

IRAQ WAR SURPRISE

What a shrewd man! During the first Gulf War, Saddam Hussein had 1,500 heavy tanks positioned on the border between Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

But he buried them in the sand, leaving only the gun turrets sticking out.

These were well camouflaged, effectively making them invisible from the air and any ground surveillance units.

Bad luck! They got discovered. So America shifted its Keyhole satellite into position over the Iraqi desert.

Then the 55-foot-long, 12 ton spy satellite took pictures of the cold desert floor during the twilight hours.

And do you know, "Big Bird", as it was called, had infrared scanners which, from 155 miles above the earth, could detect a temperature difference of only half a degree.

So now the satellite was placed in position to take pictures of the buried tanks.

You see, the tanks would heat up during the hot daylight hours and continue to hold heat long after the rest of the desert cooled during the night.

Well, the buried tanks showed up on the satellite photo like neon signs.

The exact location of each tank was then plotted on a target map and given to allied pilots who systematically eliminated them.

SATELLITE DISCOVERY THEN STARTLES SKEPTICS

However, Big Bird photographed more than buried tanks. It made a discovery that blew skeptics out of the water.

(We'll come back to what this satellite found, in a just few minutes.)

Of course, you've heard the story of Moses who led the escape of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt, and the drowning of Pharaoh's pursuing army in the Red Sea?

If you didn't know, that particular story is often attacked by critics.

Before the Iraq war, while divers were searching for possible remains of this event, a professor laughed his head off.

With a mile of letters after his name, this clever man assured us emphatically that the biblical Exodus, the chase across the Red Sea, and the drowning of Pharaoh's army "never happened."

Poor guy! He missed the greatest underwater discovery of the century.

Skeletal remains of horses, soldiers, chariot cabs and wheels, were found, all mixed together and scattered over the sea bed of the Gulf of Aqaba.

Yes, here was a huge army of remains. Six-spoked wheels, 4-spoked wheels and 8-spoked wheels.

SKEPTICS SAID: "WRONG LOCATION"

But the location also ruffled some feathers.

According to the Bible account, the Red Sea parted and the Hebrews escaped on a dry sea bed to the opposite coast, but when Pharaoh's army pursued, the sea rolled back from both sides and drowned every last one of them.

"But the Gulf of Aqaba" is not the Red Sea," shouted another skeptic. "So your find is in the wrong place."

How would you respond to that?

Well, you may already know that the Red Sea separates Africa from Arabia, then splits into two fingers – the Gulf of Suez in Egypt, and the Gulf of Aqaba between Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Some have assumed that if the event occurred at all, it would have to be in the Gulf of Suez, closest to Egypt.

However, that's not so!

If you take the geographical details given in the Bible report literally, they will actually lead you not to the Gulf of Suez but to the Gulf of Aqaba – to a spot on the coast near Nuweiba.

And this is the exact place these remains were found.

EGYPT'S WAR CHARIOTS

The Egyptians had war chariots in their army and these, together with all the Egyptian chariots, were used by the Egyptian army when they pursued the people of Israel.

“And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.” (Ex. 14:6-7)

The first century historian Flavius Josephus mentions the same number of chariots, as well as the fact that there were 50,000 horsemen and 200,000 infantry soldiers.

These war chariots were intended for quick battles and often had two soldiers: one who drove the chariot and one who fought from the chariot with bow, arrow and sword.

These chariots were relatively light. The body work (or chariot basket) was made of wood and leather. The flooring was of wood, and the wheel axle was fastened to the underside of the floor.

The wooden shaft leading to the horses (of which there were two) was also attached under the floor.

DATING THE WHEELS

However, could these wheels we found on the seabed be from some event other than the Exodus?

All right then, what can we discover from the wheels? Do the wheels tell us anything about the date of the event which caused them to end up there?

Would you believe, the number of spokes helps us arrive at a precise answer.

(a) The 4-spoked wheels were used from the early period of the 18th dynasty until the time of Thutmose IV.

(b) The 8-spoked wheels can be seen on the chariot bodies of Thutmose IV's war chariots, and are considered to be a short-lived experiment during a brief spell of his reign.

This was the only time in Egyptian history that 8-spoked wheels were ever used.

(c) After Thutmose IV, only 6-spoke wheels were used. However, these were already used sometimes during the reign of Thutmose IV.

