

## THE PYRAMID STUDY IN CAPSULE FORM

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“In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt.”—Isa. 19:19, 20.

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General description that astonishes us. (313-2)

“The most remarkable building in the world.” “...it seems in a remarkable manner to teach, in harmony with all the prophets, an outline of the plan of God, past, present and future.” (314-1)

“A storehouse of important truth—scientific, historic and prophetic and its testimony is found to be in perfect accord with the Bible, expressing the prominent features of its truths in beautiful and fitting symbols.” (314-3)

“The scope of this prophecy (Isa. 19:19, 20) is but dimly seen, however, until Egypt is recognized as a symbol or type of the world of mankind, full of vain philosophies, which only darken their understandings, but ignorant of the true light.” “Jehovah...has already prepared the Great Pyramid as a part of his instrumentality for convincing the world of his wisdom, foreknowledge and grace.” (315-2 to 316-3)

“To be a witness to the world in Millennial age.” “But the saints, the friends of God from whom he will hide nothing, are privileged to hear the testimony of this witness now, before the worldly mind is ready to appreciate its testimonies.” (317-1 to 318-1)

Job 38:3-7 described it. (318-2)

First work of importance that the Great Pyramid possessed scientific features by John Taylor of England, 1859. “Our Inheritance in the Great Pyramid” by Prof. Piazzzi-Smyth, the source of much data used in this study. (319-3)

“The suggestion that the Great Pyramid is Jehovah’s ‘Witness’ ... came from a young Scotsman, Robert Menzies, who, when studying the scientific teachings of the Great Pyramid, discovered that prophetic and chronological teachings co-exist in it.” (320-1) An understanding of the Divine Plan enabled the writer to see “the most wonderful and beautiful features of the Great Pyramid’s testimony”...“a corroboration of the plan of the ages and the times and seasons associated therewith.” Of great value to us to strengthen

our confidence in God's Word when it is under heavy attack by science (?) and philosophers. (320-2) (328-1)

Date of building of (2170 B.C.) calculated by Prof. Smyth through astronomy. (321-1)

Melchizedek thought to be the builder of. (322-1 to 3)

Chart—showing location of in Egypt and Geographical Center of the Land Surface of the whole world. (323) (326-top)

Henry Mitchell, Chief Hydrographer of the U.S. Coast Survey, who visited Egypt in 1868 exclaimed, "That monument stands in a more important physical situation than any other building erected by man." Described accurately by Isa. 19:19, 20. (325-1 to 3)

Its scientific lessons briefly stated. (326-1)

Rev. Joseph Seiss, D.D. statement concerning some of its sublime features. (327-1, 2)

Our faith in the divine plan as portrayed in the Bible is strengthened by seeing how beautifully it is outlined in the Great Pyramid. (328-1)

Top corner stone, the crowning feature. Beautifully portrayed in prophecy. (328-2 to 329-2)

The Great Pyramid represents the perfection and completeness of the Plan of God. (330-1)

"Thus from its base-line upward the Great Pyramid seems to stand as an emblem of God's plan of salvation, or lifting up out of sin and death, provided for all mankind. The base-line thus corresponds with the date of the confirmation of God's promise to typical Israel—the beginning of the uplifting or saving process." (330-2)

"A careful study of the accompanying diagram (page 333), showing the interior arrangement of this wonderful structure, is suggested." Entrance Passage leads down to Subterranean Chamber—suggested as the "bottomless pit" to some minds. Downward course of Descending Passage suggests man's course to destruction. (331-1)

The First Ascending Passage branches off from Entrance Passage "is supposed to represent the Law dispensation, and Israel as a nation, from the going out of Egypt." (331-2)

The Grand Gallery succeeds the First Ascending Passage “a large, elegant hall-way, the ceiling of which is seven times the height of the passages leading to it.” Represents “the period of the Gospel call—still upward and difficult, but not hampered as that behind it. The loftiness and greater width of this passage-way well represent the grander hopes and greater liberties of the Christian dispensation.” (331-2)

