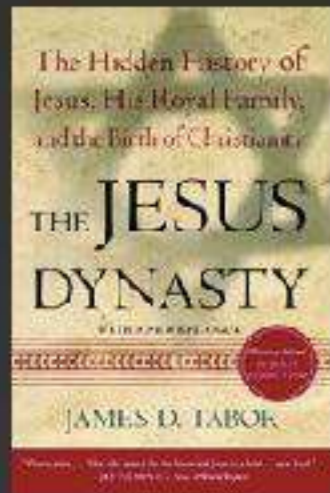


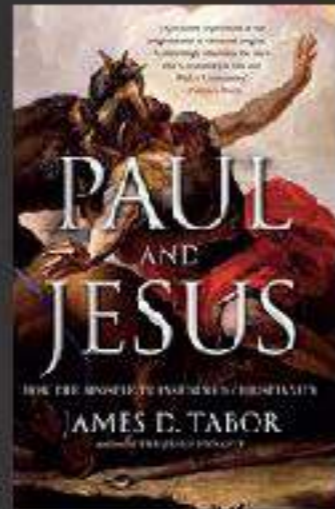
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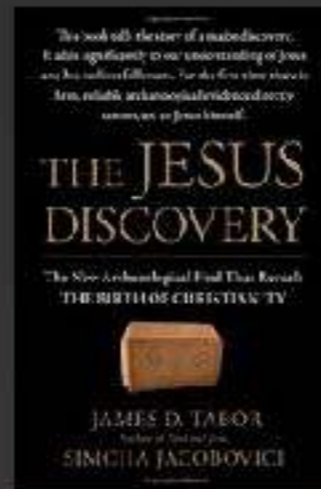
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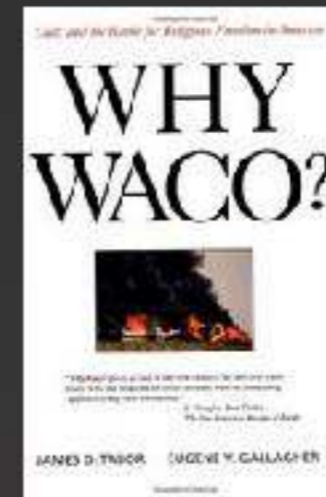
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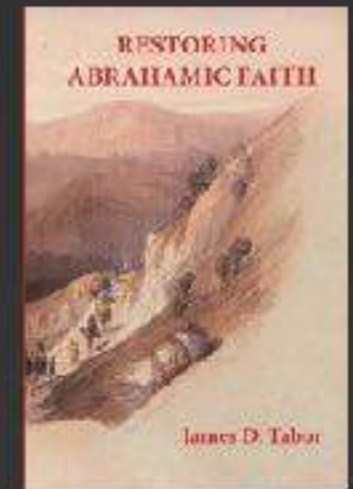
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Lecture One:
The End of the World as We Know It:
How Apocalypticism Thrived and
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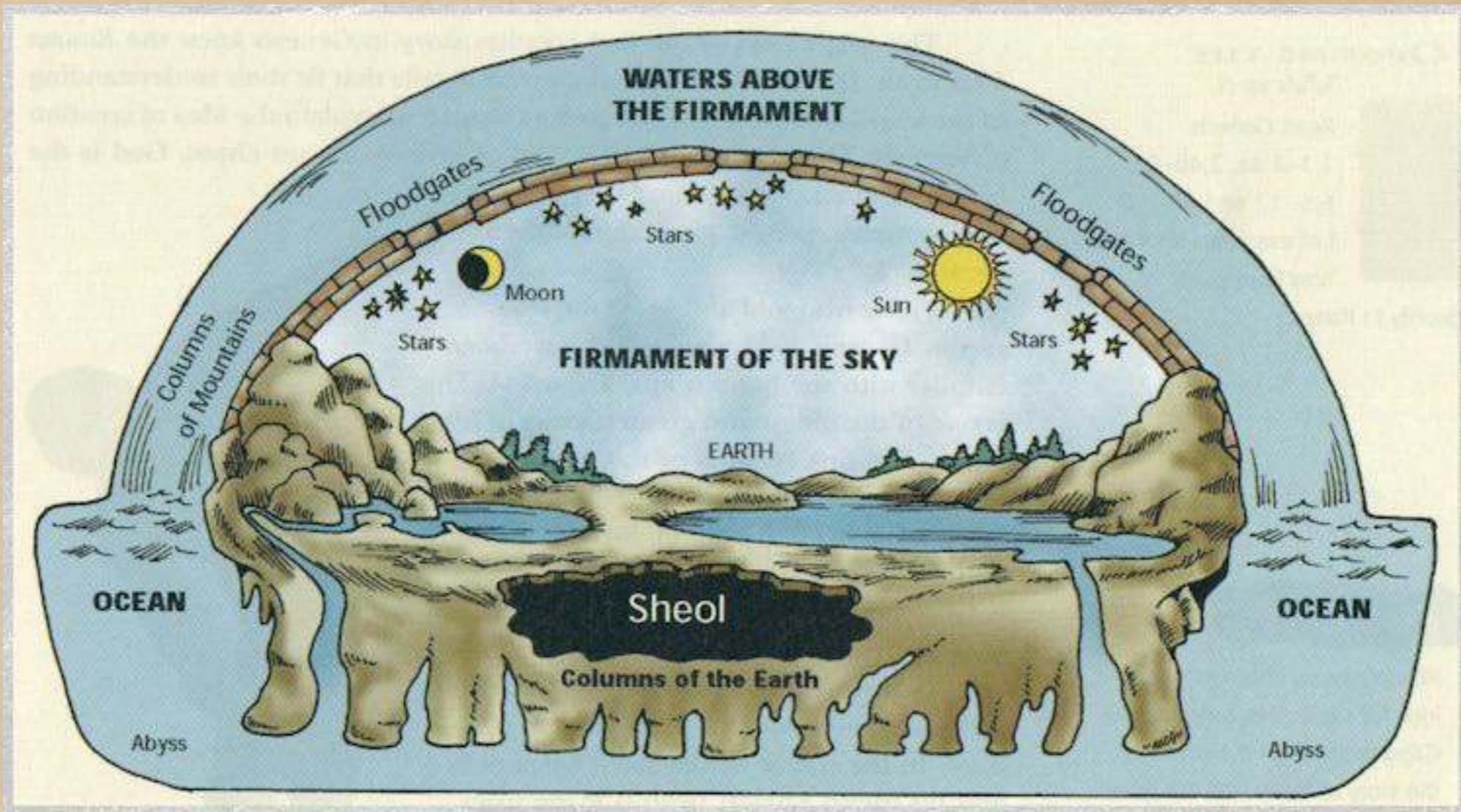


