

Go Ye and Teach

Christ in America

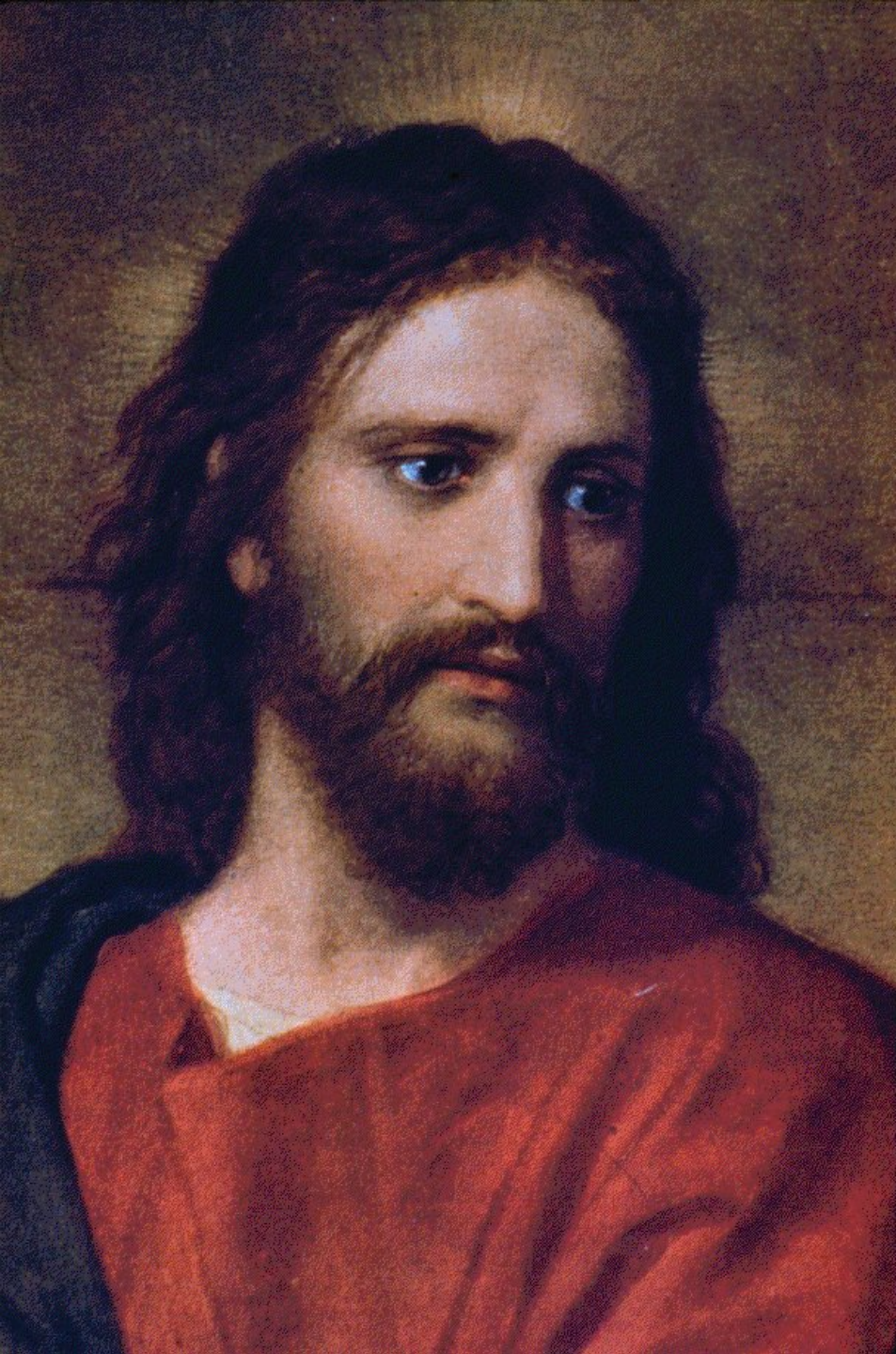
Preface

- The Book of Mormon tells of the visit of Jesus Christ to the Americas
- The Book of Mormon bears witness of Christ's universal plan of salvation
- The purpose of the Book of Mormon is convince all people that Jesus is the Christ.

