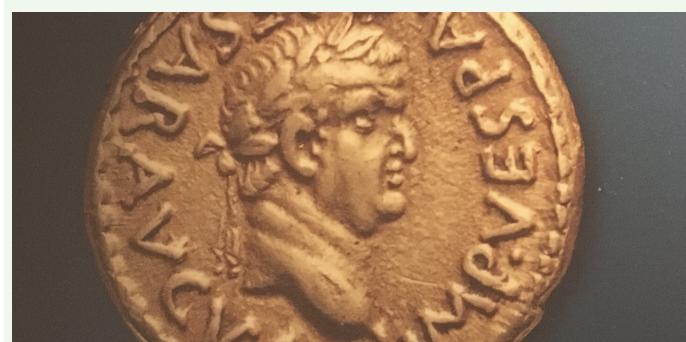
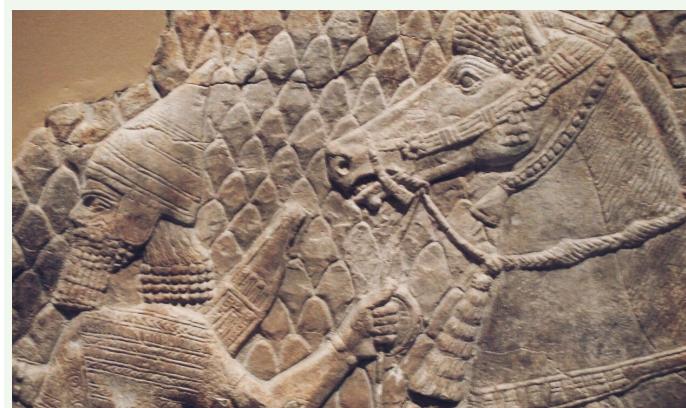


AS THE BEE INVADERS FELL



Itinerary

1. OT gallery ground floor
2. NT Roman gallery ground floor
3. Tradescant's Ark, Rome & Smyrna
4. England/Oxford in the Middle Ages 400-1600
5. John Wesley to the ends of the earth



“Scriptural Christianity” - A sermon preached at St Mary’s, Oxford, 24 August, 1744.

“They were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before sunrise and reciting a...hymn to Christ as God...After this it was their custom to separate, and then meet again to partake of food, but food of an ordinary and innocent kind ... For many of every age, every class, and of both sexes are being accused. Nor has this contagious superstition spread through the cities only, but also through the villages and the countryside.”

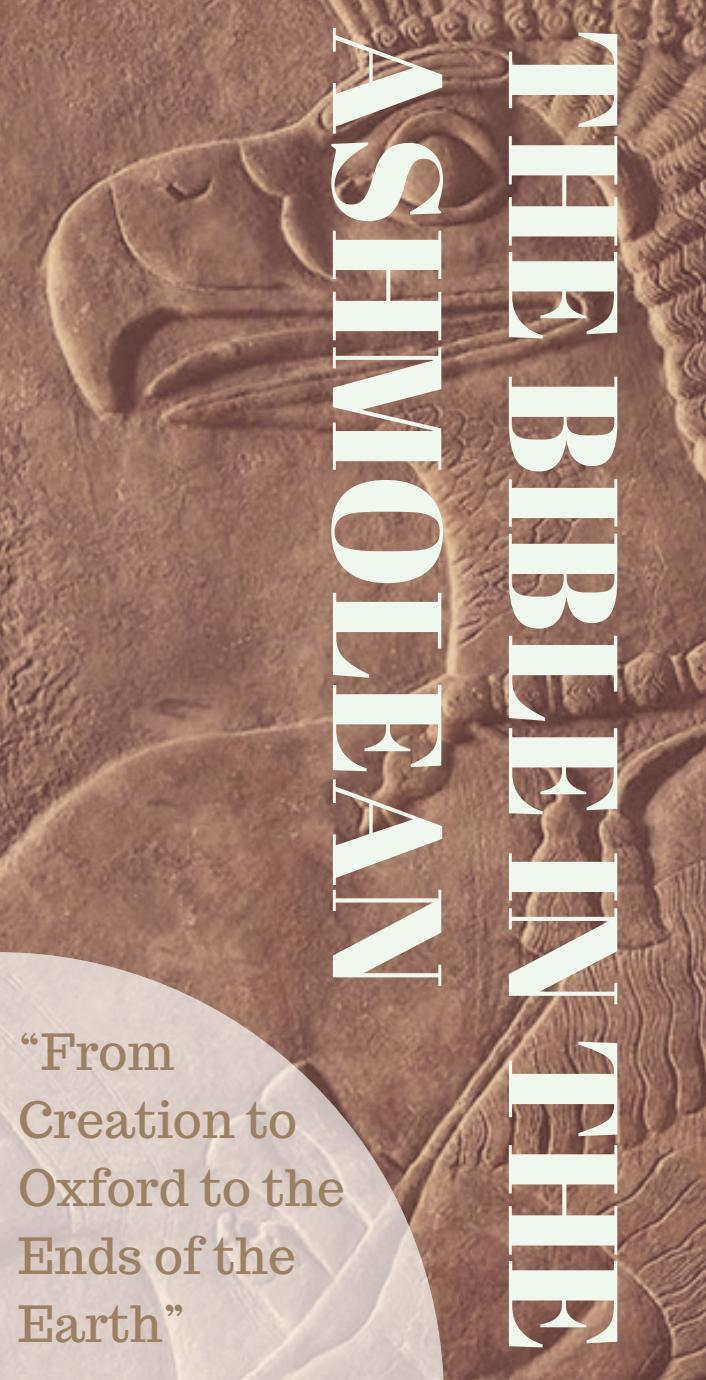
Pliny, Governor of the province of Bithynia, to Trajan, Emperor AD 112