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Psalm 115:16 The heavens are the LORD's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the sons of men.
17 The dead do not praise the LORD, nor do any that go down into silence.
18 But we the living will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore.

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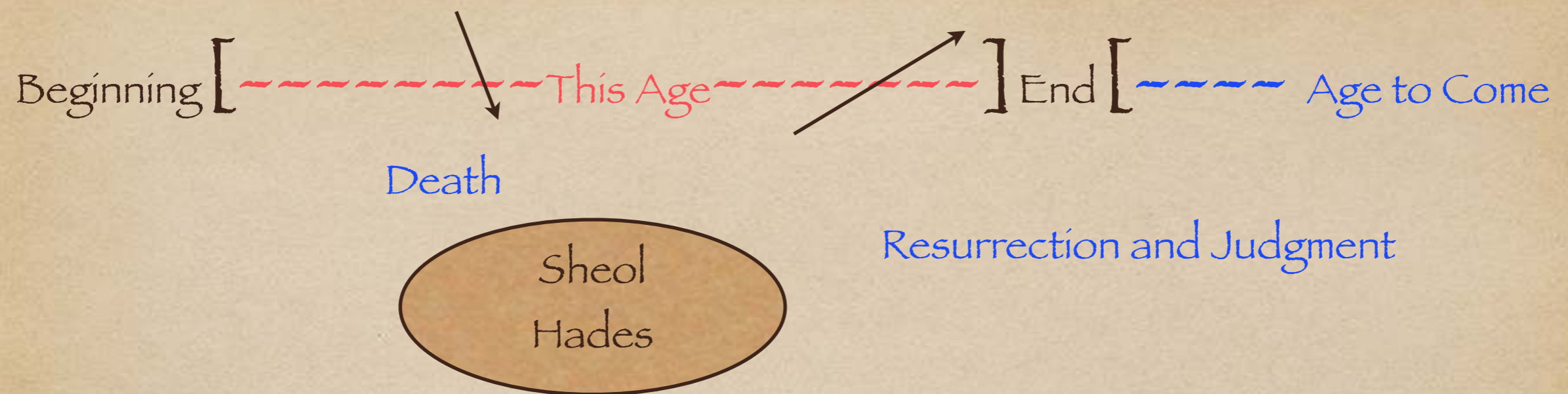
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Apocalyptic Signs of the End