Preface

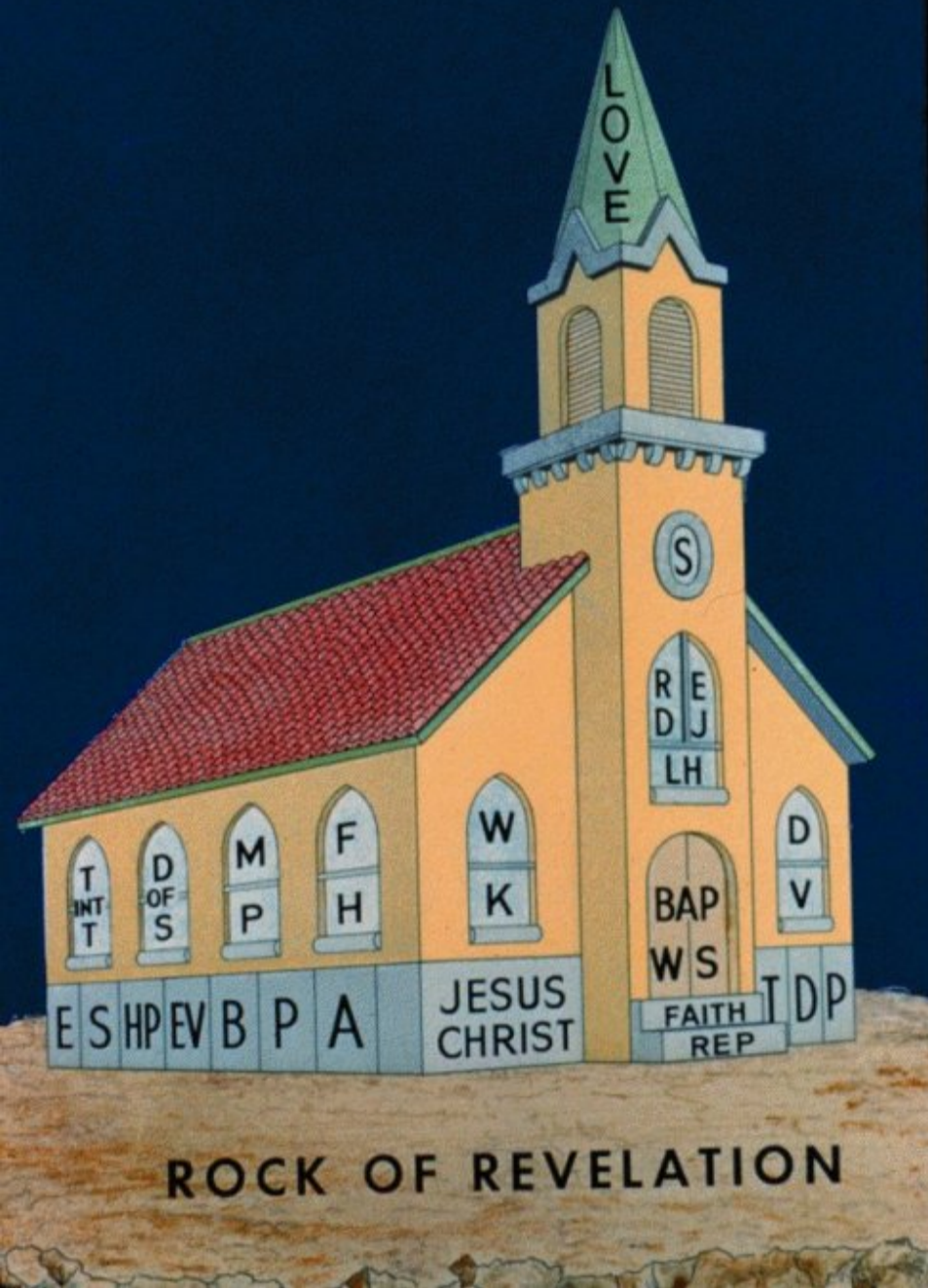
- The Book of Mormon is a second witness of Jesus Christ
- The Book of Mormon bears testimony of the truthfulness of the New Testament
- The Book of Mormon is evidence of the fact that God has set His hand again the second time to gather His people.

● Jesus Christ



● The Church

- Complete
- Instrument for God to build up His kingdom





- Broken Down
 - Evidences of falling away from original teachings
 - Separates the church and people from the source of their strength
- Gospel lost in darkness
 - Man's departure from the truth



- Angel Flying Through Heaven
- Hope is found in the angel message
- God's way of restoring the church

Second Vision

- He said there was a book deposited written upon gold plates, giving an account of the former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang. He also said that the fullness of the everlasting gospel was contained in it, as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants.

Church History, Volume 1, page 13.

Lord Kingsborough

- ... they in ancient times had been in possession of a book which was handed down successively from father to son, in the person of the eldest, who was dedicated to the safe custody of it and to instruct others in its doctrines.

Antiquities of Mexico, Volume 6, Page 409

Bancroft Quoted

- At this assembly there were brought forward all the Toltec records reaching back to the earliest period of their existence, and from these documents, after a long conference and most careful study, the Teoamoxtli, or “book of God” was prepared. In its pages were inscribed the Nahua annals from the time of the deluge, or even from ... (Continued)

Bancroft Quoted

- ... the creation; together with all their religious rites, governmental system, laws and social customs, their knowledge respecting agriculture and all the arts and sciences.