At lower end of Grand Gallery starts a Horizontal Passage leading to a little room commonly termed the Queen’s Chamber. At upper end of Grand Gallery is another low passage-way, leading into a little room called the Ante-Chamber—like a school room—“a place for instruction and testing.” (332-1)

The Grand Gallery leads to the Ante-Chamber, and from this a low passage leads to the King’s Chamber, “the chief room of the Great Pyramid, for both size and importance of location.” Over the King’s Chamber are Construction Chambers. In the King’s Chamber is a stone Coffin, the only piece of furniture found in the Great Pyramid. “Ventilation is provided in the King’s Chamber by two air-passages.” (332-2)

Chart—Chamber and Passage Systems of Great Pyramid. (333)

“From the west side of the lower or north end of the Grand Gallery, extending downward, there is an irregular passage called the Well, leading into the descending Entrance Passage. Its route passes through a grotto in the natural rock.” “...it looks as though an explosion had taken place at the mouth of the Well, bursting it open from beneath.” (335-1)

At upper or south end of Grand Gallery the “floor line of the Ante-Chamber and the King’s Chamber extends into the Grand Gallery [61 inches] forming an abrupt step. The South wall of Grand Gallery leans northward, at the top, 20 inches, and at its very top there is an opening or passage-way connecting with the so-called Construction Chambers.” (335-2)

Limestone used in entire structure except in King’s Chamber and Ante-Chamber, “and the passage between them, where the floors and ceilings are of granite.” The Plug in the first Ascending Passage is also made of granite, and also the Granite Leaf in the Ante-Chamber. (336-2)

Entrance Passage on north side. Al Mamoun, an Arabian Caliph forced an entrance in 825. The entrance to the First Ascending Passage was then discovered. (336-2)

“In a letter to Prof. Smyth, Mr. Robert Menzies, the young Scotsman who first suggested the religious or Messianic feature of the Great Pyramid’s teachings, said:—‘From the north beginning of the Grand Gallery, in upward progression, begin the years of our

Saviour's life, expressed at the rate of an inch to a year. Three and thirty-inch-years, therefore, bring us right over against the mouth of the Well.' Yes, THAT WELL IS THE KEY TO THE WHOLE STORY. IT REPRESENTS NOT ONLY OUR LORD'S DEATH AND BURIAL, BUT ALSO HIS RESURRECTION." "It was not possible for him to be holden of death (Acts 2:24), is the seeming language of the torn rocks surrounding the upper opening of this Well." "As the Well was the only way of access to each of these upward passages of the Great Pyramid, so by the death and resurrection of our Redeemer is the only avenue to life on any plane for the fallen race." (337)

Construction date: 2170½ pyramid inches from lower end of Grand Gallery (date of our Lord's birth) down floor line of First Ascending Passage, to juncture with Entrance Passage, and thence upward along the Entrance Passage to a very finely ruled line in walls of Entrance Passage—B.C. 2170. The same conclusion reached by Prof. Smyth. (338-1) (321-1)

Chart or Diagram—Section looking West of Lower or Northern End of Grand Gallery; and Enlarged perspective View of the broken out Ramp Stone and the Entrance to the Well. (339)

We stand on the threshold of Millennial Day "with its change of earth's rulership from the control of the 'prince of this world' and his faithful, to the control of him 'whose right it is' (by purchase) and his faithful saints. We have seen that though the result of this change will be a great blessing, yet the time of transfer, while the present prince, the 'strong man,' is being bound and his household driven out of power (Matt. 12:29; Rev. 20:2), will be a time of intense trouble." The date 1914-1915, seems to be crucial. We note the following: 1542 inches from start of Grand Gallery (date of our Lord's birth) down to juncture with Entrance Passage (1542 B.C.) (length of First Ascending Passage); then measure down to entrance of Pit which is 3,457 pyramid inches (Pit representing great trouble and destruction with which this age is to close when evil will be overthrown from power). 3,457 minus 1542 = 1915—beginning of Time of Trouble which as was not since there was a nation, no nor ever shall be afterward. (341-1 and 2)