Messiah/s

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Messianic Apocalyptic Eschatology



John 5:28 Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Rev. 20:12-13 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.



Selective Texts

Micah 3-4

Isaiah 24-27

Isaiah 65-66

Zechariah 14

Daniel 2, 7, 8, 9, 11-12

Mark 13

1 Corinthians 7



Ten Messiahs

Hezekiah (War 1.204)

Judas son of Hezekiah (War 2:56)

Simon of Peraea (War 2:57)

Athronges the Shepherd & Four brothers (War 2:60)

Judas the Galilean (War 2:118)

John the Baptizer & Jesus of Nazareth

Theudas (Ant 20:97; Acts 5:36)

James & Simon, sons of Judas the Galilean (Ant 20:101-102)

Menachem son of Judas (War 2:433-448)

The Egyptian (War 2:261-263; Acts 21:38)

The "Little" Synoptic Apocalypse



Matt 24:15



Matt. 24:15 "So when you see the desolating sacrilege spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (of the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; ¹⁷ let him who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house; ¹⁸ and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his mantle. ¹⁹ And alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²² And if those days had not been shortened, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.



Mark 13:14



Mark 13:14 "But when you see the desolating sacrilege set up where it ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; ¹⁵ let him who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything away; ¹⁶ and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his mantle. ¹⁷ And alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days! ¹⁸ Pray that it may not happen in winter. ¹⁹ For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will be. ²⁰ And if the Lord had not shortened the days, no human being would be saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.



Luke 21:20



Luke 21:20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it; ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfil all that is written. ²³ Alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days! For great distress shall be upon the earth and wrath upon this people; ²⁴ they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led captive among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Luke 17:31 On that day, let him who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come

Matt. 24:29 ▾ A A

Matt. 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken; ³⁰ then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; ³¹ and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mark 13:24 ▾ A A

Mark 13:24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

Luke 21:25 ▾ A A

Luke 21:25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is crawling near."

Mark: Imminent
Matthew: Delayed but Soon
Luke: Indefinite Future

4Q246 Son of God Apocalypse

4Q246 11i:1 [... a spirit from God] rested upon him, he fell before the throne. ² [... O ki]ng, wrath is coming to the world, and your years ³ [shall be shortened ... such] is your vision, and all of it is about to come unto the world. ⁴ [... Amid] great [signs], tribulation is coming upon the land. ⁵ [... After much killi]ng] and slaughter, a prince of nations ⁶ [will arise ...] the king of Assyria and Egypt ⁷ [...] he will be ruler over the land ⁸ [...] will be subject to him and all will obey ⁹ [him. Also his son] will be called The Great, and be designated by his name.

4Q246 11ii:1 He will be called the Son of God, they will call him the son of the Most High. But like the meteors ² that you saw in your vision, so will be their kingdom. They will reign only a few years over ³ the land, while people tramples people and nation tramples nation. ⁴ Until the people of God arise; then all will have rest from warfare. ⁵ Their kingdom will be an eternal kingdom, and all their paths will be righteous. They will judge ⁶ the land justly, and all nations will make peace. Warfare will cease from the land, ⁷ and all the nations shall do obeisance to them. The great God will be their help, ⁸ He Himself will fight for them, putting peoples into their power, ⁹ overthrowing them all before them. God's rule will be an eternal rule and all the depths of

