

The Mystery of the Great Pyramid

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There is a strange scripture in Isaiah about which many have wondered:

ISA 19:19 In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar (*hb;Xem'* = *matstsebah*) to the Lord at its border. 20 And it will be for a sign and for a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord because of the oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Mighty One, and He will deliver them.

When the Jews under slavery in Egypt cried out in their misery, God sent Moses as a deliverer, and brought them out of Egypt, through the wilderness, and into the Promised Land. However, Isaiah wrote this scripture long after the Exodus, speaking of a future deliverer, so to what and who does it refer? What or who is this altar and pillar in Egypt? Can it be found today? For reasons I will discuss in this article, many Christians both now and in the past believe that the Great Pyramid at Giza is this altar in Egypt, that its construction was by divine direction, and that it contains a message to all mankind.

There were seven magnificent structures recognized in ancient history, know as the "**The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World**". The Great Pyramid was considered the greatest of all. These wonders included:

1. The Great Pyramid of Egypt	5. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
2. The Colossus on the Greek Island of Rhodes	6. The Pharaoh's Lighthouse at Alexandria
3. The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus	7. The Statue of Zeus at Olympia
4. The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus in Ionia	

Of these only the Great Pyramid at Giza in Egypt remains. It is situated about ten miles southwest of Cairo, the capital of Egypt. Also known as the Pyramid of Cheops (Khufu), it stands on the northern edge of the Giza Plateau, 198 feet above sea level, in the eastern extremity of the Libyan section of the Great Sahara Desert. The Great Pyramid is the oldest and most northerly of a group of nine pyramids comprising the "*Giza Complex*". The Great Pyramid is apparently the only one of the pyramids not originally built as a burial tomb for a pharaoh or other ruler.

Why is the Great Pyramid such a wonder? It is the oldest existent and the largest structure ever built by man on the face of the earth. It is thirty times larger in mass than the Empire State building, and made of about 2.5 million limestone blocks, each with an average weight of 2.6 tons, or 6.3 million tons total. If this material were used to build a highway 8 feet wide and 4 inches thick, it would easily stretch from New York City to Los Angeles. The earth would not normally support such a massive structure, but the pyramid 'just happens' to be built on a flat granite plateau, which is actually the top of an underground mountain. Because of this, the pyramid has settled no more than a fraction of an inch in over 4,000 years! The base of the pyramid covers an area of 13.6 acres, and each of the 4 sides have an area of over 5 acres. The outer mantle, mostly now absent, was composed of 144,000 white limestone slabs, averaging 15 tons each, cut, polished, and fitted to an accuracy of 2/100ths of an inch! The mortar used to seal the stones is stronger than the stones themselves, and still intact today. The stones inside and outside the pyramid were cut and laid with such precision that one cannot even slide a piece of paper into the joints. Yet, the tiny spaces between each stone was just enough to allow expansion and motion through seasonal temperature changes and earthquakes over the ages. With the sun shining upon it, the pyramid would have been visible from the mountains of Israel, as well as to the naked eye from the moon. The sides of the Pyramid are oriented to true North at an accuracy greater than any other structure on the earth – **twice** the accuracy as the Paris Observatory, modern man's best attempt at such positioning. The Great Pyramid is the most studied and surveyed structure on the earth. Architects, engineers and scientists alike agree that we do not have the technology even today to build the Great Pyramid. Just how did they do it?

But it is not just the construction of the pyramid that is the greatest source of wonder. It is now clear that whoever designed the Great Pyramid incorporated into it knowledge and understanding in mathematics, astronomy, geography, and other sciences far greater than anything we imagined of such a 'primitive' society as the Egyptians. For example, the Great Pyramid was built at the **exact** center of the earth's landmass. That is, the latitude and longitude lines that exactly split the earth's land mass north from south and east from west into equal parts cross at only two places on the earth, one in the pacific ocean, and the other at the Great Pyramid. Could this be a coincidence?

