

# ***BIBLICAL LESSONS ABOUT OUR TRIP TO COLOMBIA, PERU & BOLIVIA by Mario Seiglie, 8/2/25***



***Brethren gather from several cities and travel to Bogota***

# ***LEADERSHIP WEEKEND IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA***



***We had 45 members come from four outlying areas for this Leadership weekend in Bogota, the capital of Colombia***



# *Meetings in Colombia on the Sabbath & on Sunday*



*We see some of the young families here. We loved having several meals with the brethren. A lesson: Rom. 12:16, “Live happily together in a spirit of harmony, and be as mindful of another’s worth as you are your own. Don’t live with a lofty mind-set, thinking you are too important to serve others, but be willing to do menial tasks and identify with those who are humble minded. Don’t be smug or even think for a moment that you know it all” (TPT).*

# ***NEXT, WE VISITED LIMA, PERU***



***From Bogota, it took us three hours to fly to Lima, Peru***



*Lima, Peru, is a city of 10 million inhabitants*





*Here we are with some of the brethren. We had a Tuesday night Bible Study at the Church hall.*



*They love their hall and keep it so beautiful*



*Here is our coordinator, Luis Mora, with his wife Nora.*





*On Wednesday, we visited the Youth Camp in Lima*



*They plan to have their first camp this coming week.*



*Next, we visited the new Feast site called Las Gambusinas. We plan to have 50 in attendance.*



***Lesson: The importance of visiting the brethren to see how they are. Acts 15:36 says, "Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.'"***



*Our next trip – from Lima, Peru to La Paz, Bolivia,  
which took an hour and a half.*



*The international airport in La Paz is 13,325 feet above  
sea level – no international airport in the world is higher*

# *La Paz is a city of a million people*



*It is situated in a basin, like a giant volcanic crater. In the early days, gold was found towards the bottom of the basin and thus, people settled there.*



*Since 2014, an Austrian company built numerous skyways over the city, which act like subway stations. We took five of the lines on Sunday to see all of La Paz from the air.*



*On the Sabbath, we met with the Bolivian brethren. They are quite well educated – including an architect, a teacher and a university student. We also visited a dear couple who are shut-ins.*





*We returned to Lima and then headed home, but there is another lesson to be learned in Peru – how one of the “footprints” of Genesis was apparently left in the sands of time in Nazca, Peru. Three hundred miles south of Lima are the famous Nazca lines, which I visited back in the 1990’s. I took a plane around the Nazca valley and saw all the figures drawn in the ground. Now, there are over 700 discovered. I went to the museum there and heard a talk by the archaeologist Maria Reiche. She had an assistant, Jadwiga Pasenkiewicz that I think I met.*



***Maria Reiche***



***Jadwiga Pasenkiewicz***





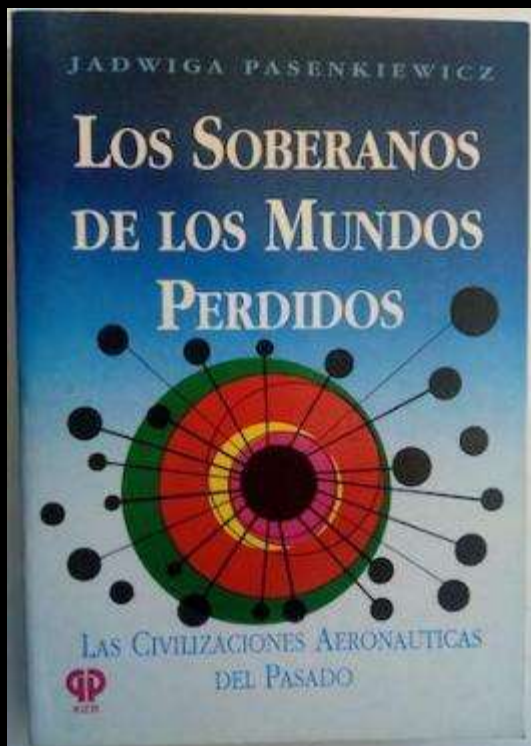




*The Nazca Lines cover miles of the valley of Nazca. It is calculated that they are over 2,000 years old. You can imagine a Nazca teacher taking children to the top of the mountain and going over the figures as a memory device to teach them about their history.*