This establishes the date of the wheels discovered on the seabed (4-spoke, 6-spoke, and 8-spoke wheels) as within a limited period – a date during part of the 18th dynasty, most likely during the reign of Thutmose IV – around 1450 BC

Several different varieties of chariots and wheels were to be expected at the Exodus, since all the chariots in Egypt were mobilized. (Ex. 14:7)

According to biblical chronology (compared to known historical dates) the Exodus took place about 1446 BC. This agrees well with the wheel dating.

STARTLING SATELLITE CONFIRMATION

But I must tell you about the most amazing Gulf War satellite discovery.

You see, Big Bird photographed more than buried tanks in Iraq. It made a discovery that blew skeptics out of the water.

As we noted, critics have said for years that the Exodus never happened. And others claimed that it did, but that the exodus crossing took place in the Gulf of Suez.

Now, get this! When the satellite photo team examined pictures from that satellite high in the sky above the Middle East... and turned their attention to Egypt...

To everyone's amazement, a thin red line (heated areas show up as red on infrared photos) was seen running eastward from the Nile Delta (the ancient land of Goshen referred to in the biblical book of Exodus).

It ran eastward, skirting the east side of the Red Sea.

The book of Exodus states that the escaping Hebrew slaves in Egypt travelled "around the desert road toward the Red Sea. (Exodus 13:8)

Well, the satellite photo team examined this red line with interest.

From the Nile Delta, they noticed that the line went first a little eastward to Succoth.

According to the book of Exodus, it was at Succoth that the Israelite slaves, as they left Egypt, were marshalled into ranks for the journey ahead.

The line then extended over the high plateau of the Sinai Peninsula, finally dropping down onto what is today called the Gulf of Aqaba, the easternmost finger of the Red Sea.

Was this the route of the Exodus?

If you look at a map of this area, it will appear that, if so, the Hebrews were led into trap, with the sea in front and the rugged mountains behind them, through which the pursuing army of Pharaoh came after them.

But the thin red line emerged from the east side of the Red Sea and continued into the present

day Saudi Arabia at the foot of the high peak known as Jebel el Lawz – the real Mount Sinai!

The satellite photo team stared incredulously at the photo. A red line, as if drawn by God's own hand, traced the exact route of the Hebrew Exodus.

The red line entered the sea at Nuweiba on the Gulf of Aqaba, and emerged again on the other side in Saudi Arabia.

And get this - the sea area in between these two red lines is precisely where our teams discovered the Egyptian chariot and skeletal remains.

GROUND EXPLORATION OF THE RED LINE ROUTE

When the Gulf War finally ended, archaeologists went back into the region to discover how it was possible for a 3,500 year old trail to exist well enough to show up on satellite photos.

They found that 3 million people, with all their livestock, pulverised the desert sand into a fine, flour-like powder.

During the desert nights, the humidity rises to levels near 100%, thus wetting the powdery sand, making a concrete-like substance.

Through the years, the highway was buried by shifting sands, protecting the trail from the elements.

During the day it would heat up like the Iraqi tanks, and being more dense than the surrounding sand, continue holding the heat longer into the cold nights!

A coincidence? Forget it!

An interesting 3,500 year old prophecy in Exodus states: "But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show my power in you, and that My Name may be declared in all the earth." (Exodus 9:16)

This event was so spectacular – unlike any other in history – that it has been the subject of famous paintings and Hollywood epics, such as "The Ten Commandments", starring Yul Brunner and Charlton Heston.

This historical event of 3,500 years ago has, indeed, been declared in all the earth – just as the ancient prophecy said it would!

Folk are still asking me. Are these and other discoveries available on DVD?

Yes, I've been listening... So here they are – 8 amazing DVD presentations (put together, very modestly – nothing fancy) – but the facts they give are astonishing.

Some of these are quite CONTROVERSIAL – but the focus is on EVIDENCE. So here they are:

1. Secrets of the Lost Races
2. Has Noah's Ark Been Found? (In two parts. Part 2 is Into the Forbidden Valley)
3. The Lost Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah
4. In Search of Pharaoh's Lost Army
5. Ark of the Covenant
6. Strange Signs in the Sky
7. Secrets of Ancient South America
8. In a Coffin in Egypt

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Hope this information is helpful.

Thanks again for being on my list.

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