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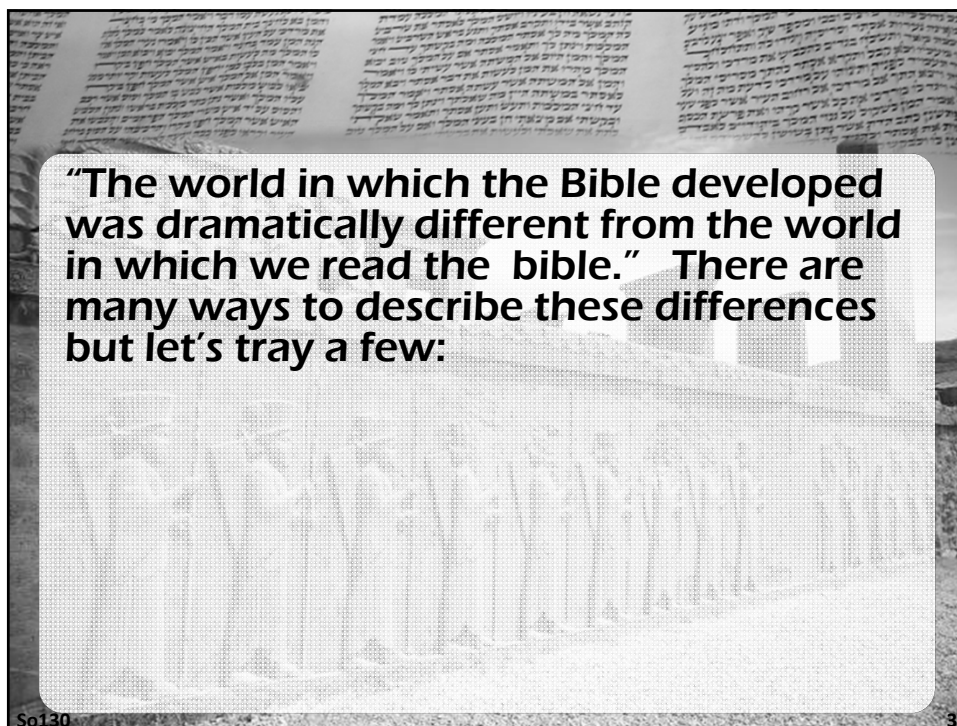
INTRODUCTION

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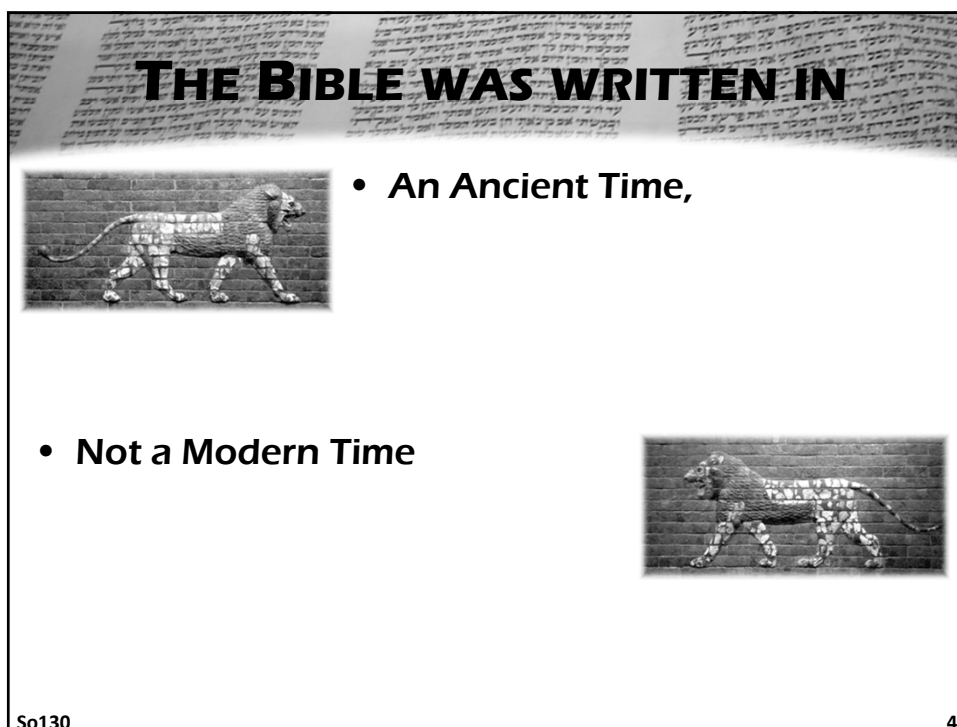


WHY DO WE CARE

ABOUT ANCIENT CULTURE(S) ?



"The world in which the Bible developed was dramatically different from the world in which we read the bible." There are many ways to describe these differences but let's tray a few:

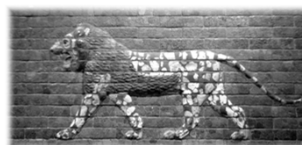


THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN IN


- An Ancient Time,



- Not a Modern Time



THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN IN/TO




- **An Eastern People and Culture**
 Eastern Mediterranean,
 Mesopotamia, Syria-Palestine,
 Asia Minor, Egypt

Graphic Thinking . . .


- **We live in a Western Culture**
 Greece, and Rome

Linear Thinking . . .



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THE WORLD WAS LOOKED ON AS



- **A Changeless World,**

Ecclesiastes 1:9 (LEB)
⁹What has been—it is what will be;
 what has been done—it is what will be done;
 there is nothing new under the sun.


- **A Changing World**



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THE WORLD WAS


- An Agricultural World



- Not an Industrial World

or

- even a Post Industrial World



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IT WAS A

- Limited World

They considered their goods
and resources to be very
limited

- A Renewable World

We view things as renewable,
and mostly unlimited . . .

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IT WAS

- A Communal life -

the Bible counted households

People could NOT survive alone.

- We live an individual Life

We count individuals

Many live single lives, separate from others.

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OLD AGE IS


- To be venerated, and celebrated

- Everyone attempts to keep young. No one wants to be old, and they avoid the old.


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A WORLD OF STORY, NOT HISTORY

- They wanted to know the why, and what it meant.



- Today's individualistic world wants "just the facts" and let me digest it myself.



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A WORLD OF RELIGION

- Culture, society, and religion were coextensive

There was no atheism
There was no separation of church and state

- Religion is segregated to particular times, and places.

BUT we are also very
Pluralistic in our religious society.

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