

Who Built the GREAT PYRAMID?

Here are surprising facts you should know—facts uncovered as a result of the trip by Dr. Meredith and Mr. Hoeh last summer in Egypt!

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WHO did build the Great Pyramid at Gizeh, Egypt?—when and why was it built?

Is there some supernatural revelation hidden in its mighty stones? Was the pyramid built to make the Bible clear and understandable? Are the theories of the pyramidologists true?

And what about the "pyramid inch"—is it equal to a year in prophecy? Can chronology be accurately determined only by the pyramid?

What We Found at Gizeh

Opposite Cairo, across the Nile River, lies the most famous architectural wonder of the world—the Great Pyramid at Gizeh. It is still the world's *most massive* building. For 3500 years it was also the world's *tallest* building. Only in this last generation has man built taller buildings than the Great Pyramid. Yet the Empire State Building in New York—the *highest* building on earth today—is only about $\frac{2}{5}$ the size of the Great Pyramid!

The Cambridge Ancient History, Vol. I, page 281, declares of the Great Pyramid: ". . . its perfect building compels our admiration; its alignment [with the points of the compass] is mathematically correct; often one cannot insert a pen-knife between the joints of the stone."

"The Great Pyramid is so incredibly precise that compass errors can be checked against it," writes Leonard Cottrell in his recent book *The Mountains of Pharaoh*.

Dr. Meredith and I visited the pyramids twice while in Egypt. We found the external appearance of the Great Pyramid ruined by the Arabs. For centuries they have carted away and used the polished white casing stones which once made the Pyramid gleam in the sun and moonlight. But the interior of the Pyramid remains an architectural marvel. The stones within have not moved a hair's-breadth since the day the workmen fixed them in place. The flatness of the surfaces of the stones and the squareness of their corners are extraordinary. Literally acres of polished stone surfaces—equal to opticians' work of the present day—line the passages of the Great Pyramid.

But not all is perfect workmanship. Human imperfection is noticeable in the rough, unfinished masonry on the floor

of one of the chambers. We found the floor of the "King's" chamber flagrantly out of level. All this speaks of remarkable HUMAN WORKMANSHIP—but does it speak of a divine revelation, as pyramidologists theorize? If this mighty architectural wonder is a divine revelation, where is the divine perfection?

Yet the Great Pyramid IS one of the wonders of the world. It is the only one of the seven wonders of the ancient world which still remains. Surely there is some significance in its endurance through the ages—and especially since *this Pyramid, missing its capstone, is found engraved on our money*. Why should we—the children of Joseph—engrave this Egyptian Pyramid on our money? Who was actually responsible for the building of this marvel of the ages?

Secrets of the Pyramid Lost!

When the Arabs invaded Egypt over 1100 years ago, they found the secrets of the Great Pyramid totally lost. Even its entrance was unknown. The Arab Caliph Mamoon, in the 9th century after Christ, blindly cut into the Pyramid hoping to find buried treasure in it. He accidentally reached one of the interior passageways—but no buried treasure!

But Mamoon only REOPENED the Great Pyramid. In the days of Jesus Christ, the true entrance to the Great Pyramid was open and regularly frequented by tourists. The entrance to it was forgotten in the days of the Catholic domination of Egypt—before the coming of the Moslem Arabs.

Strabo, the ancient Roman historian, expressly states that in his day the Great Pyramid was accessible to visitors: "It has on its side," he states, "a stone which can be moved. When it has been lifted up, a tortuous passage is seen which leads to the tomb" (bk. xvii, p. 808).

Dr. Meredith and I climbed up to this ancient entrance on the north side of the Pyramid. The entrance used today by tourists is, however, the forced entrance cut out by the Arabs. At the true entrance to the Great Pyramid we saw the hieroglyphic carving containing the name of the mighty builder of this architectural wonder of the ancient world. His name in Egyptian is spelled Khufu by modern writers. The Greeks spelled his name Cheops. That is why

the Pyramid is often called the Pyramid of Cheops today.

Who was Cheops or Khufu? When and why did he build the pyramid?

Cheops NOT an Egyptian!

The Egyptians like to boast about their pyramids. Yet the greatest pyramid of all they admit was not built by an Egyptian! And they admit that all their later copies of the Great Pyramid are quite inferior to the first one built by Khufu. The Egyptian historian Manetho, who lived in the third century before Christ, wrote that Khufu "was of a DIFFERENT RACE" from the Egyptians (*Wabben's Arts and Antiquities of Egypt*, p. 54).