"...the judgments of this time of trouble will begin with the nominal church, preparatory to its overthrow, and in the strife of selfishness between capital and labor, both of which are now organizing for the culminating trouble." (242-2)

Pit—shape and finish of—pictures greater liberties of today. Symbolic of trouble in end of age and "certain end of every being who will refuse to break off his sins and pursue righteousness." (343-1, 2)

Protestant Reformation era marked—measuring backward from entrance of Pit (1915 A.D.) along the horizontal portion of the Descending Passage to the juncture with the

sloping portion of Descending Passage we find the length to be 324 inches. 1915 A.D. minus 342 = 1591 A.D. This era did much for uplift of world in every way indirectly. “It purged the moral atmosphere of much of its ignorance and superstition.” (344-1, 3; 345-1)

God’s favor to Israel shown in an ingenious way—The time from the exodus from Egypt to A.D. 1 is 1614 years. (The floor line of the First Ascending Passage is only 1542 inches, a difference of 72 years.) Actually the Law age and favor to Israel extended to the close of their 70 weeks, or 36 A.D. 1614 plus 36 = 1650 years total. (“In a sense, the grandeur and blessing of the new dispensation began at the birth of Jesus.”) The distance downward from entrance of Grand Gallery (or top of First Ascending Passage) to lower end of Plug is 1470 inches. (The Plug’s lower end is 72 inches above the entrance point of the First Ascending Passage.) If the Plug is drawn downward like a telescope until its upper end is in the position of its lower end, we find the Plug’s length (179 inches) if added to 1470 inches, is equal to 1649 inches. The 1 inch shortage is accounted for by its being chipped at its lower end. This makes 1650 inches. (345-4; 346-1; 347-1) We must not confuse this time, 1650 years, with the parallels of the Jewish and Christian dispensations—1845 years each. (347-1)

Grand Gallery 7 times as high as First Ascending Passage. 7 courses of overlapping stones. 28 feet high, being only 6 feet broad anywhere, and contracted to 3 feet at the floor and less at the roof. (347-3)

Prof. Greeves, an oxford professor of the fifteenth century, describes the Grand Gallery. (348-1)

Prof. Smyth describes Grand Gallery. (348-2, 3)

Grand Gallery pictures “course of true Christian Church and of the path of the little flock of overcomers during the long period of the Gospel age.” (348-4)

“Lofty height of Grand Gallery...represents that fullness of blessing contained in the Abrahamic promise, which is actually set before the Gospel Church.” (349-1)

Grand Gallery—significance of “apparent interminable length,” “its narrowness,” “its steepness.” (349-2)

Grand Gallery—significance of the fact “that it has an end as well as a beginning.” (350-1)

Grand Gallery—“leads to certain low passages.” “The way by which those who accept the ‘high calling’ may enter the heavenly glory, represented in the ‘King’s Chamber’ is not direct” but through the Ante-Room. (350-2)

Ante-Chamber floor of solid granite “which may be interpreted as a new standing, or a standing as ‘new creatures.’ “The “Granite Leaf” “like a drop-door, partly closes the way, leaving only a low passage like the one just passed, forty-four inches high, so that we must stoop again before we can enjoy fully the privileges represented in the Ante-Chamber. This seems to say you must accept the Divine will instead of your own, and become active in God’s service, before you can be counted a new creature and an heir of the divine nature.” (351-1)

Ante-Chamber—description of, Represents the school of Christ. (351-2)

Ante-Chamber—low passage leading to King’s Chamber represents the death of the body. (352-1)

King’s Chamber—a symbol of the perfection of the Divine Nature to be gained by the Little Flock. (352-1)

Call to Divine Nature—came first to our Lord Jesus who had a two-fold mission. “Our Lord Jesus was called from the moment of his birth; and, since Pentecost, all justified believers are called to the same high privilege.” (352-1)