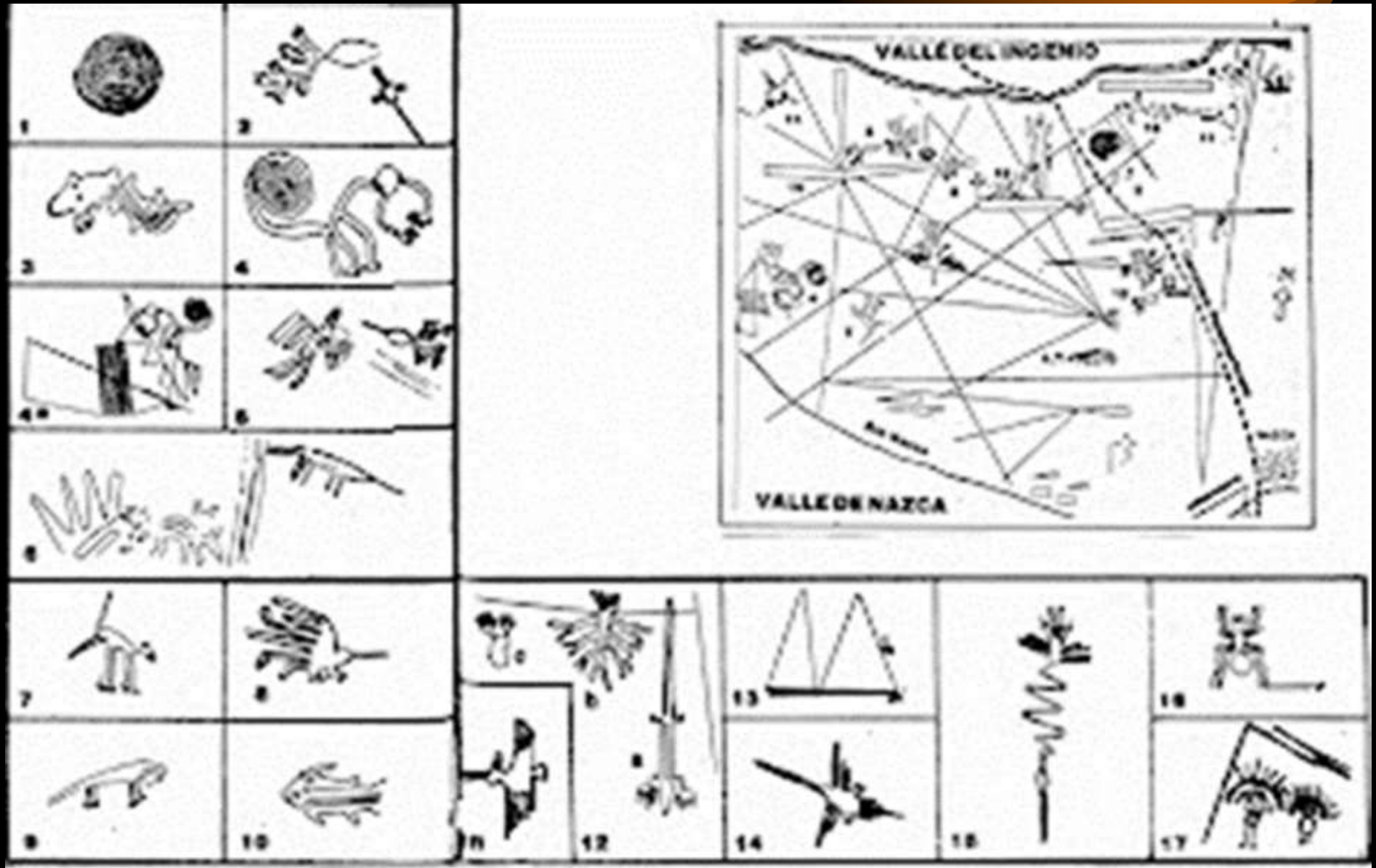
In this book and a magazine called *Muy Interesante*, I read the account of how Jadwiga apparently deciphered what these lines meant. As the interviewers wrote, “The most famous, according to our interviewee, is the Nazca text. With this message, our forgotten predecessors come to inform us about their scientific discoveries and their dogmas of faith.

