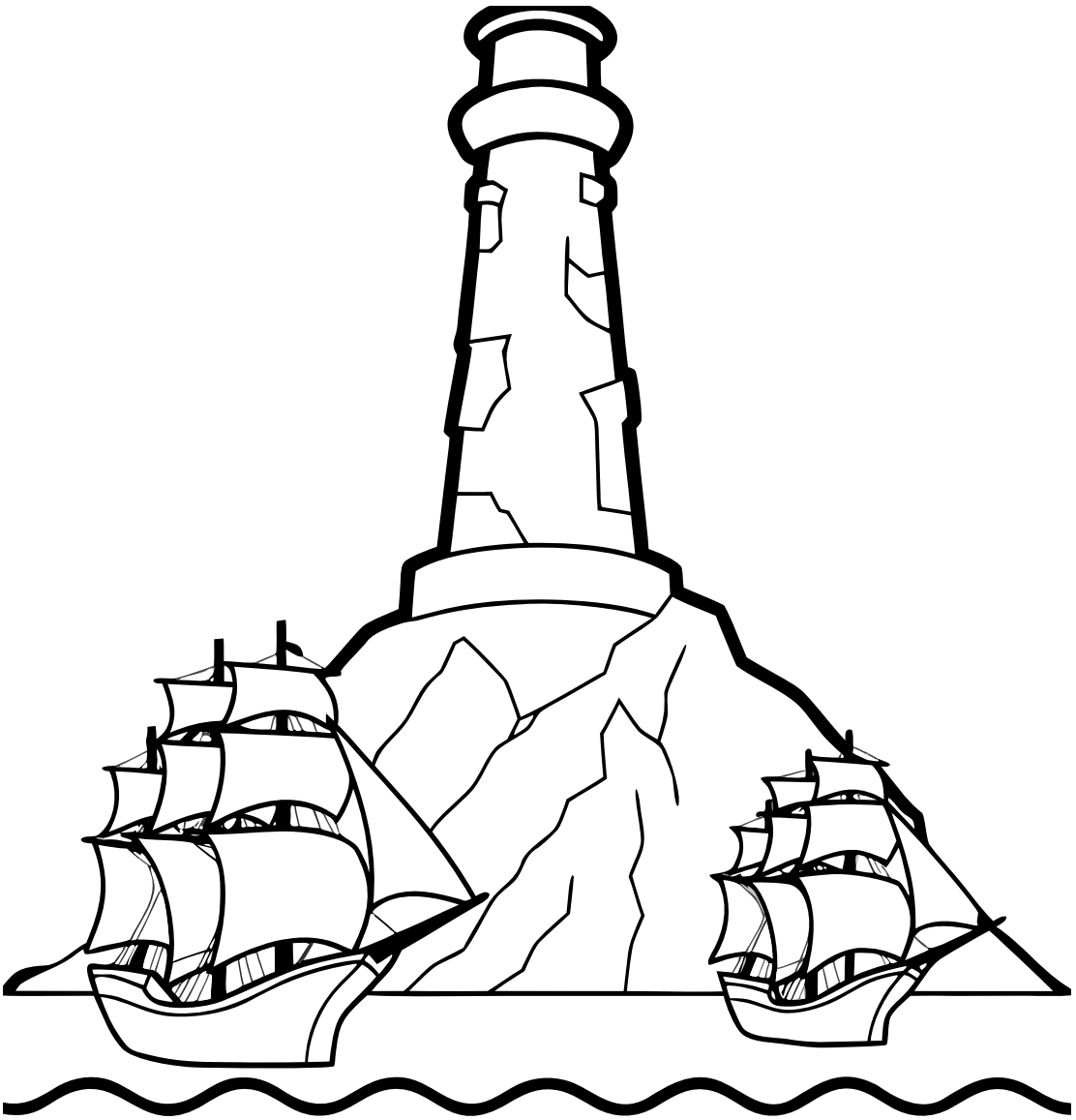
The thing worth noticing

Four of these nine land in the last hundred years before Adams stopped drawing. Adams's own century is the fastest stretch of the whole chart, and he knew it: the right-hand end of his roll is the most crowded part of it. Ask your children what they would draw for the hundred years since.