To the divine book was added a chapter of prophecies respecting future events and the signs by which it should be known when the time of their fulfillment was drawing near.

Native Races, Volume 5, Page 251



- Jesus Christ
- Evidences of Book of Mormon
 - Divinely revealed to man
 - A true record of some of the ancient civilizations of America
- More than history
- A second witness of Christ
- A record of Christ's visit to America

John 10:16 / Matthew 15:24

- “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”
- “But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

The Lost Sheep

- Did Jesus say anything about coming to the continents of America?
 - Other sheep
 - Another fold
 - Place other than the known world at that day
- Is there evidence that the people knew Christ prior to Columbus?

Lord Kingsborough

- “It is so singular a fact that the Indians of Mexico and Peru should have believed with Christians in many doctrines which are held to be peculiarly and exclusively Christian and to constitute a line of demarcation between Christianity and all other religions, that it appears a convincing proof that Christianity must, in early ages, have been established in America.”

Antiquities of Mexico, volume 6, page 409

Encyclopedia Britannica

- “With the Toltecs is associated the mysterious tradition of Quetzalcoatl, a name which presents itself in Mexican religion as that of a great deity god of the air, and in legend as that of a saintly ruler and civilizer. His brown and beardless worshipers describe him as of another race; a white man with noble features, long black hair and full beard, dressed in flowing robes.” Volume 16, page 2085

Lewis Spence

- “Quetzalcoatl’s birth was accompanied by the appearance of a new star and mysterious omens and wonders in the heavens.”

The Gods of Mexico, page 128

Quetzalcoatl Legendary Facts

- The Creator God
- The God of Peace
- Born of a Virgin
- Crucified on a Cross
- Descended in a Cloud
- Promised to Return