Herodotus, the famous Greek historian of the 5th century before Christ, states that the builders of the Great Pyramid were SHEPHERDS (*Euterpe* §128). But the Egyptians were NOT shepherds! Notice Genesis 46:31-34:

"And Joseph said unto his brethren . . . I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house . . . are come unto me; and the men are shepherds. . . . And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? That ye shall say, Thy servants' trade hath been about cattle. . . . FOR EVERY SHEPHERD IS AN ABOMINATION UNTO THE EGYPTIANS."

The Egyptians were not shepherds. They employed others to tend their cattle. Yet Khufu, or Cheops, the builder of the Great Pyramid, *was a shepherd!*

Josephus, the Jewish historian, wrote that the Egyptians set the Israelites "to build pyramids" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, bk. II, ch. ix, §1). But the pyramids which the Israelites built during their enslavement were hastily constructed, inferior duplicates of the first mighty Pyramid of Khufu or Cheops. Who was Cheops the shepherd who built the first Pyramid?

Cheops NOT an Idolater

Cheops was not a polytheist. He was a worshipper of the One God. "Cheops closed the temples and prohibited the Egyptians from offering sacrifices," wrote Herodotus in book II of his *History*, §124. The God whom Cheops served was named "Amen" in Egyptian.

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The pyramids of Gizeh. In the background, at the right, is the great pyramid built by Cheops. Distances are so immense on the desert that it is hard to realize that this was the greatest building on earth until this century. Though it is no longer the highest structure on earth, it is still the greatest for its sheer bulk!

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And—strange though it may be—one of the names of Jesus Christ is "Amen" (Rev. 3:14).

The Pharaoh of Upper Egypt, under whom Joseph served, was named Amenem-het III. "Amen" was a common name among the Pharaohs in Joseph's day. The Pharaoh must have been strongly influenced by the religion of Cheops. But this is not all! Pharaoh Amenemhet gave Joseph "to wife Asenath the daughter of Potiphera priest of ON" (Genesis 41:45).

Who was the God "On"? "On" is but another name for the God "Amen"—Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Old Testament! In Revelation 1:8, Christ speaks of Himself as the "One who is"—the "existing One." In the original inspired text of this verse, the Greek word Christ used was "On"—the "existing one"!

The Egyptians knew of the Creator in the days of Joseph! Not until nearly the days of Moses did gross idolatry



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The famous step pyramid at Sakkara, in Egypt. The builder of this imposing structure was Zoser, a king of Lower Egypt in whose reign the record of seven years of famine is preserved. The step pyramid is not a true pyramid.

spread throughout Egypt!

When Did Cheops Build the Pyramid?

When did Cheops live? According to the eleventh edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, he lived 4700 B.C.—which would make him live 700 years before Adam! Such a date is preposterous! More conservative scholars place him 2600 B.C.—250 years before the flood in Noah's day! But the flood, according to the Egyptian records, occurred centuries before Cheops lived! Cheops lived after the flood! This date is wrong, too!

Obviously modern scholars *do not know* when Cheops lived. But they could know if they believed the Bible record!

Some pyramidologists try to date the pyramid by astronomy. They *assume* that when built, the north pole star, Alpha Draconis, could be seen from the entrance passage of the Great Pyramid. But the idea is purely an *assumption*. There is *no proof*!

Furthermore, the north pole star would have been visible for only a few minutes from the descending passage BECAUSE THE PASSAGE NEVER DID POINT DIRECTLY TO THE NORTH POLE STAR! Some followers of the "British Israel World Federation" would try to

Looking across the fertile Nile Valley near Cairo, Egypt. The three most famous pyramids are visible in the background through the haze.

deny this, but any history book would prove their idea false.

The facts of history are that Cheops was a young contemporary of King Zoser of Egypt. Zoser built the "step pyramid" shortly before Cheops built the Great Pyramid (Budge, *A History of Egypt*, vol. II, p. 9). King Zoser ruled part of Lower Egypt at the same time Joseph was Prime Minister under Pharaoh Amenemhet III. King Zoser recorded the seven years' drought in Joseph's time. "My heart is in great anxiety," said Zoser, "for in my time the Nile has not overflowed for a period of SEVEN YEARS" (*Cambridge Ancient History*, p. 309-310, vol. I).

Here is clear evidence that Cheops, a contemporary of Zoser, must have built the Great Pyramid during the sojourn of Israel in Egypt shortly after the seven years of famine! Ancient Egypt, remember, was a confederation of small city states. Amenemhet III was king of Upper Egypt and Pharaoh of all Egypt. But under him were lesser Kings, among whom was Zoser. Cheops was a foreign King whose domain extended into Egypt.