Chart or Diagram—Sides of Ante-Chamber, opened out on Plane of East Wall. (353)

King’s Chamber described by Mr. Henry F. Gordon—34 feet long, 17 feet broad, 19 feet high “of polished granite throughout.” “The Coffin corresponds with the sacred ark of the Mosaic Tabernacle in capacity.” (355-2)

Symbols similar to those in Holy and Most Holy. (355; 356-1, 2)

Ante-Chamber—pictures Consecration, Quickening, Birth. (357-1)

A line drawn through the vertical axis teaches certain lessons concerning Natural and Spiritual Natures, and the possibility of second death under certain conditions. (357-2; 358-1 to 3) Also teaches certain lessons concerning our Lord. (361-1)

Chart or Diagram—Vertical section (looking West) of King’s Chamber; also of Ante-Chamber, south end of Grand Gallery and Hollows of Construction, above King’s Chamber. (359)

Grotto—teaches certain lessons concerning our Lord. (361-1)

Beginning of Harvest in 1874 and end of General Call in 1881 confirmed by certain measurements in Grand Gallery. The floor from the North wall to the South wall reveals three lengths: (a) along floor to step at upper end, plus walking surface of step = 1874 pyramid inches; (b) the same procedure, except the measurement goes through the step as though it were not there = 1881 pyramid inches; (c) same procedure as (a) with riser added = 1910 pyramid inches. [Apparently (c) has not had any significance as far as we know]. (362 to 364-1)

Something more shown at end of Grand Gallery (South or upper end). Our Lord's death and resurrection are shown by the Well at the lower end of the Grand Gallery (North or lower end); and his return is shown by an opening "in the upper or south end of the East wall at its top, high above the step." "This opening connects with the unfinished space above the King's Chamber." "In Pyramid's symbolic language that opening says, 'Here a heavenly One entered—One who needs no floors to walk upon, but who can come and go like the wind.'" There is a leaning over at the top of 7 inches—"The Pyramid thus says to us, 'Seven years before the close of the high-calling (before Oct., 1881) the great One from the heavens will enter.' And it further indicates that from that time—October, 1874—gradually, as indicated by the sloping of the south wall, the call would be drawn to a close and fully end in Oct., 1881." (364-2)

"And let it be remembered, too, that we who understood the Scriptural presentation of these times and seasons had nothing to do with the taking of these measurements of the Great Pyramid; and that they who took the measurements knew nothing of our application of the prophecy at the time the measurements were taken, nor do they yet, so far as we know." (365-1)

A Supposition proved to be correct: "The Well which marks at its upper end the ransom which secures the coming blessing" (of restitution), "should, it would seem, at its lower end (where it connects with the downward passage) mark the date when restitution blessings would begin to reach the world. It seems to say, Here the benefits of the ransom will begin to bless all the families of the earth, when the elections or selections of the Jewish and Gospel ages are completed." (365-2) Using 1881 as the date and fixing it where the well joins the Downward Passage, and measuring backward, up the Downward Passage to its original entrance, we find the distance to be 3826 pyramid inches. This would be B.C. 1945, the time when Isaac, the typical seed of promise became the heir of all his father Abraham's wealth and was thus in position to bless all his brethren. (366 1 and 2) The antitypical Isaac is Christ who is to bless the world with restitution because of his ransom sacrifice and resurrection. (366-2) "That which occurred in 1881, like that which occurred in 1874, can be discerned only by the eye of faith in the light of God's Word. It was the date of the close of the high calling, and hence the date for the

beginning of restitution announcement,—the Jubilee trumpet. ABOUT THAT DATE THE AUTHOR, AND, SO FAR AS HE KNOWS, NO ONE ELSE, HAD NOTICED THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE CALL TO THE DIVINE NATURE, OPEN DURING THE GOSPEL AGE, AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR RESTITUTION OF HUMAN PERFECTION AND ALL THAT WAS LOST IN ADAM, DUE AT THE CLOSE OF THE GOSPEL HIGH-CALLING. (367-1 and footnote especially)