“Thus concludes Jadwiga Pasenkiewicz, and gives us the Nazca text, which is none other than the story of Genesis, conceived by “divine inspiration” in antediluvian times and faithfully transmitted through infinite generations. [She goes on to say]

“God created the Universe within a circle expanding toward infinity. After forging the birth of the stellar worlds, the Almighty concerned himself with creating life. First, He formed the plant cell that gave rise to plants. Then, an organic being, the symbolic outline of a fish, from which...animals and man would emerge...They had their own Bible, and developed in three different eras: first, that of the pre-Flood kingdoms and empires, when the ‘Bible’ was written. The second begins with the great cataclysm [Flood]...which destroyed civilizations and gave rise to a very long period of insecurity and terrible suffering for the few survivors [i.e. Noah & family].” What continues is her interpretation which follows the Bible pretty closely, but it might not be the last word on it. We will have to wait and see but it points to a common origin of mankind.

## ***Book: The Rulers of the Lost Worlds***

*These are the symbols she interpreted using the Nazca lines and their ceramic art figures as a guide*

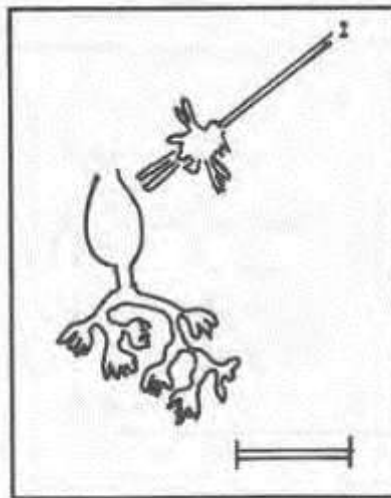






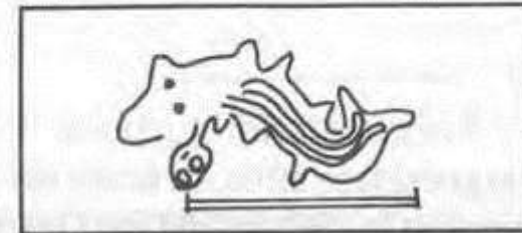
1 Dios creó el Universo, encerrado en un círculo que se agranda hacia el infinito.