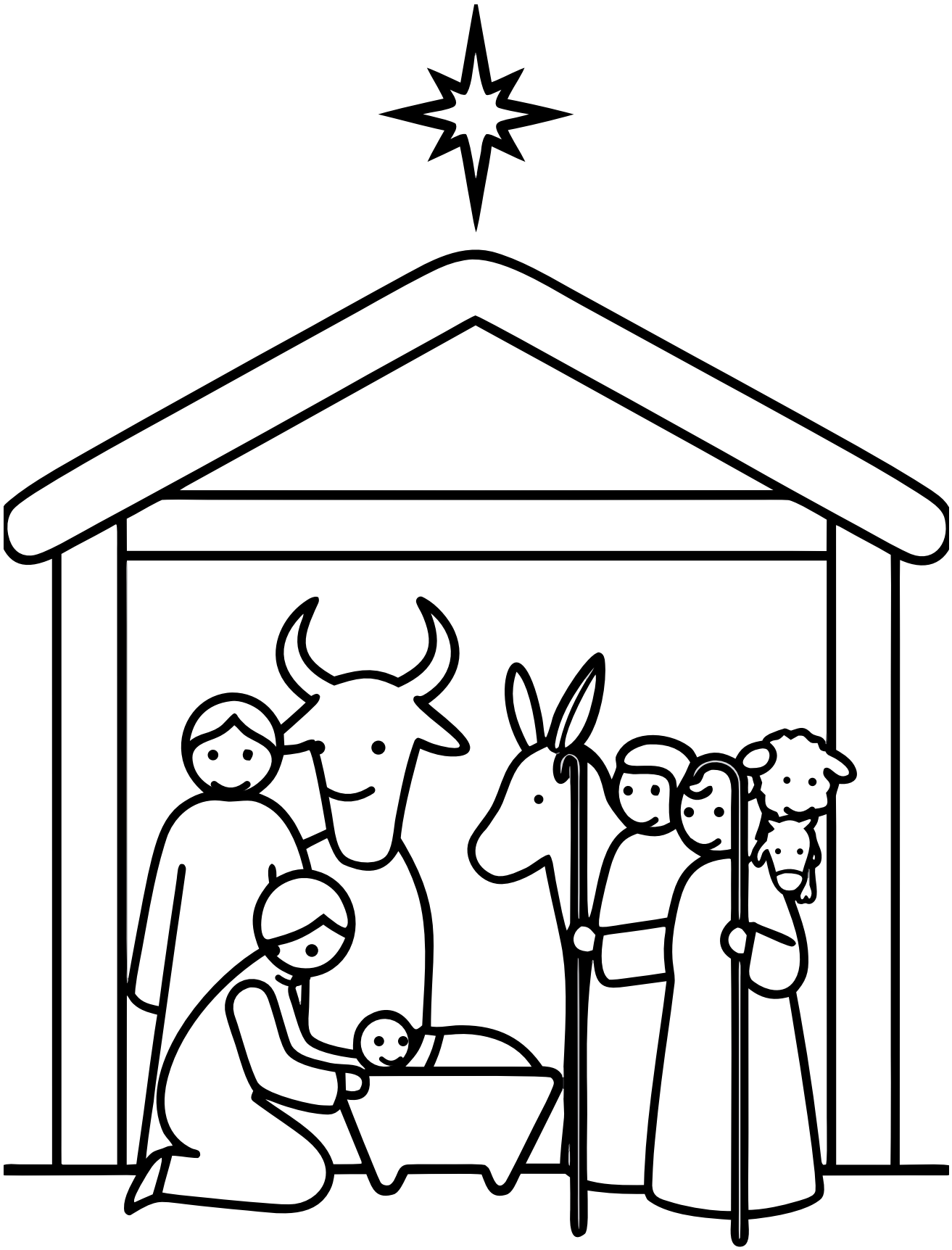
Four More Pictures to Color

What this teaches *Four extra coloring plates drawn for this book, from sessions 13, 14, 17 and 19. They are a second look at the same scenes: color both and see which one your children like better.*