Names of Bearded White God

- Aztecs
 - Quetzalcoatl
- Mayas
 - Kulkulcan
- Incas
 - Wiracocha

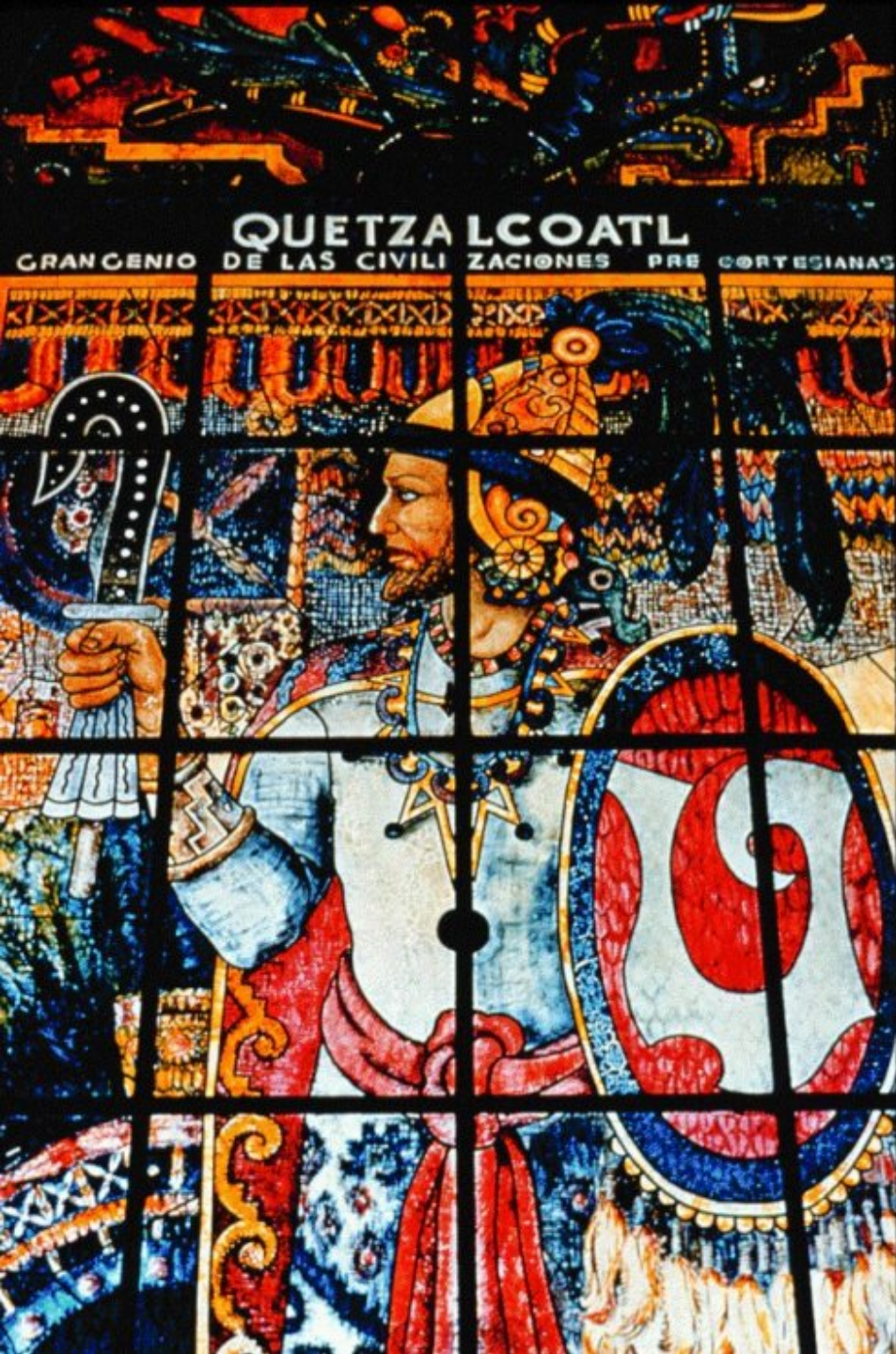
Bancroft Quote

- “Although bearing various names and appearing in different countries, the American culture-heroes all present the same general characteristics. They are all described as white, bearded men, generally clad in long robes; appearing suddenly and mysteriously upon the scene of their labors, they at once set about improving the people.

(Continued)

Bancroft Quote continued

- “By instructing them in useful and ornamental arts, giving them laws, exhorting them to practice brotherly love and other Christian virtues and introducing a milder and better form of religion; having accomplished their mission, they disappear as mysteriously and as unexpectedly as they come.”