In the late 1600's, when Sir Isaac Newton was working on his formula for gravitation, he needed the value for the exact radius of the earth in order to prove his theory of universal gravitation. Newton had heard that many of the measurements in astronomy and the earth's geography were encoded into the Pyramid, so he went to study it. One value he needed to calculate the radius of the earth was the exact size of the sacred cubit, a key measurement from the Bible. The cubit was a revealed measurement from God, and used to instruct Noah in building the Ark (GEN 6:15), to instruct Moses in building the tabernacle and its furniture (EXO 25-27, 36-38), in constructing the Ark of the Covenant (EXO 25:10), in describing the size of the New Jerusalem in Revelation (REV 21:17), and to describe time by Jesus (MAT 6:27). Near the entrance of the Great Pyramid there is a special red granite panel with raised areas that allowed Newton to deduce the exact size of the Sacred Cubit, and the related Sacred Inch. The Sacred Cubit is exactly 25 Sacred Inches Long. Using jeweler's calipers, it was noticed that the Sacred Inch is 1.0011 times our British Inch. These lengths had been passed down through the centuries, but were later lost or became inaccurate. Using these measurement standards and measuring all dimensions of the Pyramid, its passageways, chambers, contents, 'air shafts' and other structures, it is astonishing how much can be found encoded into its construction. For example, the ratio of twice the height of the pyramid to the circumference of a circle enclosing its base is exactly 3.14159, or pi to 6 significant digits. This is amazing! Conventional history credits the Greeks centuries later with discovering pi! The ratio of the height to the perimeter of the base of the pyramid are exactly the same as the ratio of the radius and the circumference of the earth, so the Pyramid seems to actually represent the earth, except exactly 43,200 times smaller. If we multiply the height of the pyramid in feet by 43,200, we get 3938.685 miles, which is the exact radius of the earth from center to pole. Using similar techniques, an astonishing array of numbers can be found encoded in the Pyramid, often to accuracies better than 1 part in 10,000. Just a **few** of these include:

- Circumference of the earth
- Volume of the earth
- Mass of the earth
- Mean distance from the earth to the moon
- Mean distance from the earth to the sun
- Radius of the sun
- Exact length of the Tropical year

- Exact length of the Sidereal year
- Exact duration of the lunar month
- Speed of light
- The $E = mc^2$ relationship of relativity
- Pythagorean Theorem relationships
- Periodicity of the precession of the equinoxes
- Gaussian Constant of Gravitation

There are many more amazing pieces of information encoded into the Pyramid. Interpretation of these amazing findings in the Great Pyramid vary, but basically fall into three groups:

1. That this knowledge and understanding was passed down from ancient advanced civilizations that modern history knows nothing about, such as lost Atlantis.
2. That this knowledge and understanding was received from extra-terrestrial aliens who visited earth in the distant past, and who may have supervised the construction of the pyramid.
3. That the pyramid and its message is divine, and came through Jewish prophets or emissaries, such as Seth or his sons, Job, or other Jews through whom God directed the Egyptians to build the Great Pyramid.

So who did build or direct the construction of the Great Pyramid? In the book of **Josephus**, it speaks of 2 pillars that were built by the sons of Seth. Seth, son of Noah, was a virtuous man and was of excellent character. His children imitated these same virtues in their lives.

Josephus, Verse 2, page 72 states, "*They (Seth's sons) also were the inventors of that peculiar sort of wisdom which is concerned with the heavenly bodies, and their order. And that their inventions might not be lost before they were sufficiently known. Upon Adam's prediction that the world was to be destroyed at one time by the force of fire, and at another time by the violence and quantity of water, they made two pillars; the one of brick, the other of stone: they inscribed their discoveries on them both, that in case the pillar of brick should be destroyed by the flood, the pillar of stone might remain, and exhibit those discoveries to mankind; and also inform them that there was another pillar of brick erected by them. Now this remains in the land of Siriad to this day.*"

Many believe the land of Siriad to be Egypt, and the pillar of stone Josephus spoke of is the Great Pyramid at Giza. Our interest is not in the fact that it contained all the knowledge of the sons of Seth; nor that it contained some sort of strange power. Our interest in the pyramid is what it represents to the world or to us as Christians today, if anything. There is a principle in the Bible that whatever God does in the natural realm usually has a spiritual meaning or application. So if God did direct the Great Pyramid to be built, what does it represent spiritually?