***She begins with figure #1, “God created the Universe, symbolized by an expanding circle towards infinity.”***

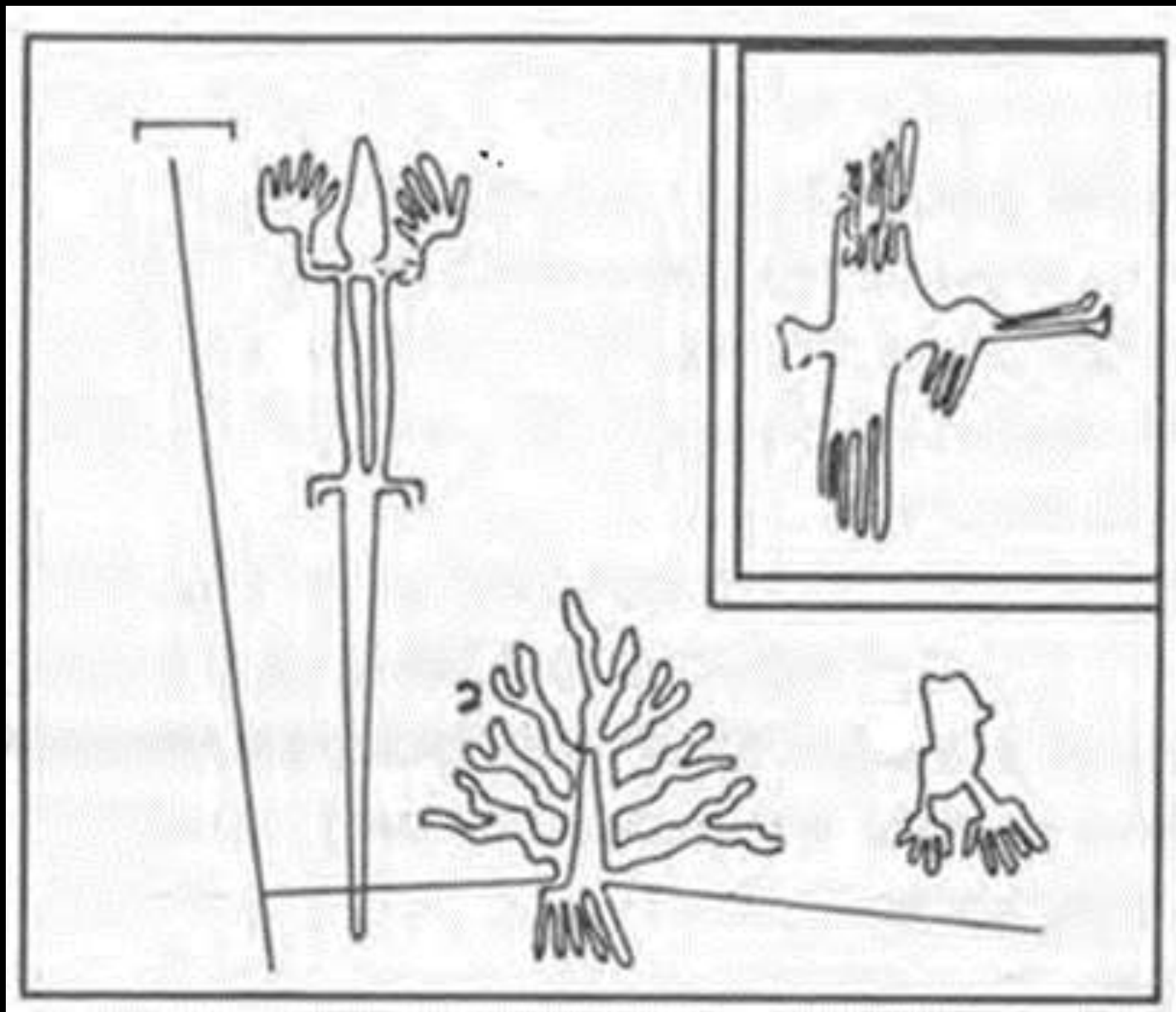


2 Dios creó las plantas y

3 el “símbolo y esbozo del pez”