Didache

Did. 16:1 Be watchful for your life; let your lamps not be quenched and your loins not ungirded, but be ye ready; for ye know not the hour the hour in which our Lord cometh. ² And ye shall gather yourselves together frequently, seeking what is fitting for your souls; for the whole time of your faith shall not profit you, if ye be not perfected at the last season. ³ For in the last days the false prophets and corrupters shall be multiplied, and the sheep shall be turned into wolves, and love shall be turned into hate. ⁴ For as lawlessness increaseth, they shall hate one another and shall persecute and betray. And then the world-deceiver shall appear as a son of God; and shall work signs and wonders, and the earth shall be delivered into his hands; and he shall do unholy things, which have never been since the world began. ⁵ Then all created mankind shall come to the fire of testing, and many shall be offended and perish; but they that endure in their faith shall be saved by the Curse Himself. ⁶ And then shall the signs of the truth appear; first a sign of a rift in the heaven, then a sign of a voice of a trumpet, and thirdly a resurrection of the dead; ⁷ yet not of all, but as it was said The Lord shall come and all His saints with Him. ⁸ Then shall the world see the Lord coming upon the clouds of heaven.

“We Will Rise Again” Far Cry 5
“The Future” Leonard Cohen



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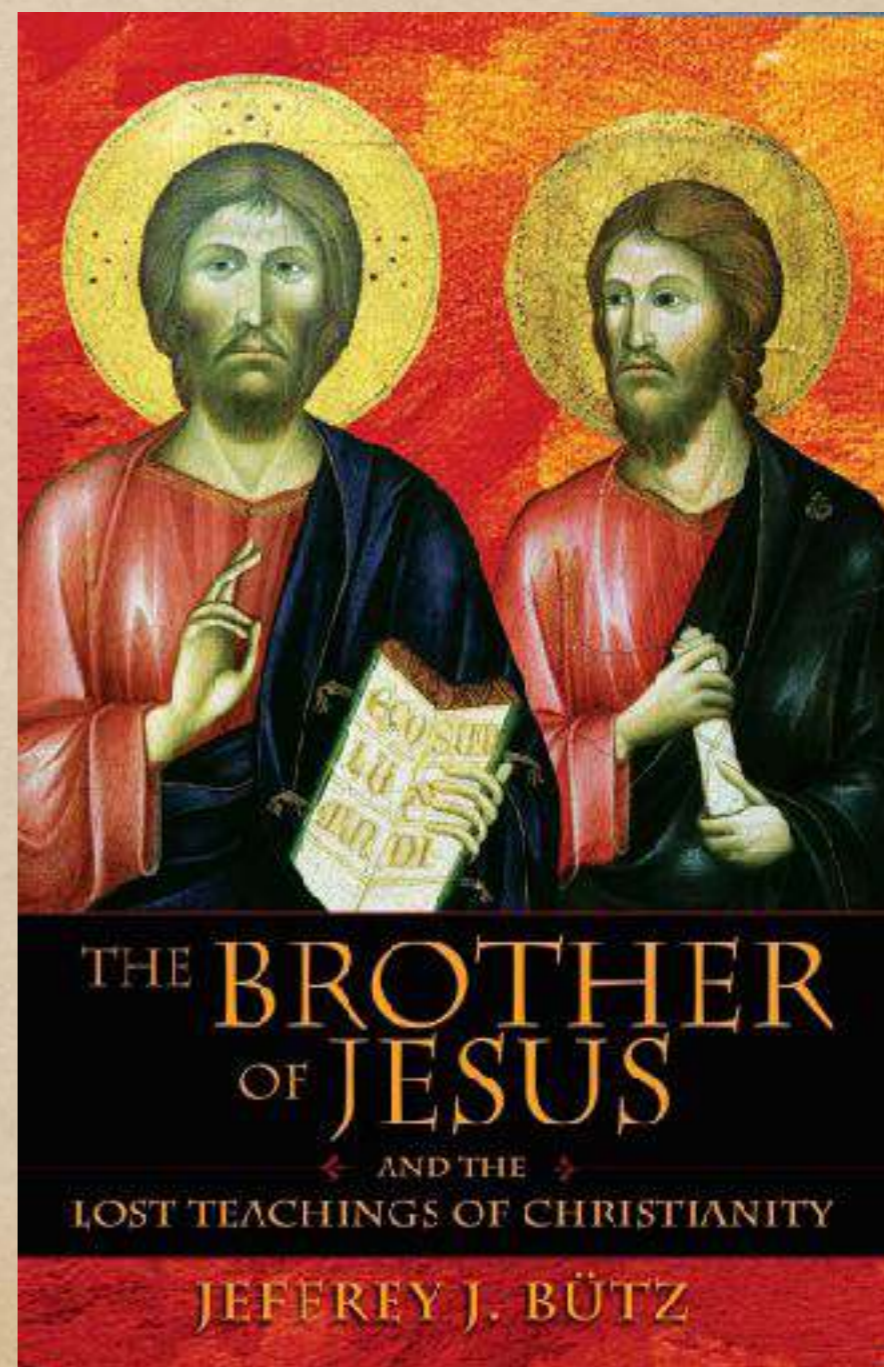
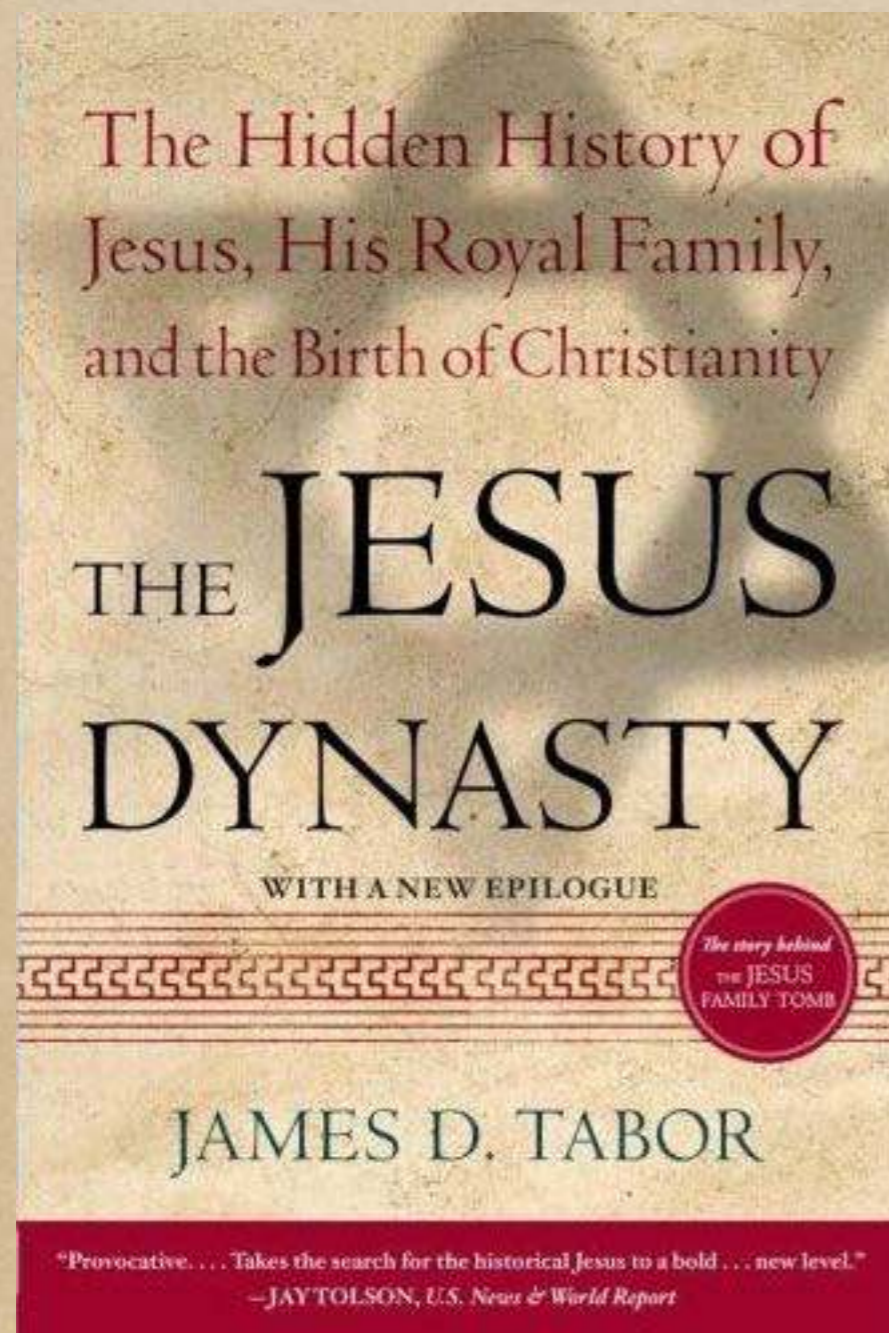
Forgetting James: How and Why
James the Brother of Jesus Faded from History