Notice in the diagram the flattened top. This arises from the fact that the capstone or top of the Great Pyramid was apparently never placed. Why? We shall soon see. Within and below the ground level of the Pyramid are 4 passageways and 4 inner chambers, all interconnected. These are shown in the diagram above. From these arise 4 'air shafts', which some scientists think are actually used to align with certain stars at various time through the eons of time. In this respect, the Pyramid seems actually represent a cosmic calendar, marking time in God's plan of the ages in the earth. Interestingly, the descending passage in the Pyramid will align to the North Star, Polaris, in about 2004. The Greek equivalent of **Polaris** means "**Satan**". Could this be a message to us today?

The Great Pyramid contains:

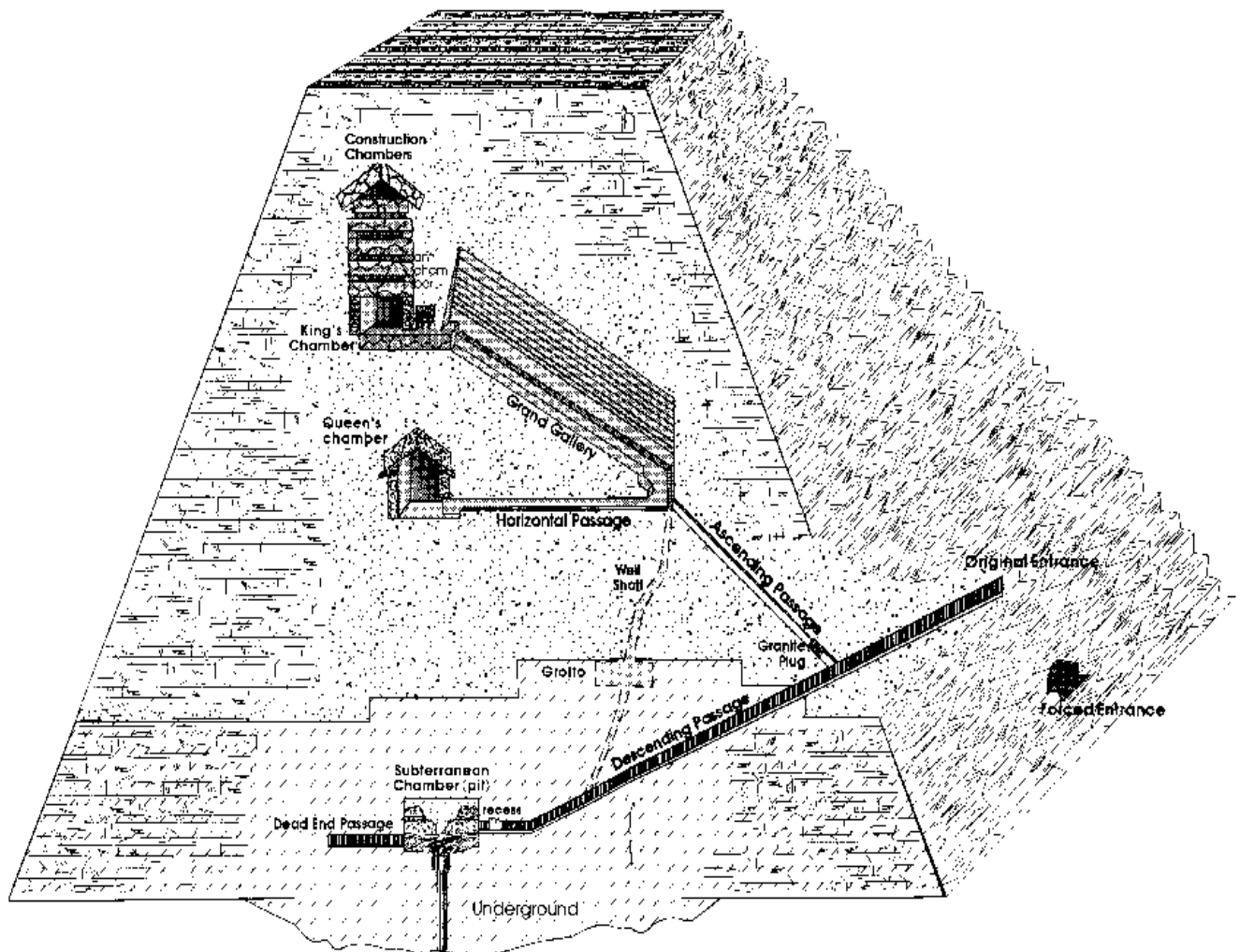
Four passage ways:

