

## **Time Traveling through Religious History**

Should be in this order:

1. ITEM
  - a. DATE
  - b. EXPLANATION (this may take a few letters)

Please list your items in order of your timeline (for instance, put an item from Creation *before* an item from the 1<sup>st</sup> major persecution by Nero since the creation of the world happened *before* Nero began persecuting the Christians). Thanks!

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### **Example below**

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1. CELL PHONE
  - a. Circa 2000 B.C.
  - b. The cell phone is symbolic of the time that God “called” out to Abraham and told him not to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Abraham was the 1<sup>st</sup> of the four major patriarchs and can be considered a “father” of our faith. He showed God that he would obey Him *no matter what* when he came inches away from sacrificing Isaac. He passed the test that God put before him and remains a great example of what it means to have complete trust and faith in God.
  - c. This event with Abraham and Isaac was one of the ways in which God prepared the Israelite people for the coming of Jesus. Eventually God (the Father) would allow his Son (Jesus) to be sacrificed for us. This would be even *more* surprising than God asking Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac. As well, Abraham repeatedly told Isaac that “God will provide the lamb” which eventually God would do when He provided Jesus. This was just one of the many ways in which God clued us in to what the Messiah would one day be like and do.
  - d. Abraham is an important person for all Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Each of these main religions can trace themselves to this common ancestor. It is sad that today many Jews, Christians, and Muslims do not get along. We should all try and remember that Abraham connects us with each other and with God. The Jewish symbol is the star of David and the Muslim symbol is usually a crescent moon with a star.
2. MONEY BAG
  - a. 33 A.D. (also from the Old Testament prophecy in Zechariah 11:12-13)
  - b. The money bag with the coins inside represents the 30 pieces of silver that Judas received for betraying Jesus. This was a *very* important event

because Jesus was then taken before Pilate and the Jewish leaders and eventually sentenced to death. After betraying Jesus, Judas realized what he did was wrong and then threw the money back into the Temple. Instead of turning to God for forgiveness, he instead killed himself. Even though Judas seems like a horrible figure, we should remember that we also “betray” Jesus whenever we sin or choose not to share our love of Him. However, we should also remember (unlike Judas) that God *always* offers us forgiveness for whatever it is we have done.

- c. The money bag with the 30 pieces of silver was also mentioned on our Messianic Clues worksheet because God told us that this kind of thing would happen to the Messiah. In Zechariah 11:12-13, God gives us another piece of the puzzle by talking about someone who received 30 pieces of silver and then threw it into the Temple. Most of the people at the time of Jesus did not understand what this meant until Judas did the exact same thing.

3. Etc.