<https://jamestabor.com/the-forgotten-brother-of-jesus-part-1/>

Andrew Sils, "The Apostles as Brothers of Jesus"

Essays on James the Brother of Jesus



New Testament Texts

Mark 6:3

Mark 3:13-19

Acts 1:12-14

Galatians 1

Acts 15 & 21

Letter of James

The disciples said to Jesus, "We know you will leave us. Who is going to be our leader then?" Jesus said to them, "No matter where you go you are to go to James the Just, for whose sake heaven and earth came into being."

Gospel of Thomas 12

The succession of the church passed to James the brother of the Lord, together with the Apostles. He was called the "Just" by all men from the Lord's time until ours, since many are called James, but he was holy from his mother's womb (Hegesippus, in Eusebius, Church History 2.23-24)

The church in Jerusalem that was established by our Lord was increasing in numbers being ruled uprightly and firmly by James who was made Overseer over it by our Lord" (Syriac Recognitions 1.43.3).

Wherefore observe the greatest caution, that you believe no teacher, unless he bring from Jerusalem the testimonial of James the Lord's brother, or of whosoever may come after him" (Latin Recognitions 4:35).

The Primary Sources on James the Just

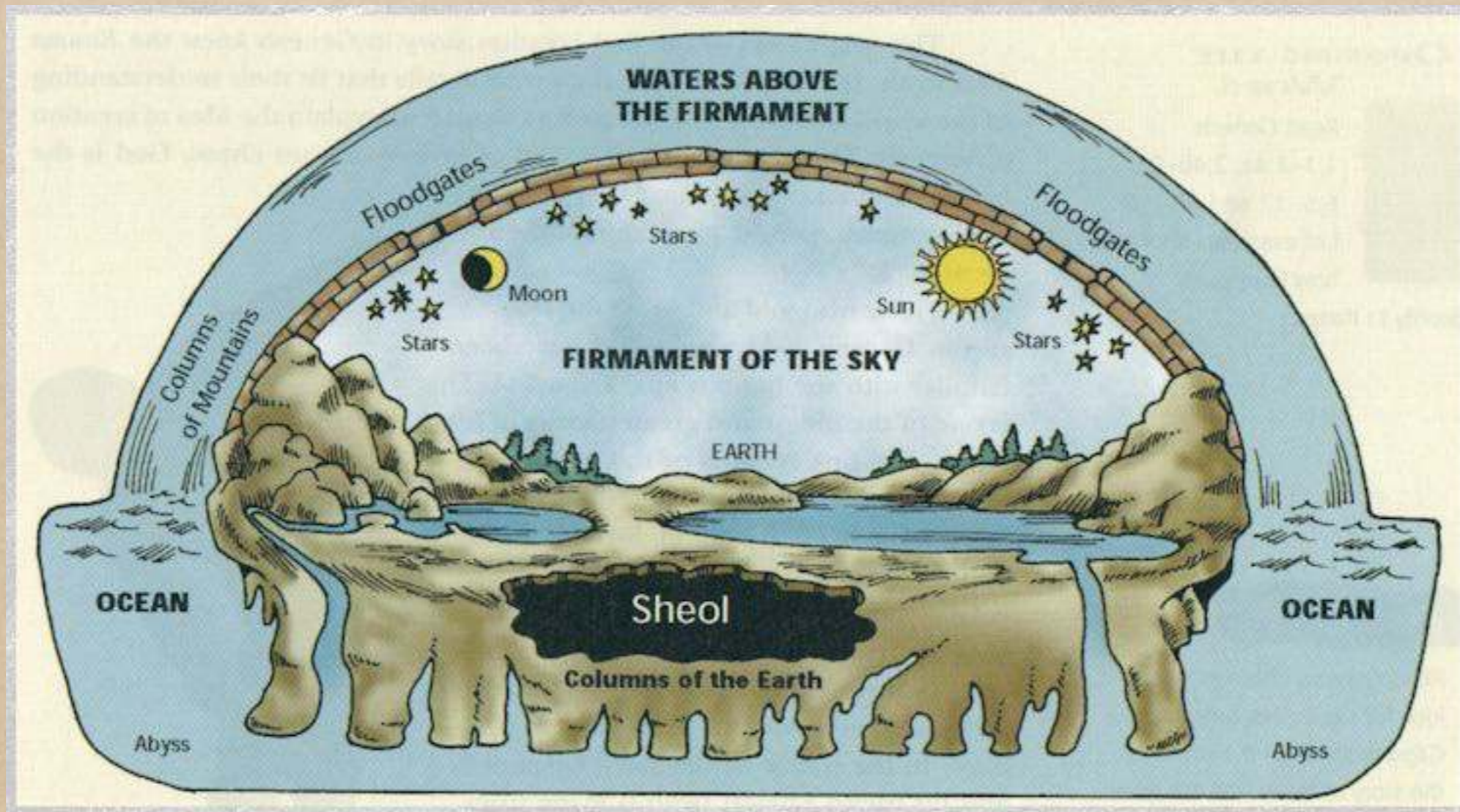


Jesus and James
“Band of Brothers”
Together in Life and Death

Lecture Three:
Ideas of Death, Burial, and the Afterlife:
How Jews, Christians, and Romans Disagreed



Hebrew, Homer, Gilgamesh



Apocalyptic Eschatology

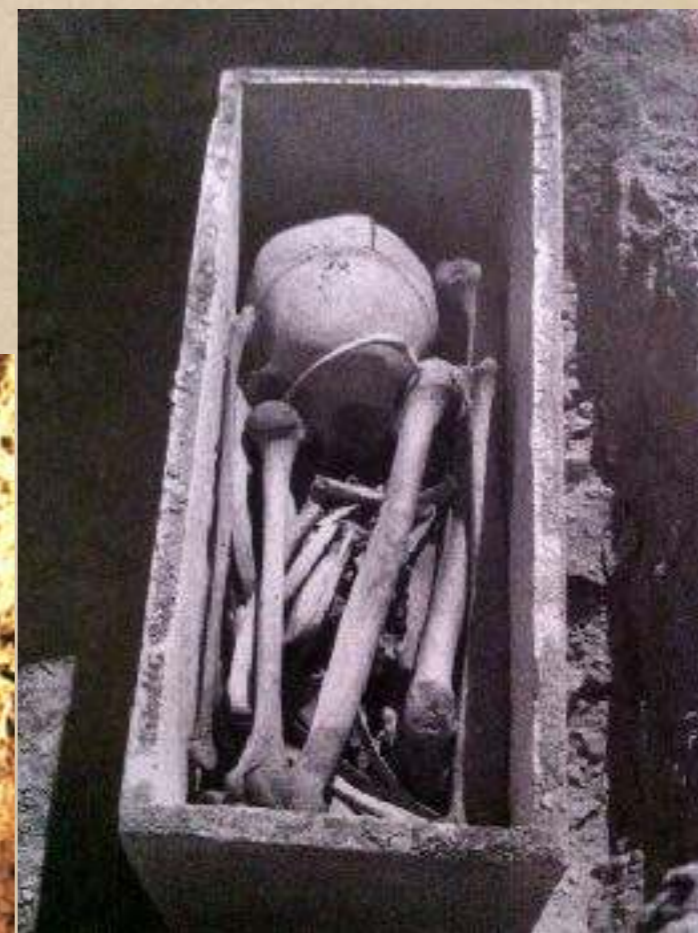
Linear Hebrew View of History



Two essential Readings:

What the Bible Really Says What the Bible Really Says About Death, Afterlife, and the Future

Why People are Confused About the
Earliest Christian View of Resurrection of the Dead