“When David sang this 13th psalm, he lamented to the Lord that in his time there should be so little faith, and so little wisdom should be found in the world. And so does every just man who sings it now: he laments the same thing in his own time. And so did Christ with respect to the Jews, and Hezekiah with respect to the Assyrians.”

Alfred's commentary on Psalm 13

“Let me ask you then, in tender love, and in the spirit of meekness, Is this city a Christian city? Is Christianity, scriptural Christianity, found here? ... Who of you is in any degree acquainted with the work of His Spirit, His supernatural work in the souls of men? ... Even the talk of Christianity, ye cannot, will not bear.”

John Wesley



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Tour Guide

Close up of the Weld-Blundell prism

Period	Date	Item/Event	Scripture reference	Period	Date	Item/Event	Scripture reference
I. PATRIARCHS. Abraham, Ur	Pre-history – 2000 BC	Creation epic, Weld-Blundell prism	Genesis	VII. GREECE	49AD	Boxer Areopagus	1 Cor 9:26, 27 Acts 17
II. EGYPT: Captivity, Exodus, Conquest	2000 – 1400 BC (early date)	Pottery from Philistia and Israel	Exodus 1:1 vs 1 Kgs 6:1 (Exod + 480 yrs)	VIII. ROME	27BC – 446 AD	Roman Emperors Artemis/Diana & Ephesus Smyrna (= Izmir) Antiquities Dead Sea Scroll jar Jewish war: Vespasian gold coin	Lk 2:1, 3:1, Ac 18:2 Ac 19:28 Rev 1:11, 2:8
III. ISRAEL golden era	c. 1000 BC	[Solomon's Temple]			66-73	John Rylands (John); Oldest Matthew (Magd college)	
IV. ASSYRIA 721 Fall of Northern Kingdom		Reliefs from palace of Ashurnasipal Winged genie (Tash?) Reliefs from palace of Sennacherib Nineveh	Ez 23:5, 14 (colours) Nahum 3:19 2 Chron 32 Jonah		125AD 170 AD 314 AD 350AD	Dead Sea Scroll jar Council of Arles – British bishops Codex Sinaiticus (whole Bible)	
V. BABYLON	586BC	Fall of Southern Kingdom Nebuchadnezzar name		IX. ENGLAND Martyrs and Translators	597 878 900 1167 1382 1555-6	Augustine lands Alfred Jewel; translates Psalms Saxon ford for the Oxen= Oxford. Tile Henry II bars students from Paris John Wycliffe William Tyndale Cranmer ban, the Oxford Martyrs	Psalms 1-50 Psalm 27:1
VI. PERSIA [Susa] 539 – 331 BC	539BC 450BC	Esther wife of Xerxes Potsherds - Jewish community in Egypt	Ps 22:15, Isa 45:9	X. ENDS OF THE EARTH	1770s 1834 1854 1917	John Wesley and world mission Abolition of slavery model + biscuit! Hudson Taylor lands in Shanghai C.S. Lewis visits Ashmolean?	Psalm 118:23



Illustration of Tash from the Last Battle, by CS Lewis, 1956



*Alfred Jewel
AD 871–899
Gold, enamel and rock crystal*