Joseph Enters the Scene

A noted man who helped Cheops in building the Pyramid was named Souf.

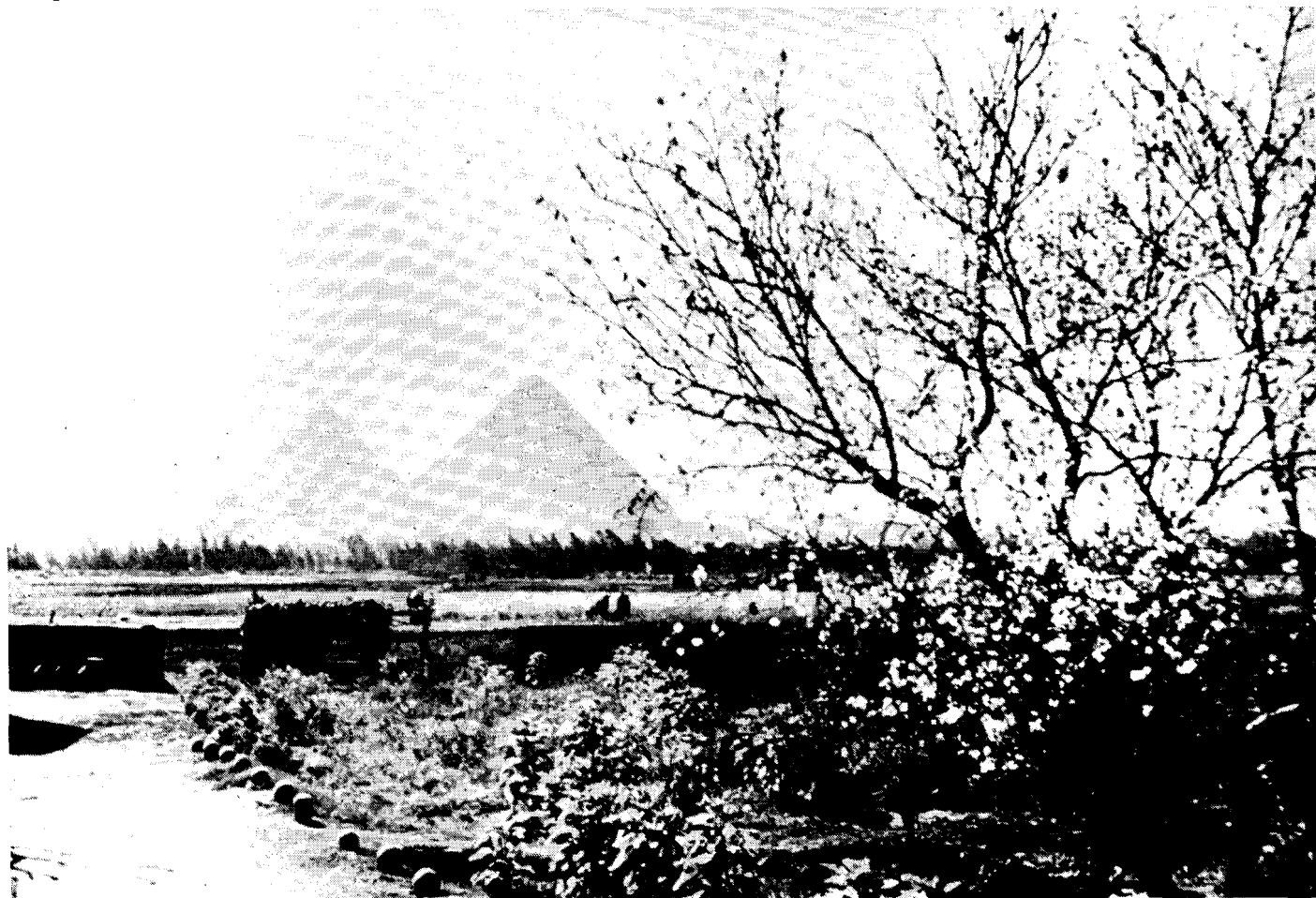
He was "chief of the works of Khufu" (Rawlinson's *Egypt*, ch. 14). This man has been an enigma to the historians (see Maspero's *Dawn of Civilization*, p. 363-364). Elsewhere he is called "Saf-hotep"—meaning "Saf the servant." He was apparently one of 12 brothers who built the Labyrinth—the "Pentagon" of Ancient Egypt—for Amenemhet III (Wathen's *Antiquities*, p. 142). Certainly there is no doubt who "Souf" was! He could be none other than Joseph!