Both ways to life—to Immortality and to perfect Human life made possible by the Well, representing our Lord’s death and resurrection. (368-1 to 3)

Queen’s Chamber—“symbolizes the end of the restitution work—human perfection—in that it has seven sides.” (369-2) “The passage to the Queen’s Chamber is low, and the traveler must humbly bow his head to its requirements. The path of right-doing has always been one of humility and will be so in the Millennium when all will be required to bow to the strict regulations of Christ’s Kingdom.” (369-1) Floor of and pathway to it, “rough and entirely unfinished”—this “may indicate that its floor is not subject to measurement by year-inches.” (369-3) “The way to it represents the 7,000 years of experience and discipline through which the fallen human race must pass before full restitution to perfection can be gained.” First six-sevenths of the passage-way is extremely low representing “the 6,000 years past, and illustrates the extreme difficulty and humility necessary to walk a justified life, even on the part of such as sought so to walk—the patriarchs, prophets and others, justified through faith—during this 6,000 years of the reign of sin and death. “On the contrary, the last seventh of the way represents the Millennial age, just dawning upon men. Its height being nearly twice as great indicates that during the coming thousand years of grace and peace on earth men can progress with comfort and ease toward full perfection.” (369-4) “Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the faithful prophets walked that way—entering by the ‘Well’—by faith in the ransom-sacrifice of Christ, WHICH THEY REPRESENTED BY TYPICAL SACRIFICES BEFORE OUR LORD’S DEATH, AND BEFORE THE STONE ‘WITNESS’ POINTED TO IT; FOR IN GOD’S PURPOSE AND REVELATION, CHRIST WAS THE SLAIN LAMB OF ATONEMENT FROM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” (370-1)

Ventilating tubes: in King’s Chamber symbolize “a permanent residence, an everlasting condition.” In Queen’s Chamber symbolize “the fact that the condition of human perfection, when reached, may be made an everlasting state.” (370-2; 373-1)

Chart or Diagram—The Seven Sides of the Queen’s Chamber laid open on the Plane of the East Wall. (371)

“And now, having heard it speak, what shall we think of the stone ‘Witness’ and its testimony? Such testimony would be peculiar and striking indeed, even if there were no

Scriptures found to bear on the subjects examined; but when the Scriptures had already clearly and positively declared to us these same circumstances and dates, before the Pyramid's testimony was heard, its wonderful agreement with and corroboration of the same become doubly significant and striking. Now, when the worldly-wise are repudiating God's Word as 'obsolete' and 'unscientific,' to have this stone 'Witness' speak and corroborate the testimony of the Bible, is truly astounding." (373-2; 274-1)

Dr. Joseph Seiss wrote an excellent treatise on the Great Pyramid, entitled "A Miracle in Stone." A quote from his writing to "confound atheistical scientists," and "refutes utterly their modern and anti-Scriptural theory of 'Evolution'". (374-2, 3; 375-1)

"...lo, the very stones of this Great Pyramid of Testimony are crying out in no uncertain tones. Every inch of this massive structure is eloquently proclaiming the wisdom and power and grace of our God." (375-2)

"Firmly encased in this solid rocky structure, beyond the power of nature's storms or of the ruthless hand of the destroyer, the outline drawings of God's great plan have stood for four thousand years, prepared to give their testimony at the time appointed, in corroboration of the similarly revealed, but for ages hidden, testimony of the sure Word of Prophecy. The testimony of this 'Witness to the Lord in the land of Egypt,' like that of the written Word, points with solemn and underlying precision to the final wreck of the old order of things in the 'Pit' of oblivion, and to the glorious establishment of the new, under Christ Jesus, the great Chief Corner-stone of God's eternal building, in conformity with the lines of whose glorious character all things worthy of everlasting existence must be built up under him. Amen! Amen! Thy Kingdom come! Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven!" (376-1—the last paragraph of the Pyramid study.)