1. The Ascending Passage
2. The Descending Passage
3. The Horizontal Passage
4. The Well Shaft

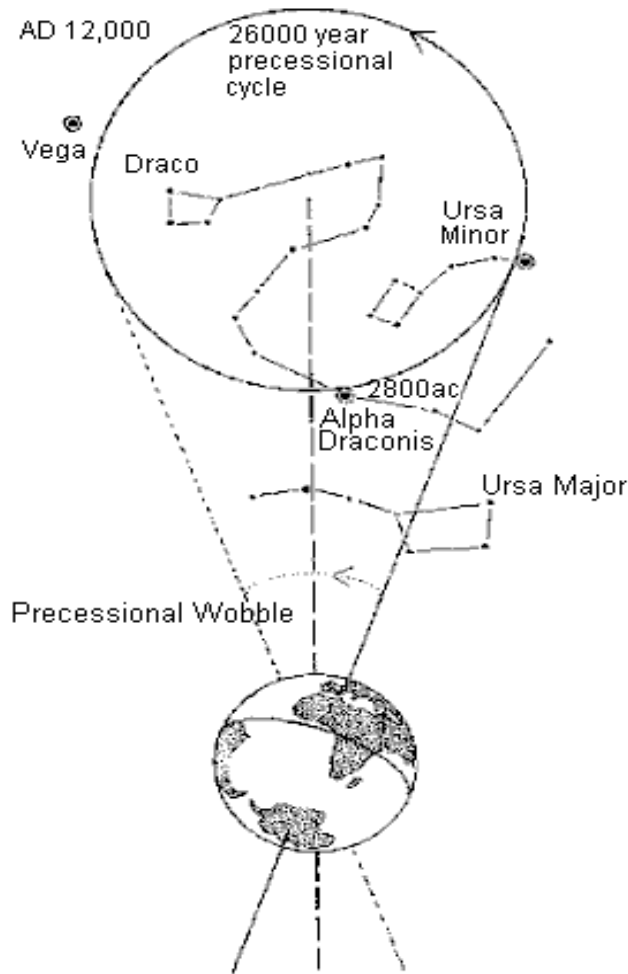
Four chambers:

1. The Subterranean Chamber called the Pit
2. The Well Shaft Chamber called the Grotto
3. The King's Chamber
4. The Queen's Chamber

INTERIOR OF THE PYRAMID AT GIZA



*** NOT DRAWN TO SCALE



So how does all this relate to **Isaiah 19:19-20**, quoted at the beginning of this article? The Pyramid seems to represent the Body of Christ, the Church of all ages. God himself is building us, stone by stone, ‘in the midst of Egypt’, which is a type of the world. Just as Moses was sent into Egypt to deliver God’s people, so WE are sent into the world, a type of Egypt, to bring a message of deliverance. The 144,000 casing stones on the outside of the pyramid represent those chosen and sealed by God in the end-times, 12,000 from each tribe of Israel, to evangelize the world. The entire structure then began when Jesus came in the Flesh as the chief Cornerstone (ISA 28:16, ZEC 10:4, EPH 2:20-22), built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. We are the ‘living stones’ added to this structure since His resurrection. The ‘*capstone*’ of our body, our ‘*head*’, is not yet in place, since Christ has not yet returned. When He returns as the Capstone at His second coming (PSA 118:22, ZEC 4:7, MAT 21:42), the Head of the New Creation, the Church, the New Jerusalem, the Bride of Christ, will be finished. He is truly the First and the Last, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End of all creation.