The name given Joseph by Pharaoh was "Zaph-nath-paaneah" (Gen. 41:45). The Egyptians still call Joseph "Yousuf." Certainly there need be no doubt when Cheops lived!

A corrupted Egyptian story records an incident in the later life of Cheops or Khufu, in which he calls an aged Egyptian sage to his palace (Budge's *Egypt*, vol. II, p. 43). The sage lived 110 years. Joseph died at 110 years of age (Gen. 50:26). There can be no mistaking this coincidence!

Cheops Wrote Scripture

Not only did Cheops worship Amen or On—that is, Jesus Christ; he also wrote Scripture! Manetho, the Egyptian historian, wrote of Cheops: "He was ar-
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tralia and elsewhere undoubtedly took the Passover in their own homes this year. We definitely know that hundreds of them are hoping and praying for the day when we can have a church in their area.

So as we emerge from this Passover season, let us realize that in future years there *MUST* be *many, many* other churches and locations around the world where newly begotten brethren in Christ can meet and partake of this ordinance. The responsibility is *yours* to PRAY and to GIVE so that we may effectively reach these people who are *hungering* for God's *truth*. If we all persevere to the end, we will be *brethren* throughout *all eternity*.

This was the *greatest* Passover season in the modern history of God's Church. But His Church goes *forward*—not backward—especially in this end time. Let us WORK to see that *every* Passover and Feast is the greatest yet!

Let us each strive to be worthy of Christ's Words "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"

Use of Tape Recorders

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will have to flee! They will be so much excess baggage! But if you have the knowledge stored up in your HEART and your MIND—it will be YOURS!

"Getting More Out of It"

One of the primary reasons many feel their tape recorders are a real blessing is they feel they can learn "many additional points" from a sermon after hearing it over the SECOND TIME!

But brethren! Had God originally *intended* this, He would have instructed His ministers to preach a sermon, then recall the flock the following day, and *preach exactly the same sermon over again!*

Have you ever wondered *why* the LAW is commanded to be REPEATED to God's people? Have you ever wondered about all the REPETITION in the Bible—the instructions about Christian living, the examples of the mistakes of others? *It is for God's ministers* to REPEAT these principles orally WHEN GOD LEADS THEM TO DO IT—in the "due seasons" of the Feasts—on the weekly Sabbaths which have been hallowed and SET APART for THIS VERY PURPOSE!

It may *seem* to be nice to listen to a tape of a sermon while doing some other chore—some farmers may listen while milking the cows—some women

may listen while washing dishes, or others may even play a tape while in bed! But GOD DID NOT INTEND YOU TO BE DOING HOUSEHOLD TASKS AND LISTENING TO HIS SACRED WORDS AT THE SAME TIME! You need to be in the atmosphere of CHURCH, on the HOLY DAY OF GOD, in the presence of Christ and His flock, with His own ministers to guide you, and listen in REVERENCE and FEAR to the WORD OF GOD—not casually listen to a "canned" sermon from a tape recorder!

Put NOT Your Trust in Man!

One other consideration is God's instruction NOT TO PLACE OUR TRUST IN MAN! Paul discussed problems of Churches openly in His corrective epistles—but Paul was going on record—WRITTEN record—with what he said! No one could have claimed falsely he said something entirely different! He had the WRITTEN PROOF TO BACK IT UP! The same is true of God's Church of *this* age! We will mention problems in the pages of the *Good News*—when we feel it will be beneficial for the WHILE CHURCH—but we have a verified WRITTEN RECORD of what was said!

Not so in tape recording!

Brethren, Paul even warned a group of his closest ORDAINED ELDERS and MINISTERS in Christ that OF THEIR OWN SELVES MEN WOULD ARISE, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS! Paul did NOT PLACE HIS TRUST IN MEN!

Neither can we!

A person who allowed a *wrong spirit* to take over in his life, who allowed a root of bitterness to grow and went out from God's Church, and who possessed tapes of our sermons and services could do untold DAMAGE TO THIS CHURCH! You may feel with ALL YOUR HEART that such a thing could *never* happen to YOU—and may God grant that it WILL NOT—but the Word of God shows IT CAN HAPPEN!

By clever tape cutting and editing, a perverse and totally dishonest enemy could so manipulate and rearrange a sermon as to have the minister appear to be using *profanity and swearing*—instead of sincerely preaching the true Word of God!