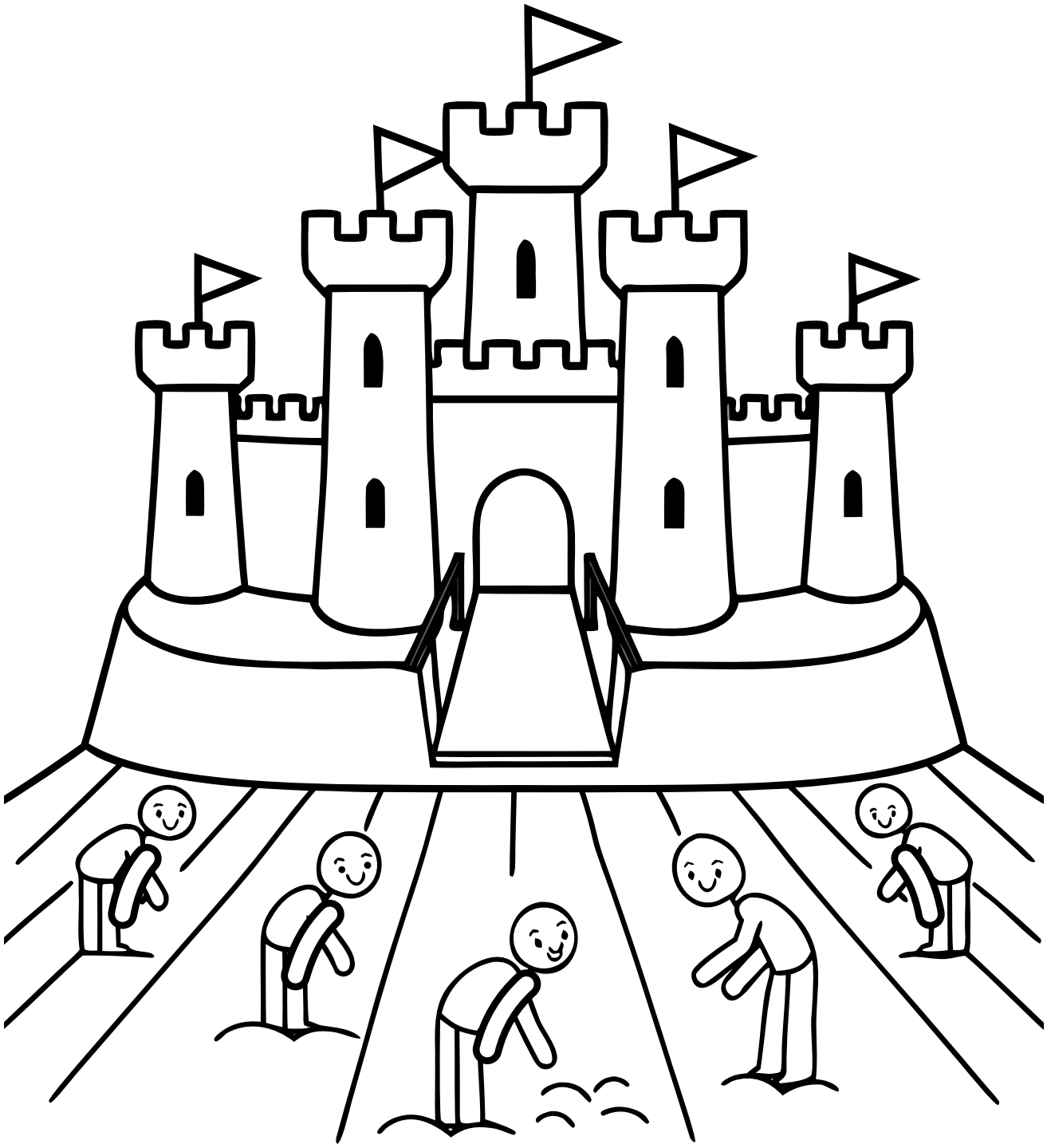
The Lighthouse of Alexandria *session 13*