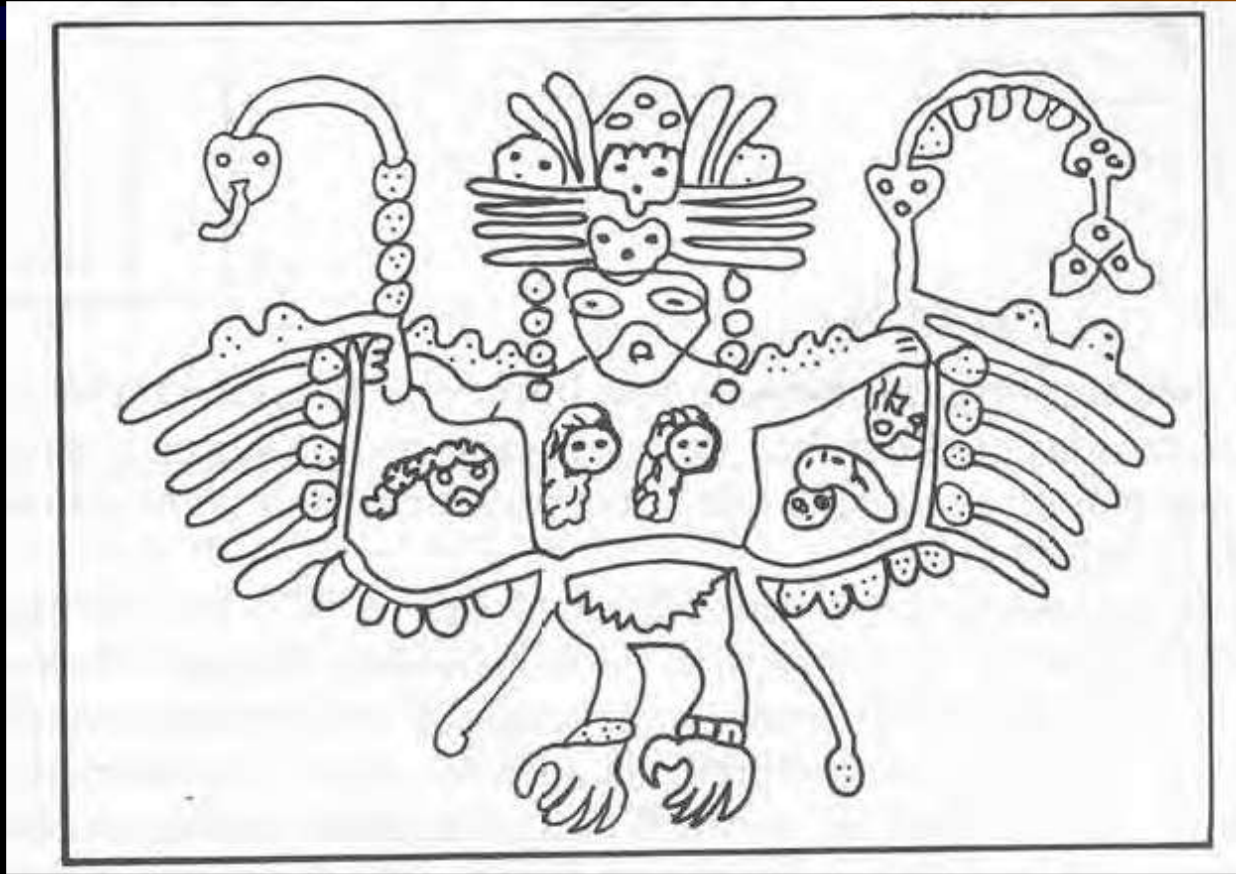


***2. “God next created ‘plants’ and ‘marine life’ - fish.”***



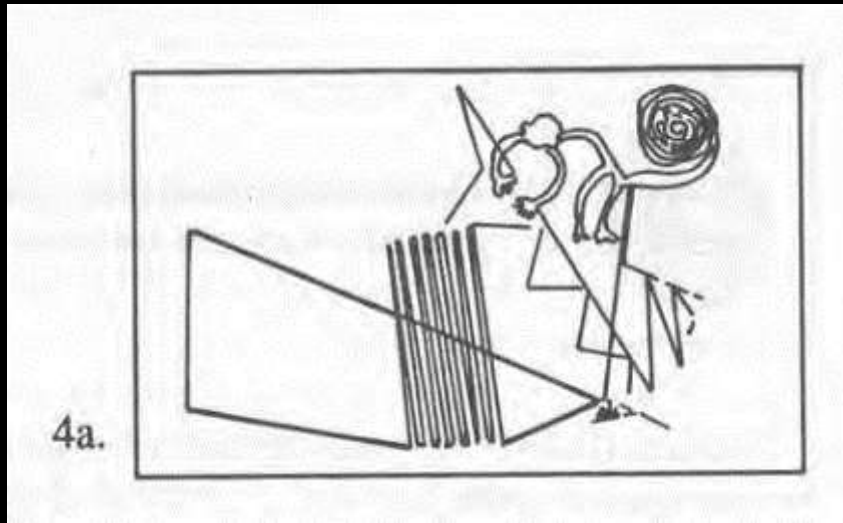
***Jadwiga correctly interprets the tree as the tree of life and others have interpreted another figure as the tree of knowledge. She doesn't know what a walking serpent means, but we do. Man sinned and hands were raised in anguish.***



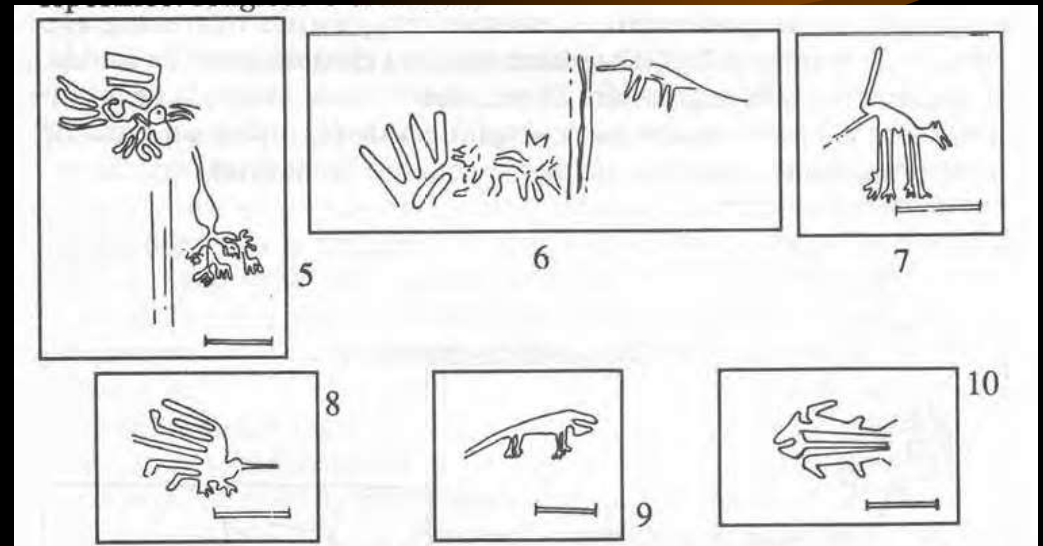


***She misinterprets this multi-headed flying creature as a flying human, but it is more likely the winged Cherubim placed to protect the Garden of Eden and scare off possible intruders.***