The ministry of this Church MUST be obedient to God's commands—we MUST be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves!" We can take no chances.

And so, finally brethren—if *you* have tape recording equipment, and if this decision affects YOU, perhaps it would be good to consider selling the equipment. But don't just give it away! There are poor brethren who can be helped with the proceeds. Remember, it is better to lay up treasure IN HEAVEN, than on the earth!

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rogant toward the gods, but repented and wrote the *Sacred Book* . . . a work of great importance" (see Wathen's *Antiquities*, p. 268; and Budge's *Egypt*, vol. II, p. 31).

But which Sacred Book?

Certainly none of the Sacred Books of Egypt's pagan religion—for Cheops closed their temples and forbade their worship. Was this Sacred Book an Egyptian Book? No! Cheops, remember, was of *foreign race*—and it is quite obvious that Cheop's Sacred Book was not preserved by Egyptians who later opposed his religion.

A clew to the answer is found in Egyptian records. Cheops has another name—Saaru or Shaaru (Petrie's *History of Egypt*, vol. I, p. 37). Saaru is another name "for the inhabitants of Mt. Seir" (Rawlinson's *History of Egypt*, ch. 22). Khufu, then, was a foreign King from Mt. Seir who exercised dominion in Lower Egypt during and after the time of Joseph. Petra is in Mount Seir. Dr. Meredith and I visited the domain of Cheops, both in Egypt and in Mt. Seir.

Mt. Seir was famous in history as the "Land of Uz" (Vol. III of *Clarke's Commentary*, preface to Book of Job). Uz was a descendant of Seir the Horite (Gen. 36:28). The Arabs preserve a corrupt record of Cheops of Mt. Seir or of the Land of Uz. They call him the "wizard of Oz."

Now what individual who dwelled in Uz was arrogant, repented of his sin and wrote a Sacred Book?

None other than *JOB!*

And the Sacred Book is the Book of Job!

Job—as Mr. Armstrong long ago perceived—is the Cheops who built the Great Pyramid! The ancient Greeks called Job "Cheops"—pronouncing the letters "ch" almost as if they were an "h." We call Job "Hiob" in German—and we pronounce the final "b" as if it were a "p" much as the Greeks did. Plainly, Cheops is but an altered pronunciation of Job!

Job Was a King!

When Job was being tested, he cried out that he wished he had died: "Why died I not from the womb? why did I not expire when I came out of the womb. . . . Then had I been at rest with kings and counsellors of the earth, which build desolate places for themselves" (Job 3:11-15).

Job buried with kings?—of course! He was of a royal family. Notice: "Unto



Arabs praying near the Great Sphinx before the sand was dug away from its base. The second largest pyramid is in the background to the right.

me men gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. After my words they spake not again. . . . I . . . sat as chief, and dwelt as a KING in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners' (Job 29:21-25).

Job left a great monument in stone—the Great Pyramid. It swelled his pride. Bildad, one of Job's friends, taunted Job: "Thou that tearest thyself in thine anger, shall the earth be forsaken of thee? Or shall the rock be removed out of its place" (Job 18:4, Jewish trans.).

What?—the earth not to be forsaken of Job even if he were to die? Of course—the rock monument he built would remain for ages, would not "be removed out of its place"! What rock monument?—the Great Pyramid!

Now turn to Job 38:4-6. Here is God's response to Job—the response which led Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong to think long ago that Job was the builder of the Pyramid. Notice that the verses presuppose Job a great builder. Let us paraphrase God's answer to Job, then you compare it with the original: "You, Job, laid the foundations of the Great Pyramid, but where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? You, Job, de-

termined the measures on the Pyramid in Egypt, but who determined the measures of the earth and stretched the line upon it? You, Job, fastened down in sockets the foundations of the pyramid, but whereupon are the foundations of the earth fastened? You, Job, were *not* able to lay the Pyramid's capstone, for your work was not absolutely perfect, but I laid the cornerstone of the earth," said God.

That whittled Job down to size! He was not as big as he himself presumed.

Why Pyramid Built

Cheops lived in Joseph's time. *So did Job!* Job lived in the generation after Esau, for one of his friends was Eliphaz the Temanite (Job 2:11). Eliphaz was the father of the Temanites (Gen. 36:11) and the son of Esau, Jacob's brother (verse 10). Eliphaz and Joseph were first cousins.

Yet Job lived before the Mosaic law which permitted only Levites to sacrifice. Notice that Job sacrificed to God for his family as was customarily done in patriarchal times (Job 1:5;42:8).