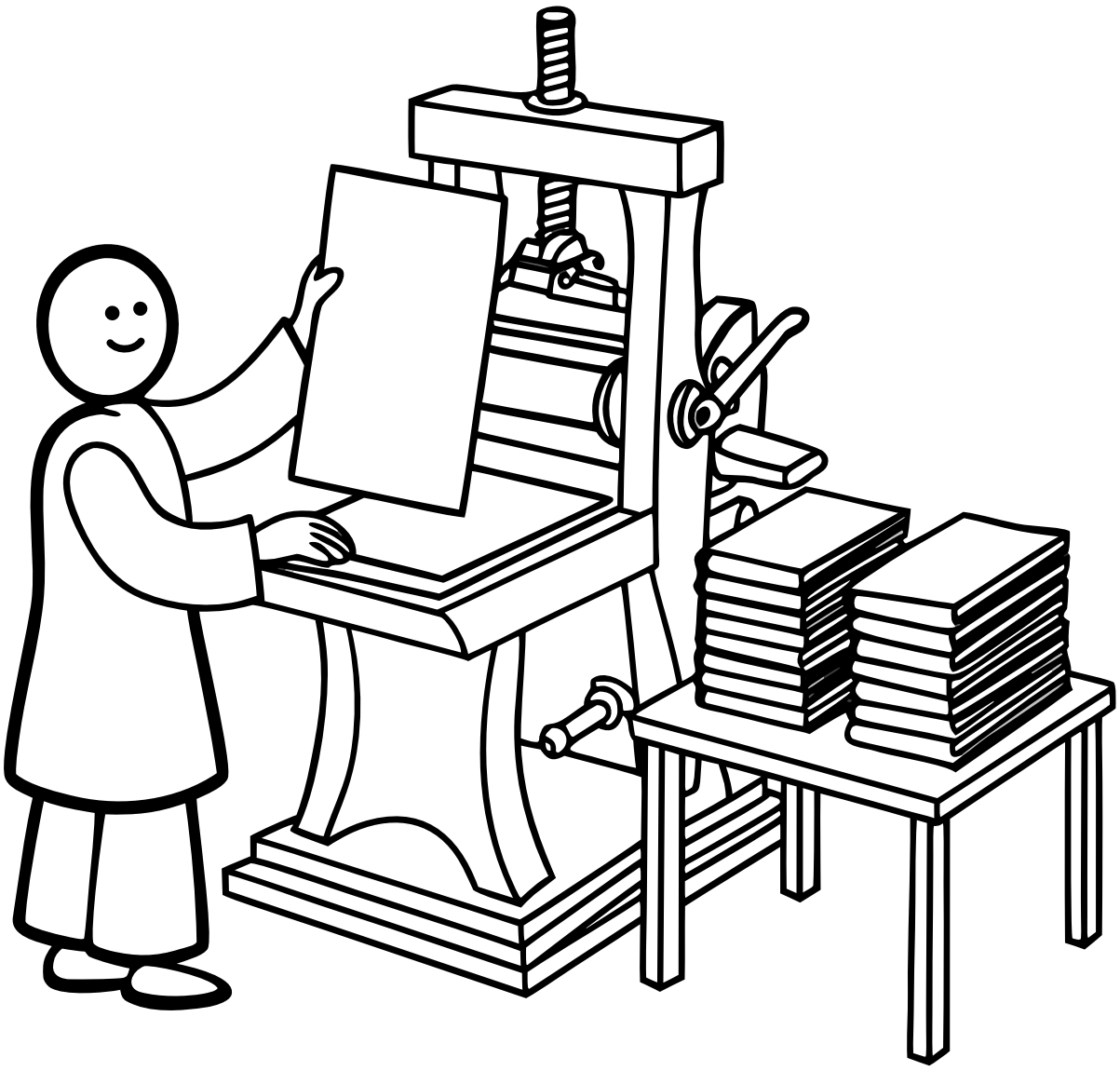
The Night Jesus Was Born *session 14*



The Castle and the Fields *session 17*



The First Printing Press *session 19*



Tell It Back · Session 1

What this teaches *The oldest test in teaching: close the book and tell me what happened. A child who can narrate a session has understood it; a child who cannot has only heard it. One sheet per session, for twenty-one weeks.*

In the Beginning

4004-3800 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 2

The First Tools

3800-3500 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 3

Enoch Walks with God

3500-3200 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 4

Pictures and Letters

3200–2900 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 5

Iron, Harps and Wonders

2900–2600 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 6

The Great Flood

2600–2300 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 7

The Tower of Babel

2300–2000 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 8

Abraham's Big Journey

2000–1700 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 9

Moses and the Great Escape

1700–1400 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 10

Brave Judges and Ruth

1400–1100 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 11

Kings David and Solomon

1100-800 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 12

Daniel and the King's Dream

800-500 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 13

Alexander and the Wise Greeks

500–200 B.C.

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 14

Jesus Is Born

200 B.C.–A.D. 100

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 15

Constantine and the Creed

A.D. 100–400

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 16

St. Patrick and the Middle Ages

A.D. 400-700

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 17

Charlemagne, Alfred and the Feudal World

A.D. 700–1000

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 18

Castles, Crusades and Magna Carta

A.D. 1000–1300

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

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The Printing Press and a New World

A.D. 1300–1600

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 20

Steam, Telegraph and a New Nation

A.D. 1600–1881

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Tell It Back · Session 21

Presidents, Queens and the End of the Chart

after 1881

date: _____

Draw the one thing you want to remember

Now tell it back in your own words

One name I had never heard before: _____

Family Quiz Night Kit

What this teaches *Fifty questions in three levels, so a six-year-old and a parent can play the same game and both have a real chance. Repetition is what makes dates stick, and a game is the only repetition children ask for.*

Cut out the cards on the sheets that follow. Each card has the question on the front and the answer upside down at the bottom, so the reader can check without turning anything over.

How to play

- Deal the three piles face down: green for ages 6–8, blue for 9–12, cream for parents.
- Everyone takes a turn and draws from their own pile. One point for a right answer; the player on your left reads the card.
- If nobody knows, the card goes back and anybody may find the answer in the book before the next turn. That player gets two points.
- First to ten points writes their name on the diploma on the last sheet.