*This is no “monkey” figure, for it is climbing stairs into a boatlike ark.*



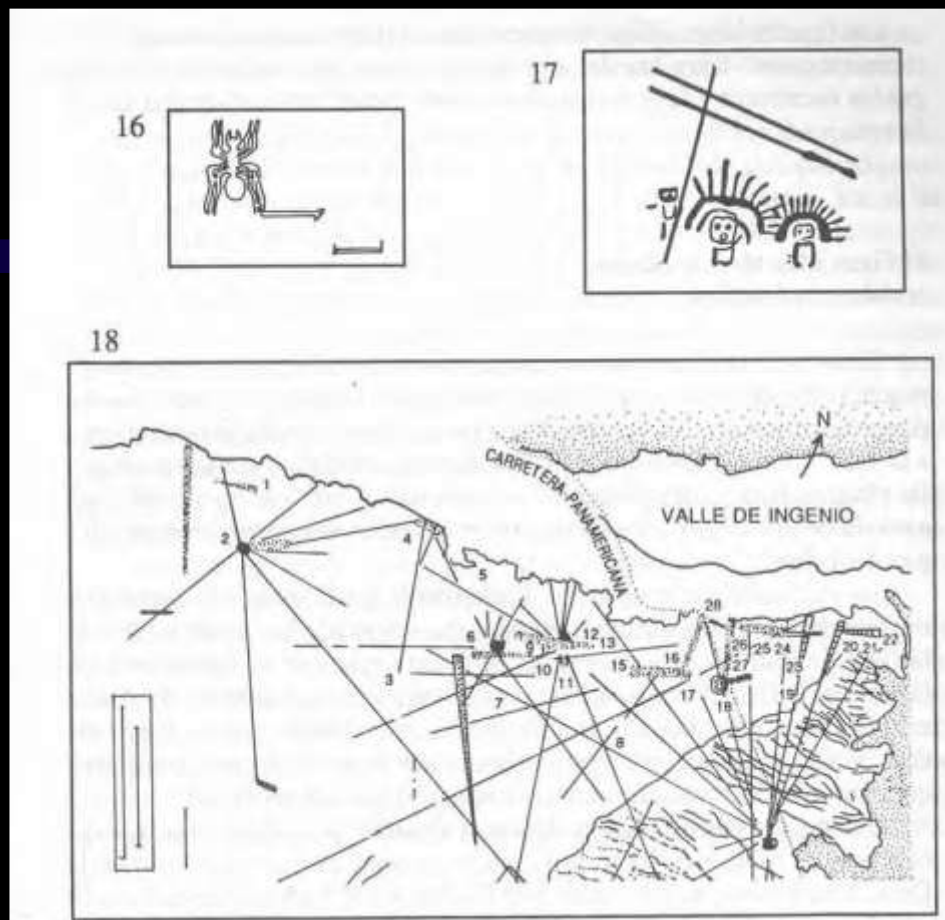
*Man entering ark*



*Animals brought aboard*

*Next, she recognizes mankind degenerates and God punishes him with a worldwide Flood. She correctly interprets the so called “monkey” not as a monkey, but as a man entering an ark and animals carried aboard. Yet she mistakes it as an ark bringing life to the earth (which is not part of Genesis} but actually it’s a later narration of the Flood and Noah’s ark, with all kinds of animals included.*





***She believes that the spider is the “signature” of the Nazca creators and after the flood. Then kingdoms are set up, like that of Nimrod. After that comes the Tower of Babel and the confusion of the tongues, where the origins of history in different languages were taken to the ends of the earth. I find it fascinating that in this part of the world, people like the Mayans, with their sacred book, The Popol Vu, and the Nazca people apparently would record their origins which fit the biblical record. This is a lesson to remember that the Bible is a book about true history and not about myths!***

## *Nazca Lines on a stone*