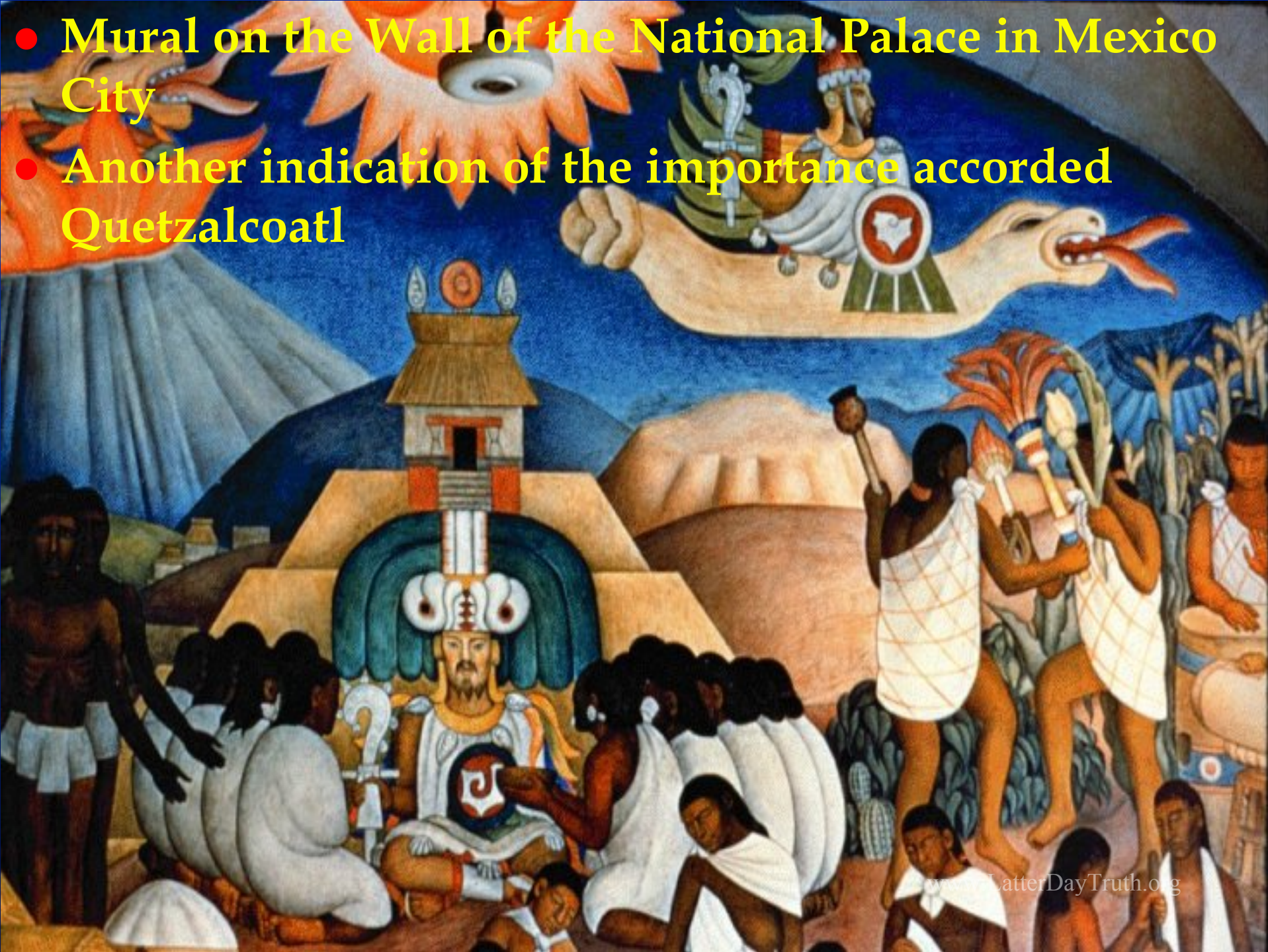


- Window in Palace of Cortez
 - Cuernavaca, Mexico
- Legend of Quetzalcoatl is still vivid and real
- Window made in modern times
- Commemorates bearded white leader of pre-Cortesian civilizations
- *'Grancenio'* means
 - genius
 - protection
 - power of men, places, and things



- Landing of Cortez in Mexico

- Aztecs thought Cortez was Quetzalcoatl returning
 - » Quetzalcoatl had promised to return



- Mural on the Wall of the National Palace in Mexico City
- Another indication of the importance accorded Quetzalcoatl



- Temple of the Bearded White God
- Located at one end of the ball court at Chichen Itza, Yucatan
- Called
 - Temple of the Bearded White God
 - Engraving on the back wall
- Many temples erected to worship Quetzalcoatl or Kukulcan



- **Sculptured profile of Bearded White God**

- **Features**

- Face
- Nose
- Beard
- **Distinctly different from those of the American Indian**

Baldwin Quote

- “The cross is one of the most common emblem present in all the ruins. This led the Catholic missionaries to assume that knowledge of Christianity had been brought to that part of America long before their arrival; ...”