Score sheet

player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	total

Quiz cards · ages 6–8

6–8
How many people were saved in the ark?

Eight

6–8
Who lived 969 years?

Methuselah

6–8
What did Noah see in the sky after the Flood?

A rainbow

6–8
Who was the first man?

Adam

6–8
Which brother kept sheep, Cain or Abel?

Abel

6–8
What did the people of Babel try to build?

A tower

6–8
Who was thrown to the lions?

Daniel

6–8
Which king fought a giant when he was a boy?

David

6–8
What was the giant's name?

Goliath

6–8
In which town was Jesus born?

Bethlehem

Quiz cards · ages 6–8

6–8

Who followed a star to find Jesus?

The wise men, the Magi

6–8

What did Moses part so the people could cross?

The Red Sea

6–8

Which animal carried people across the desert?

The camel

6–8

What is the black wavy line on Adams's chart called?

The Stream of Time

6–8

How many years are there between two black pillars?

One hundred

6–8

Who built an ark?

Noah

6–8

Which woman said "Whither thou goest, I will go"?

Ruth

6–8

What did Joseph's brothers do to him?

Sold him into Egypt

6–8

Who walked with God and did not die?

Enoch

6–8

What did Tubal-Cain work with?

Brass and iron

Quiz cards · ages 9–12

9–12
In which year does Adams place the Flood?

2348 B.C.

9–12
What does the name Peleg mean?

Division

9–12
Who heard God's call in 1921 B.C.?

Abraham

9–12
How many plagues did God send on Egypt?

Ten

9–12
Who carried away the gates of Gaza?

Samson

9–12
Which king asked God for wisdom?

Solomon

9–12
What was the head of the statue in the dream made of?

Gold

9–12
Who drank the hemlock in 399 B.C.?

Socrates

9–12
What does A.M. mean on Adams's chart?

"In the year of the world", counted from Creation

9–12
In which year did the Council at Nice meet?

A.D. 325

Quiz cards · ages 9–12

9–12

Who went back to Ireland to teach about Jesus?

Patrick

9–12

In which year did Columbus reach America?

1492

9–12

What was the first message sent by telegraph?

"What hath God wrought!"

9–12

Who stopped the Saracens at Tours in 732?

Charles Martel

9–12

Which battle was fought in 1066?

Hastings

9–12

Who printed with movable type in 1440?

Gutenberg

9–12

What year does Adams give for Creation?

4004 B.C.

9–12

Which empire is the legs of iron in the dream?

Rome

9–12

What is a century pillar?

The black bar on the chart that marks one hundred years

9–12

Which queen was on the throne when Adams finished his chart?

Victoria

Quiz cards · parents

PARENTS

Whose chronology did Adams follow?

Archbishop James Ussher's

PARENTS

In what year was the chart first published?

1871; this book uses the 1881 edition

PARENTS

What does "synchronological" mean?

Showing things side by side, so you see what happened at the same time

PARENTS

Why did Adams print a roll instead of a book?

So that distant events can be seen at the same moment, which a page cannot do

PARENTS

What is the Golden Thread in this book?

The family line from Adam to Jesus, drawn just under the Stream of Time

PARENTS

How many generations are in that line?

Sixty, in the chart's own spelling

PARENTS

What happens to a nation's band when it is conquered?

It joins the band of the conqueror

PARENTS

Why are the red lines there?

Each space between two red lines is ten years

PARENTS

Where does the number 4004 come from?

Adding the ages in Genesis 5 and 11, as Ussher did

PARENTS

Name one place where modern scholars differ from Adams.

The date of the Tower of Pisa, the Dome of the Rock, or the founding of Oxford

Quiz Night Diploma

Family Quiz Champion

This certifies that _____

answered more questions about six thousand years of history than anybody else at this table.

Date _____ Signed _____

Make your own cards

The best questions come from your own family's sessions. Write them on these blanks and add them to the piles.

Thank You for Walking the Stream of Time With Us

You have come a long way. From one family in a garden, through the Flood and the tower, past Abraham and Moses and David, through an empire of iron, to a stable in Bethlehem and then on through councils and castles and printing presses, all the way to 1881 and the year you were born. Six thousand years, one panel at a time, at your own table.

We are a home-learning family: two parents, a houseful of curious children and one very long chart rolled out across the kitchen table. This pack was made at that table, for the children around it, and then we thought: why not share it with your family too?

If your children have filled in the Stream of Time, colored the Golden Thread and told a session back in their own words, they have done something most grown-ups have never done: they have read Adams's chart. Tell them so.

Grace & Daniel Ashby

Stream of Time Press

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