



**JAMES MORRIS WEBB, A. M.**  
Evangelist of the Church of God  
(Acts 20-28, Biblical)

James Morris Webb as he appears in his own book. From the Guido van Rijn collection.

Solomon, who was a scribe. He was a black man to write three thousand proverbs and other books of wisdom of the Bible. God used Daniel the prophet, who was born out of a black tribe, to write the Book of Daniel which contained the fall of Babylon, pointed out that a black universal King with woolly hair is coming to rule the world in the last days. Again, God used a black Ethiopian eunuch to rescue Jeremiah the prophet from death in a dungeon. God also used Negro women. He used that Negro woman to carry the news to Joshua, which enabled him to compass the walls of Jericho, resulting in the defeat of the Canaanites. The Queen of Sheba, the Negro queen, who stands out in Biblical history, was head of a black special train from Africa to King Solomon's Temple during the dedication of the Temple. She was the honoured guest of King Solomon. All these characters about whom I have spoken have made some Biblical history. Friends, I'll tell the world: they have! I could count more Negro characters in the Bible, but time won't permit. This black woman is not quoted in - as a Negro woman by historians and commenters, but from the blood standpoint she is a Negro woman. She's quoted in the Bible as Pharaoh's daughter. Her father was Egyptian, Egyptians sprang from Mizraim, Mizraim was the son of Ham, Ham was the father of the Negro race. Read Genesis, the 10th chapter and the 6th verse. When that great Day of Judgment comes, and the book of activity of all mankind is read, I imagine that I can hear God saying: "Come forth, oh daughter of Pharaoh, the savior of Moses, the deliverer of slavery. Receive an everlasting blessing for rescuing Moses from death and slavery, for I am God, the creator of all mankind, recognised by me for the service they render to mankind, not by race, blood or colour."

After listening to these sermons, I decided to search for Webb's book and to investigate his life. James Morris Webb

was an African-American evangelist and lecturer on evidence for the black presence in the Bible. From the 2001 Magribine reprint of his book we learn that as early as Christmas Day 1903 he lectured in Ranke's Hall in Seattle, Washington, on the northwest corner of Pike Street and Sixth Avenue. He spoke on the Death of Sarah, the Father of the Ethiopians, Moses' wife, the killing of Goliath by David and the genealogy of Jesus. By means of many quotations from the Bible he tried to convince his audience that Jesus was black.

In November 1913, Jas. M. Webb D.D. published an advertisement in the 'Chicago Defender' for his 'Famous Picture of Jesus as a Black Man'. The ad proclaimed: 'Just finished and ready for sale is the wonderful picture, 12 x 18, of Jesus as he looked when on earth and how he will look at his second coming, including a specially prepared book of biblical references from Genesis to Revelation, proving in every detail the Doctor's assertion'. It was available from news stands for \$1 and for \$1.50 by P.O. or Express Order from Jas. M. Webb, 3519 State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In 1919 Webb published the book he mentions on the Paramount record: **THE BLACK MAN THE FATHER OF CIVILIZATION**, Proven by Biblical History By James Morris Webb, A.M. (1919, reprinted 1984 by Julian Richardson Associates, 1712 Fillmore Street, San Francisco, Ca 94115. 49 pages, illustrated. Second reprint 2001 by Magribine Press, 5723 N. McVicken, Chicago, IL 60646, 44 pages, illustrated.)

In the preface Rev. Webb explains that he has published his book because he loves his race, that he wants to defend his race and that as a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, he does not harbour malice against the white race. The reader is advised to have a Bible at his finger tips as it is the only authority on ancient history.

There follows a dedication to the memory of the poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar, and short, illustrated tributes to African-Americans (and one white man) admired by Rev. Webb: W.E.B. Dubois, the classicist Prof. W.S. Scarborough, P. Ka Isaka Seme (a South African orator, and one of the

founders of the African National Congress), 'the thunderbolt' Frederick Douglas (sic) for Douglass throughout the book), Abraham Lincoln, Booker T. Washington, Bishop H.M. Turner (historian of the African Methodist Episcopal Church) and the artist Henry O. Tanner. Finally there is a photo of Reverend Webb himself, with an open Bible



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