Ancient America, page 109

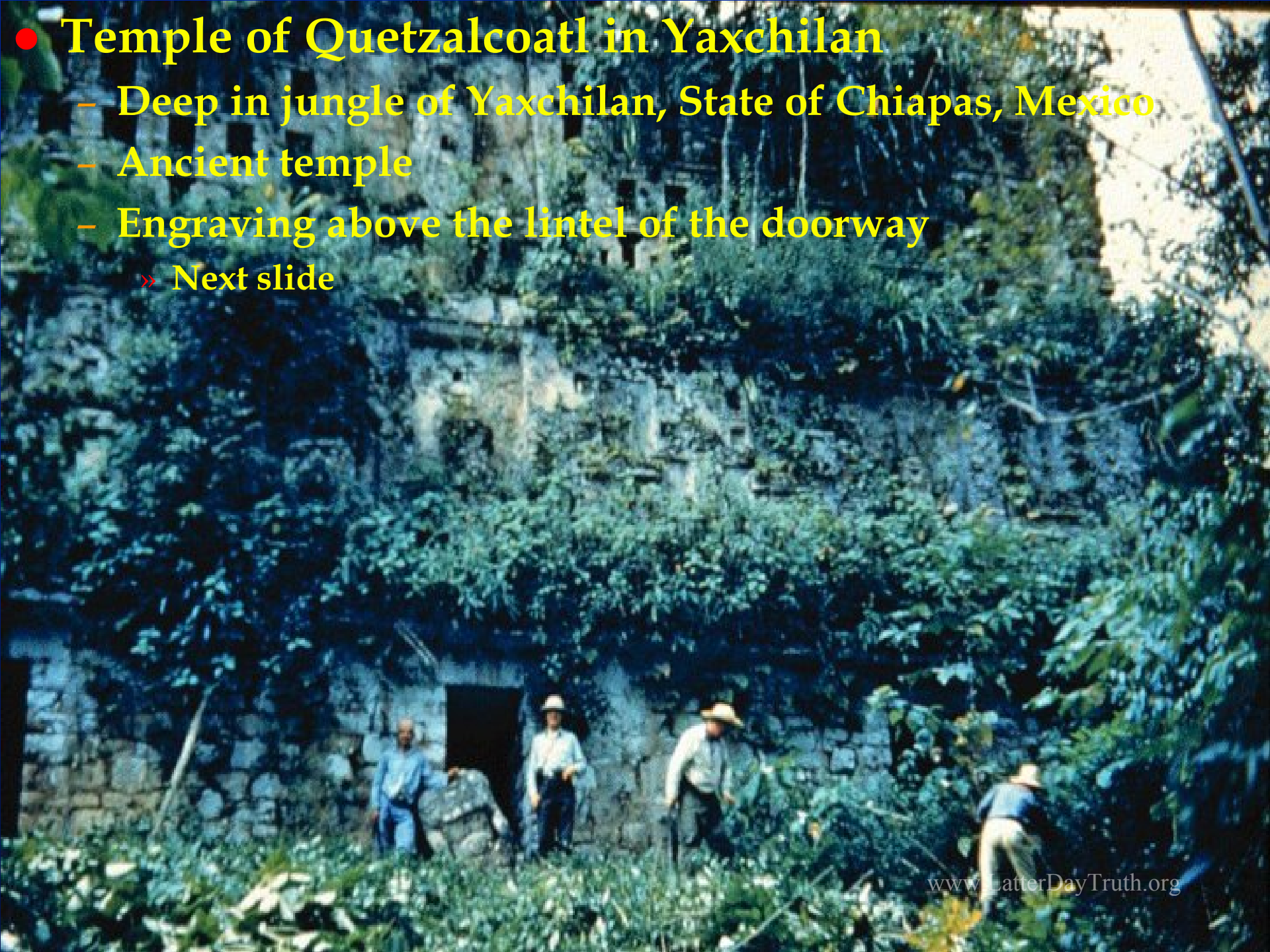


● Cruciform Tomb at Monte Alban

— In southern Mexico

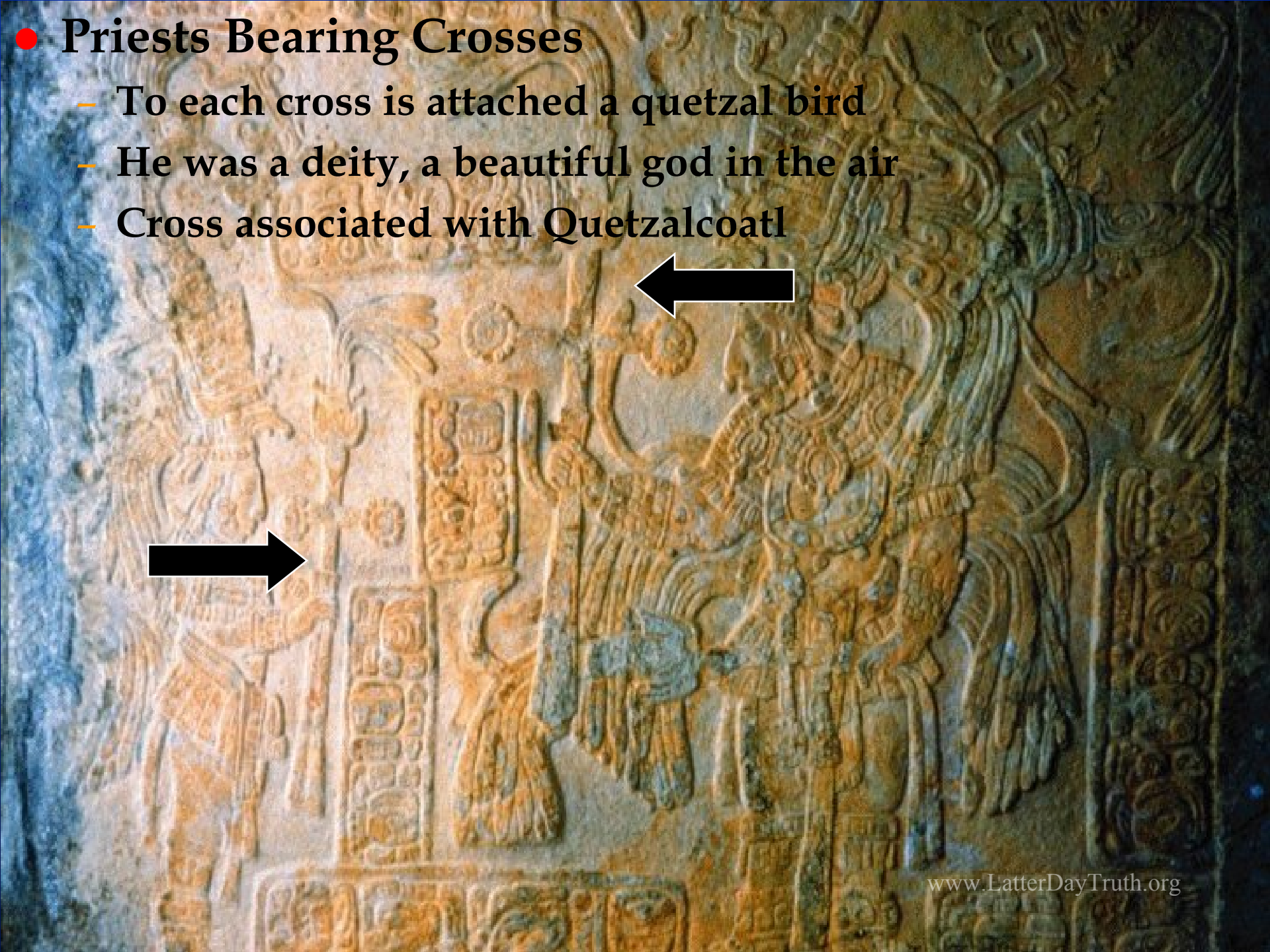
● Temple of Quetzalcoatl in Yaxchilan