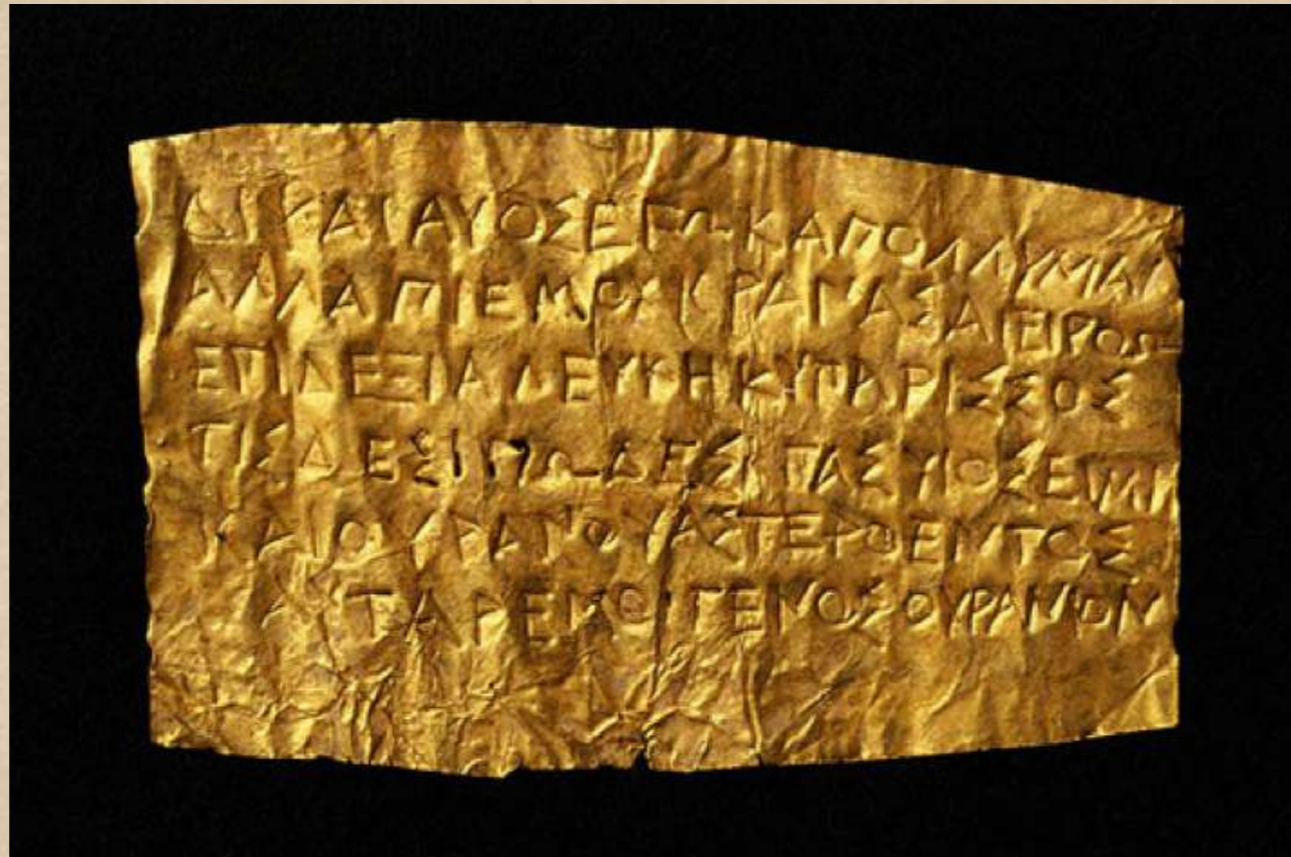


Hellenistic Dualism

Immortal Soul imprisoned in the Material Body



Gold Foil Lamellae



You will find to the left of the House of Hades a spring,
And by the side thereof standing a white cypress.

To this spring approach not near.

But you shall find another, from the lake of Memory
Cold water flowing forth, and there are guardians before it.

Say, "I am a child of Earth and starry Heaven;
but my race is of Heaven alone."

c. 350 BCE, Petelia (trans. James Tabor)

“Making Live the Dead”
“Standing Up the Dead”

Biblical Texts

Job 19:23-27

Isaiah 25:8; 26:19

Daniel 12:1-4

Luke 20:27-36

1 Corinthians 15

2 Corinthians 5

Romans 8

Revelation 20

“Spiritual Bodies”

“Life-giving Spirit”

Image of Dust/Image of Heaven

Perishable/Imperishable

Dishonor/Glory

Weakness/Power