Jesus as the Chief ‘CORNERSTONE’ who begins the construction of the Church:

- **ISA 28:16** Therefore thus says the Lord God: “**Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious CORNERSTONE, a sure foundation;** Whoever believes will not act hastily.
- **ZEC 10:4** **From him comes the CORNERSTONE,** From him the tent peg, From him the battle bow, From him every ruler together.
- **EPH 2:19** Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 **having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the CHIEF CORNERSTONE,** 21 **in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,** 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

At His second coming, Christ will be the CAPSTONE that finishes His Body:

- **PSA 118:22** **The stone the builders rejected has become the CAPSTONE;** 23 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- **ZEC 4:7** **'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the CAPSTONE With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' ' "**
- **MAT 21:42** Jesus said to them, **"Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the CAPSTONE;** the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

We are the 'LIVING STONES' being currently added to the building:

- **1PE 2:4** Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, **5 you also, as LIVING STONES, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

Some Christians through the ages have taught that the passageways and chambers represent the Gospel message to mankind. They can be interpreted as follows: One can enter the Pyramid by only one door. That door represents man's birth into the world, and is small, and guarded by a very large stone door, weighing about 20 tons. When originally in place, it could be opened easily with a small push from the inside, but was impossible to see or open from the outside. This door opened into the descending passageway, which represents man's inevitable descent towards hell. The subterranean chamber at its end is deep in the ground beneath the pyramid, and represents hell. At one point, the descending passage meets the ascending passage, where a choice must be made as to which direction to go. The ascending passage represents the way of salvation, at first very narrow and steep. But entrance into this passage is blocked by two large granite blocks, much harder than the surrounding limestone blocks. These two blocks represent the Law, God's Ten Commandments. No man or woman can possibly keep the commandments and be justified before God, so the Law blocks the way. Halfway up, the ascending passage intersects the horizontal passage, which leads to the Queen's chamber. At the same place, the ascending passage enlarges to become the Grand Gallery, which continues the ascent up to the King's Chamber, which represents heaven. The horizontal passage represents our earthly walk, and the Queen's Chamber is a type of the Millennium. When the Lengths and other measurements of the passages and chambers are converted into time (one sacred inch = 1 year), an amazing time line can be constructed whose dates correspond to key events in history, such as the creation of Adam and Eve, Moses receiving the Law at Mount Sinai, Jesus Birth and Death, etc. There are many more spiritual applications and insights found within the Pyramid that are simply too numerous to mention here.

But just as Satan tries to pervert all that God does and to corrupt its meaning and message, so also Satan has corrupted the meaning and message of the Great Pyramid. Before the True Christ returns, the False Christ or Antichrist will appear and try to take control of the earth. Amazingly, on January 1, 2000, there was a large ceremony in Egypt, attended by many world dignitaries, at which a golden 'capstone' was placed at the apex of the Great Pyramid, supposedly ushering in a 'New Age'.

Money, or mammon, is the central power and motivation of the current evil world system, headed by the god of this world, Satan (2CO 4:4). On the back of our \$1 bill, the Great Seal of the U.S. can be found. The reverse side of the seal is a pyramid, with the capstone of an all-seeing eye not yet in place. Underneath the pyramid is the Latin phrase **'Novus Ordo Seclorum'**, which means **'A New Order of the Ages'**.