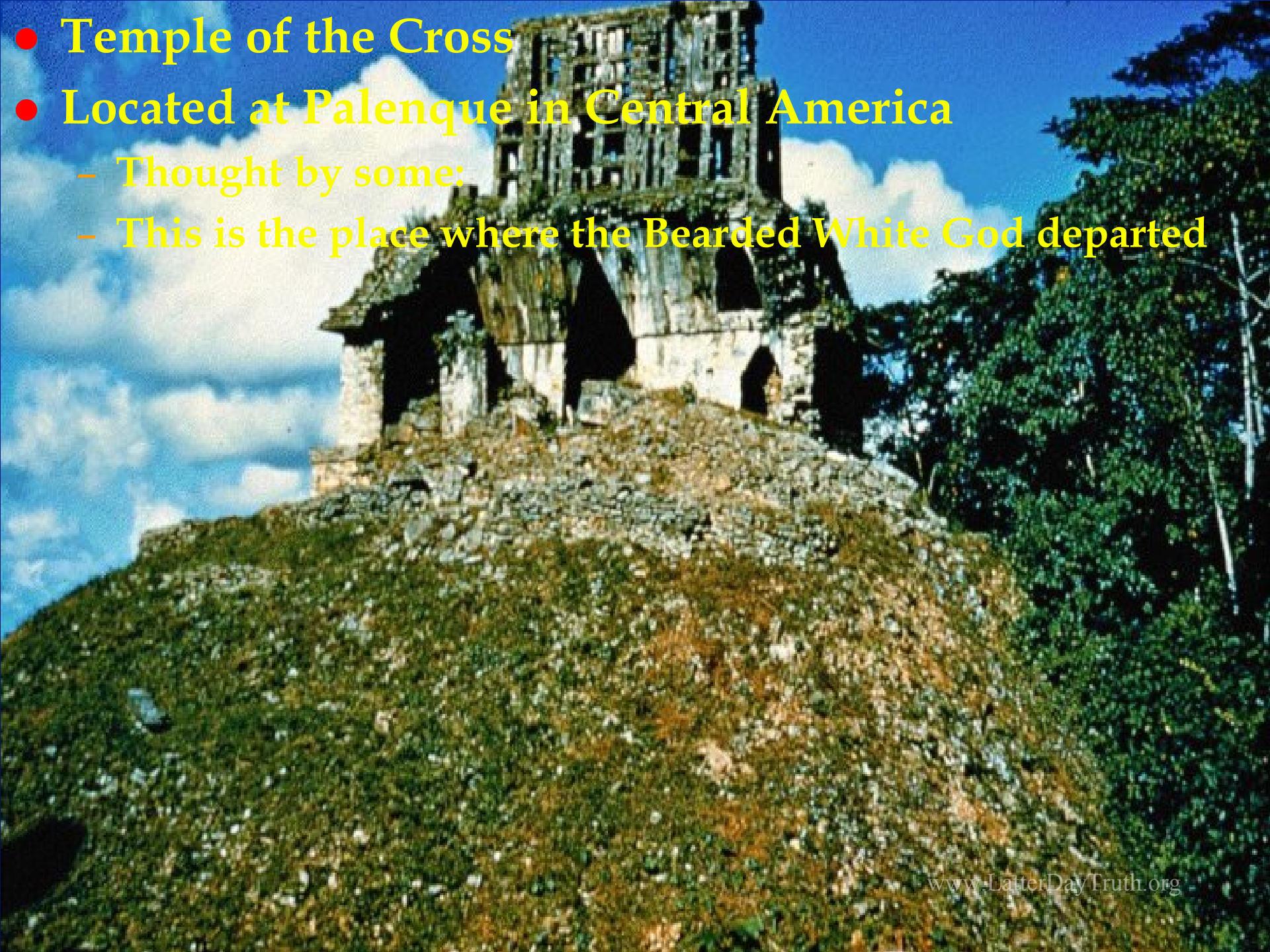
- Deep in jungle of Yaxchilan, State of Chiapas, Mexico
- Ancient temple
- Engraving above the lintel of the doorway
 - » Next slide