None of the conversation in the book of Job refers to the exodus under

Moses, but the flood is still uppermost in the minds of the people (Job 22:17-18).

Job lived long before the time of Daniel. Even in the time of Daniel and the apostles, the dates for the prophetic future were not opened to understanding. If they were not permitted to know the times and seasons, certainly Job would not have known them, much less built the pyramid to fit chronology! Yet many adherents to British-Israelism and pyramidology contend that Cheops did know all these things. Some of them would make out God as the real builder!

I have beside me now the works of David Davidson, Adam Rutherford, and others. Each of them tries to build a chronology for the future by measuring the dimensions of the Great Pyramid with the "pyramid inch." Dr. Meredith and I saw the little stone protrusion in the Pyramid which these people contend is the key to the revelation of the pyramid. But they have no way to know whether this little protrusion should measure the pyramid and determine chronology, or whether it was for some other purpose.

Even if one has accurately measured

the pyramid, how are they going to know which point means which year? Davidson starts with a certain point in the Pyramid and calls it the day of the crucifixion—Friday, April 7, 30 A.D. Since that date is proved wrong by the Bible, all his chronology falls flat. Adam Rutherford takes the same point and calls it the date of the crucifixion, Friday, April 3, 33 A.D. Since that date is wrong, too, his chronology falls flat.

THE OBVIOUS FACT IS THAT NO STANDARD EXISTS WHICH MIGHT REVEAL WHICH STONE OR WHICH SCRATCH ON A PASSAGEWAY MEANS A PARTICULAR YEAR. The pyramid was built for another purpose than to reveal chronology. We do not yet know the full purpose for which the Pyramid was built, but it is a monument, undoubtedly designed by Job, to commemorate what Joseph did for Egypt and to mark the border of the territory given to Joseph's family in the land of Pharaoh.

Pharaoh gave Israel the land of Goshen (Gen. 47:11). The land of Goshen extends from Palestine westward to the Nile River (Gen. 15:18). It included what is now the Suez Canal. The ancient Pharaoh long ago gave it to the family of Joseph, but they wish to take it away today! How far south along the Nile River does the land of Goshen run? To the border between Lower and Middle Egypt—in the very region where the Great Pyramid is located! Because the Great Pyramid stands at the border between these two divisions of Egypt, many have taken Isaiah 19:19-20 to refer to the pyramid. Certainly the "altar" mentioned in this verse is not the pyramid. God forbids any altar of carved stone (Exodus 20:25-26).

But the Great Pyramid *may* be the pillar which Isaiah referred to, and it *might* be again dedicated in the future as a pillar or monument of witness to what the Eternal—the Amen—will do in delivering Egypt from the revived Roman Empire. A pillar is sometimes used in the Bible as a *border line* (see Genesis 31:52).

We might also consider whether the pyramid was designed by Job to be the tomb or resting place of Joseph's mummy, before it was carried up out of Egypt by Moses (Exodus 13:19). Cheops or Job, according to the ancient historians, was *not* buried in it. The sarcophagus in the "King's chamber" was *empty* in ancient times. No treasures were hidden in the Pyramid's inner recesses. And it was anciently open to visitors from Greece and Rome.

The Great Pyramid was built, according to Herodotus, over a period of about 20 years in the 3 months of each year during which the Nile overflowed and the people were idle. Its construc-



A badly damaged ivory statuette of Cheops from Abydos, Egypt. No other statues are known of him. The features of Cheops are distinctly non-Egyptian. Cheops built the great pyramid of Gizeh, near Cairo. It is the first and also the greatest pyramid ever built.

tion therefore did *not* occupy slave labor, but *idle* labor. And through it, perhaps, the Egyptians gained their freedom from Pharaoh. Josephus, the Jewish historian, states that Joseph did return the land to the Egyptians (*Antiquities*, bk. II, ch. 7, §7).

And what better thank offering could the Egyptians have given than donating of their idle time to build a monument designed and directed by Job as a perpetual witness to the *all-ruling* God who sent Joseph to save the Egyptians!

God's *Government* is also in the form

of a *pyramid*. Christ is the rejected "capstone" (Psalm 118:22). What more fitting monument could Job have built than this to the God whose Government rules invisibly over the world and who sends His prophets to warn it before every calamity.

Correction:

In the April issue, a typographical error appeared in the "Question Box," page 6, col. 3. The Greek singular possessive *sabbáton* was a misprint for *sabbátou* in Mark 16:9.