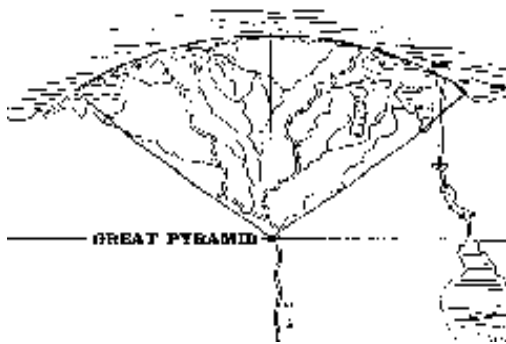


Interestingly, there are 13 stars in the crest above the eagle, 13 stripes in the shield upon the eagle's breast, 13 arrows in the eagle's left talon, 13 olives and leaves in the eagles' right talon, 13 layers of masonry in the pyramid, 13 letters in the motto carried by the eagle, 'E Pluribus Unum', and 13 letters in the motto above the radiant eye, 'Annuit Coeptis'. We must understand that **Satan** has corrupted the meaning of the pyramid and capstone to now have an occult meaning to the world. That is the reason the occult number 13 is incorporated into the message on the dollar. This symbolism comes from the Masons. Just weeks ago, on January 1, 2000, that capstone was installed on the Great Pyramid in Egypt, marking the beginning of Satan's New Age. The Antichrist has not yet been revealed to the world, but his appearance may be only weeks or months away. Every month of the Gregorian calendar, the pagan calendar of this world, is named after a demon god. January is named after **Janus**, Roman God of gates and doors, of openings and beginnings. So, on January 1, 2000 is the door or opening to a 'New Age', led by the god of this world, Satan in the flesh. God's calendar is and always has been the Jewish calendar, based on the Jewish Feasts of Leviticus 23. On one of the Jewish Feasts in the very near future, God will begin the 'shaking' of all that can be shaken in the world and in the heavens above, a time known as the Tribulation.

So how can this altar – pillar be **both** in the midst of Egypt as well as at the border of Egypt? The

THE NILE DELTA QUADRANT

The Great Pyramid of Giza stands at the geometric centre and yet at the southern extremity of the Quadrant



ביום ההוא יבנה מזבח ליהוה בתוך ארץ מצרים ומצבה
אצל-גבולה ליהוה: והיה לאות ולעד ליהוה צבאות
בארץ מצרים כי-יצעקו אל-יהוה מפני התצים וישלח
להם טושיץ ורב והזילים!

northern part of Egypt is also known as Lower Egypt, while the southern part is also known as Upper Egypt. These portions were once ruled separately, but later combined into one country under its first ruler, King Menez who ruled from its capital at Memphis. The apex of the triangular Nile delta in Lower Egypt comes to a point at the Giza plateau, where the Great Pyramid is located (see diagram above). 'Giza' in Arabic means '**border**'. Thus, the Pyramid can be both in the midst of Egypt, and at the same time at the border of Egypt!

The Hebrew of this Pyramid text in **Isaiah 19:19-20** is seen above on the right. In the ancient cultures of Israel, Greece, and Rome, no one used the Arabic numerals we use today. Rather, the letters of the Hebrew, Greek, and Latin alphabets themselves each had numeric values. We are familiar, for example, with Roman Numerals which used Latin letters to make up the numbers, such as IV for 4, IX for 9, XX for 20, CD for 400, etc. In the same way, the numeric value any word or sentence can be calculated. It is interesting that the numeric sum of all the Hebrew letters in this scripture passage is 5,449, which is the exact height of the Great Pyramid in Sacred Inches! A coincidence? I doubt it.

So now we come back to **Isaiah 19:19-20** where we started. All of the material introduced here is truly only a very small part of the data available on the Great Pyramid at Giza, as well as a very small part of the spiritual applications we might discuss. From even this small amount, however, I hope you can see that God may, indeed, have placed this monument to Himself as a witness to the Lord of hosts in the world, the land of Egypt. Pharaoh in ancient Egypt was a type of Satan, the God of this world. He holds mankind in slavery and bondage, which is a type of sin. When mankind cries out because of the oppressors, which are demons, God sends us a Savior, a Mighty One, who will deliver us to freedom!! The Hebrew word for '**pillar**' is **matstsebah**, which means 'a monument', and implies implicitly that the monument is a pyramid. This Hebrew word has the same pronunciation as the Egyptian term '**mastaba**' for a pyramid used even today in Egypt (see p33, **History of the World** by Jerry H. Combee, Ph.D.)!!

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