● **Priests Bearing Crosses**

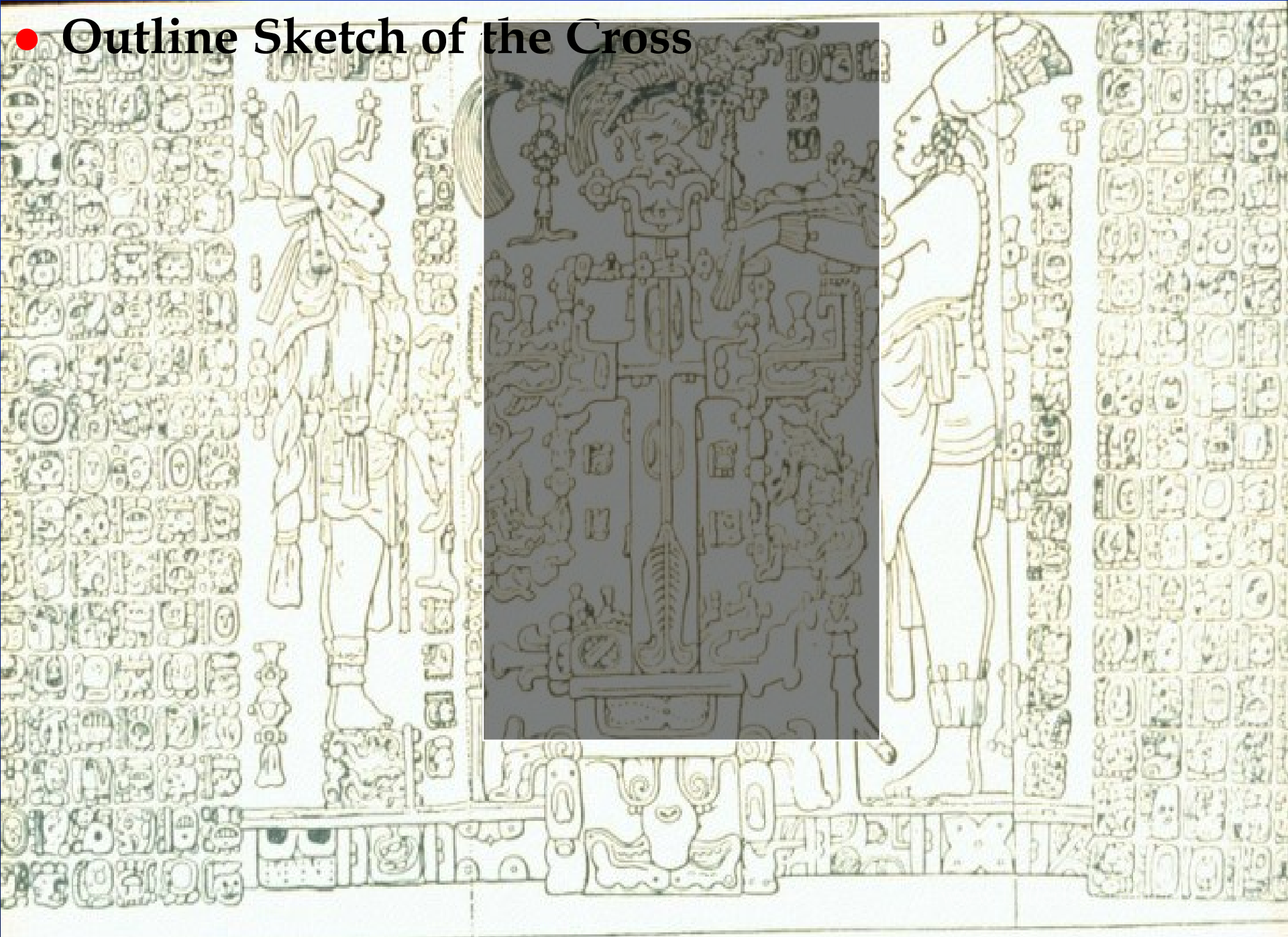
- To each cross is attached a quetzal bird
- He was a deity, a beautiful god in the air
- Cross associated with Quetzalcoatl





- Temple of the Cross
- Located at Palenque in Central America
 - Thought by some:
 - This is the place where the Bearded White God departed

● Outline Sketch of the Cross





- **Temple of the Cross**
 - Back Wall
 - Plainly associated with Quetzalcoatl
 - Cross
 - › common emblem in the ruins

Book of Mormon and Christ

- Jesus had “other sheep”
- Ancient people in America knew of Christ
 - Jaredites
 - » ~2000 B.C.
 - Nephites
 - » Birth
 - » Death
 - » Resurrection

Christ's Visit to America

- Descended from a cloud
- Lived with the people for a period of time
- Organized His church
- Taught people
 - same principles as Palestine
- Book of Mormon
 - Second witness of Jesus Christ



- The Good Shepherd
- His sheep hear His voice
- Calls to all people
 - Inviting them to salvation
 - Offering a way to salvation

- Steps to Salvation
 - Only one entrance
 - » The gate

