The First 2,000 Years (The Thousand Years Book 1)
Synopsis

Hundreds of details about the early history of mankind had become entirely lost until the restoration of the gospel. These details about the first 2,000 years of human history are all to be found in this exciting volume. We now know that Adam and Eve had two generations of children before Cain and Abel were born. The exact year of the Great Flood can now be calculated. Details about the golden age of Enoch are now available so that we can understand how the law of consecration works and how it eliminates poverty and crime. Many difficult questions can now be answered: Did the Patriarchs really live for hundreds of years? What about the incredible population growth in ancient times? How has the geography of the earth changed since ancient times? Why were pagan religions so attractive to ancient peoples? How did they get started? And why did God hate and abhor these pagan religions so much? One of the most magnificent stories in this book is the life of Abraham. He received revelations about astronomy and mathematics which he later taught the Egyptians. He was a remarkable example of faith and obedience, even in offering his own son. All of these tremendously important new revelations belong to the sweeping panorama of the first 2,000 years of human history. This book is designed to make the study of the Bible an inspirational pleasure. Although presented for easy reading, the text is carefully documented so that every important point can be correlated with appropriate passages in the scriptures. The extensive use of maps, charts and illustrations also facilitate the rapid unfolding of the Biblical story.

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Customer Reviews

I initially purchased this book (the audio version) out of a desire to learn more about the Old Testament. I figured that it would go into detail about the Creation and life of people during the first 2000 years of existence. Boy was I in for a surprise! Not only does this book talk about the Creation and beginning, but it dives DEEP. If you are not LDS (Mormon), then this book is probably not for you, as it contains a plethora of LDS specific teaching to help tie things back for LDS readers. If you are LDS and you haven’t read through the Bible completely yet, you may want to do that first, and then read this book. There is so much information in this book that you will want to go slowly. It will help you immensely to already be familiar with the Scriptures. The author does provide a lot of Scriptural background, but you will be learning so much so fast that it will be helpful to have some of this background already. I love this book, and I highly recommend it!

Being a Latter Day Saint of the Church of Jesus I have read the marvelous witness and wonder (The Book of Mormon) and have read the New Testament which concerns the magnificent teachings of the Savior, Jesus Christ. I was taught the stories of Old Testament when I was young. However later I had come across of some strange accounts which intrigued me. Wanting to get to the truth of some of the more unusual accounts I read the First 2000 Years. Skousen masterfully takes the reader into a more in depth look at the Old Testament. I highly recommend the First 2000 Years if you desire a greater understanding of the Old Testament or as a companion source as you’re studying the Old Testament.

I had the opportunity to read this work and found it to be a well thought out, and well researched historical account. What I found most intriguing was his placement of events into a timeline that could easily be followed by almost any reader allowing the reader to make most of the conclusions regarding the sequential significance. I have read his other two works that regarded the third and fourth thousand years. These works have been a valuable asset in placing events in their proper perspective in regards to the sometimes confusing events depicted in the Old Testament.
A must for any student of the Old Testament. LDS that is. If not, try it anyway. Tons of excellent information that can get you interested in the story of humanity. Skousen has managed to make this a concise and fluid narrative as easy to understand as reading a novel. Much has been written since the first publication of this book that builds upon his work, but this is the place to start.

This book, and its series, acts, for the OT, much as Talmage's Jesus the Christ does for the New Testament. It combines the narrative of the Pearl of Great Price with that of the OT. In my mind, this is a must for someone who wants to have a clear understanding of what Latter-Day revelation does for OT scholarship.

I purchase the Thousand years Series when I was a teenager. They are such an easy read and these books started me on my insatiable for knowledge. I have two copies of each book so I will always have them. Be sure to purchase them before they disappear. I read the entire series every 4 years as we study the Old Testament. There are many Old Testament commentaries available but none of them are as as important as this series. They are well documented so you can go back to the original source to document his statements. Love these books. They need to be in every home. This is information not found elsewhere and so very easy to read. GET THEM NOW BEFORE THEY ARE GONE!!

I can't put this book down! I had no idea that the books of Moses and Abraham contained so much information! Now, when I read the King James version of the Bible -- I actually know what they are talking about!! I can't wait to read the next one and I am getting this for my best friend for her birthday! This book is well thought out. I appreciate how he starts from the beginning and doesn't skip around a lot. He gets right to the point and he backs up all his information with the Bible and with reputable scholars around the world.

I thought this series of books would be deep and drab. How wrong I was! They are exhilarating to read - written with personality - and very difficult to set aside. I highly recommend this series of books!

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