

# THE PEOPLE OF GOD – SERIES 4

Bible Reading Plan, January - March 2020



# Fact or fiction?

- Great story
  - For kids
  - Horror movie!
- Cultural myth
- Genesis 1-11
  - Humanity rather than the man





# Noah

- Let's not fall out
- God can do anything
- The science is debatable
- Remember Copernicus!
- Three options
  - Abandon faith
  - Reject science
  - Review our understanding of scripture
- Can we agree it's not a science story?

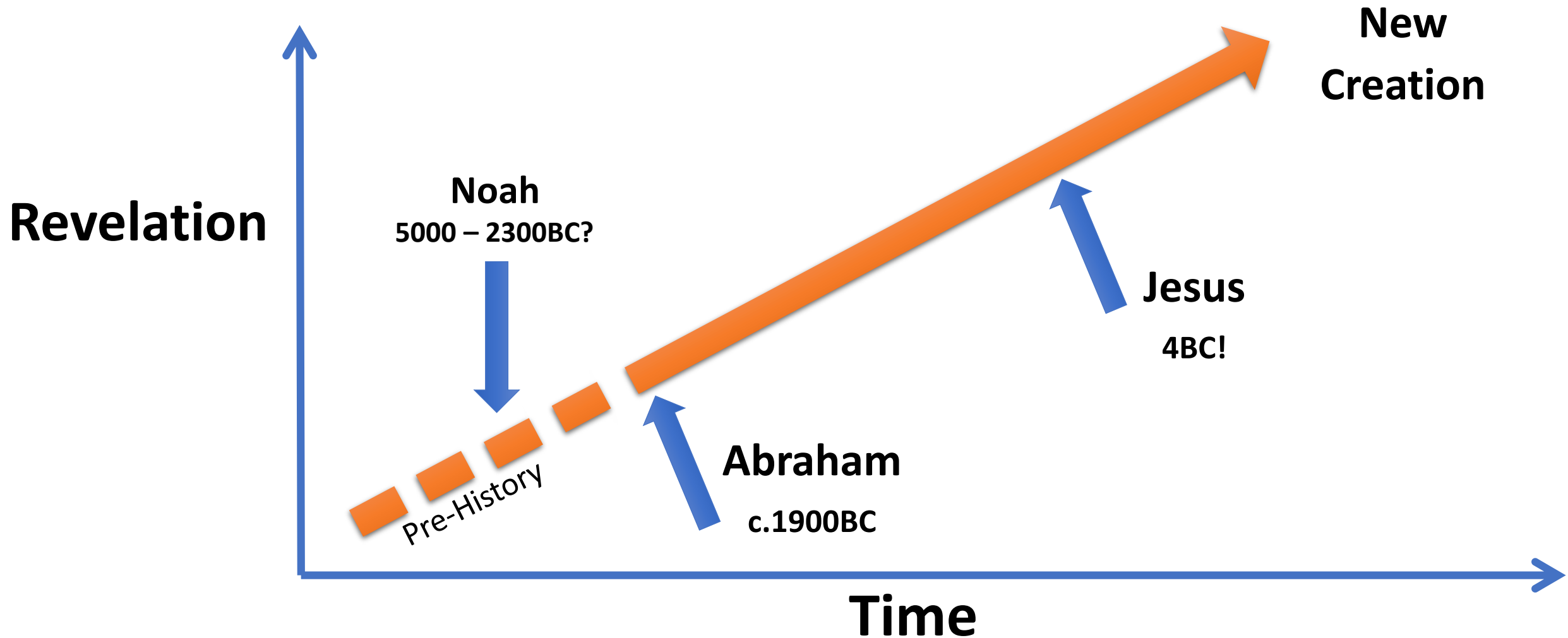


# So what is the story about?

- Scene setting
- Redeeming the Flood myths
- Early important lessons about
  - God
  - Judgement



It's an early story – scene setting





# What do we know about Noah?

- Not a lot!
- Married with 3 sons
- Lived to 950
- Obeyed God (6:22)
- Righteous in comparison! (7:1)
- He liked a glass of wine (9:21)
- Experienced favour (6:8)





# Redeeming the Myth

- Better God
  - Grieves over suffering
  - Gracious not grumpy
- Better reason
  - Sin not noise
  - Angelic rebellion





# Early Lessons

- God works with us
  - No Noah, no flood
  - Abraham (Gen 18:17)
  - Amos 3:7
- God hates sin
  - Honour parents (9:22-27)
- God is gracious
  - We are safe (9:13-16)





# Typical Judgement?

- No, never again!
- Sodom & Gomorrah
  - Love changes things
- Jesus
  - We all deserve it
  - God is gracious
  - God bore it
  - We can all find favour
  - Should lead to repentance





# What does it mean for us?

- God is good
- Stop declaring judgement
- Live in God's favour
  - What is holding me back?
  - What is he calling me to?







*"To bring the life of Jesus  
and His kingdom wherever we are"*  
*Ezekiel 47:9*