

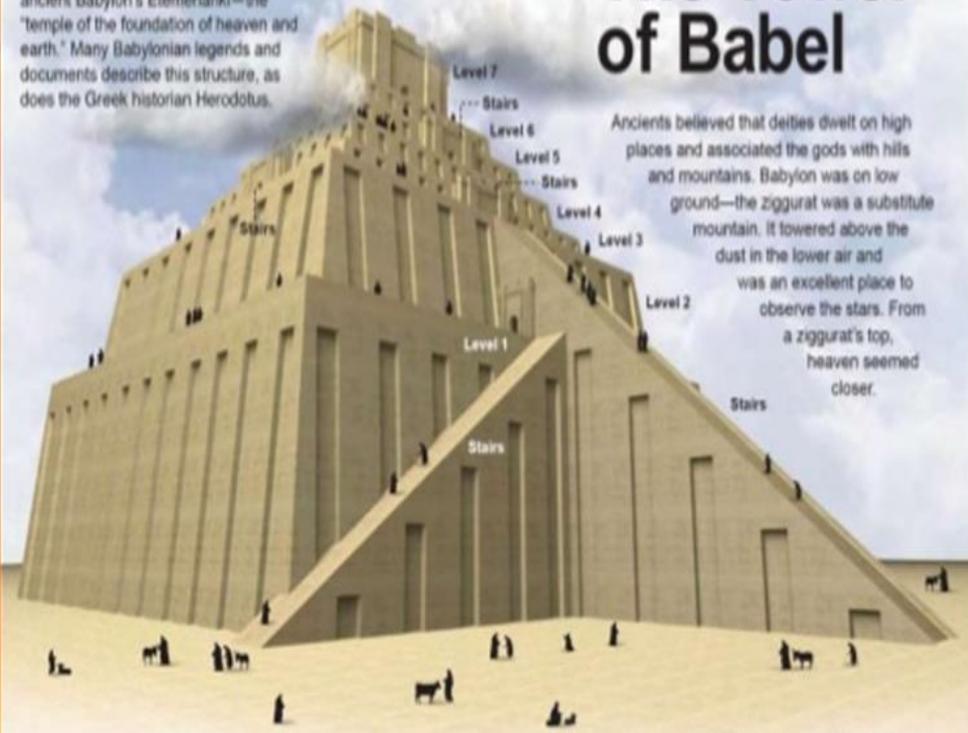
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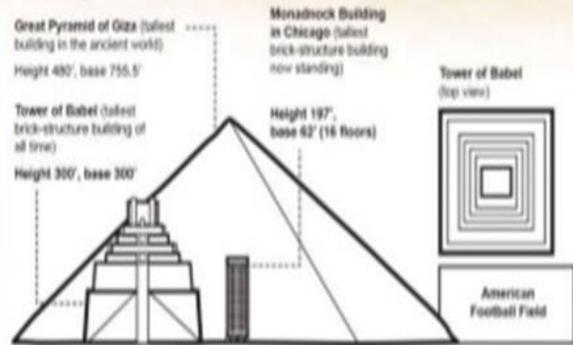
The Tower of Babel would have been built in ziggurat form. It probably was ancient Babylon's Etemenanki—the "temple of the foundation of heaven and earth." Many Babylonian legends and documents describe this structure, as does the Greek historian Herodotus.

# The Tower of Babel

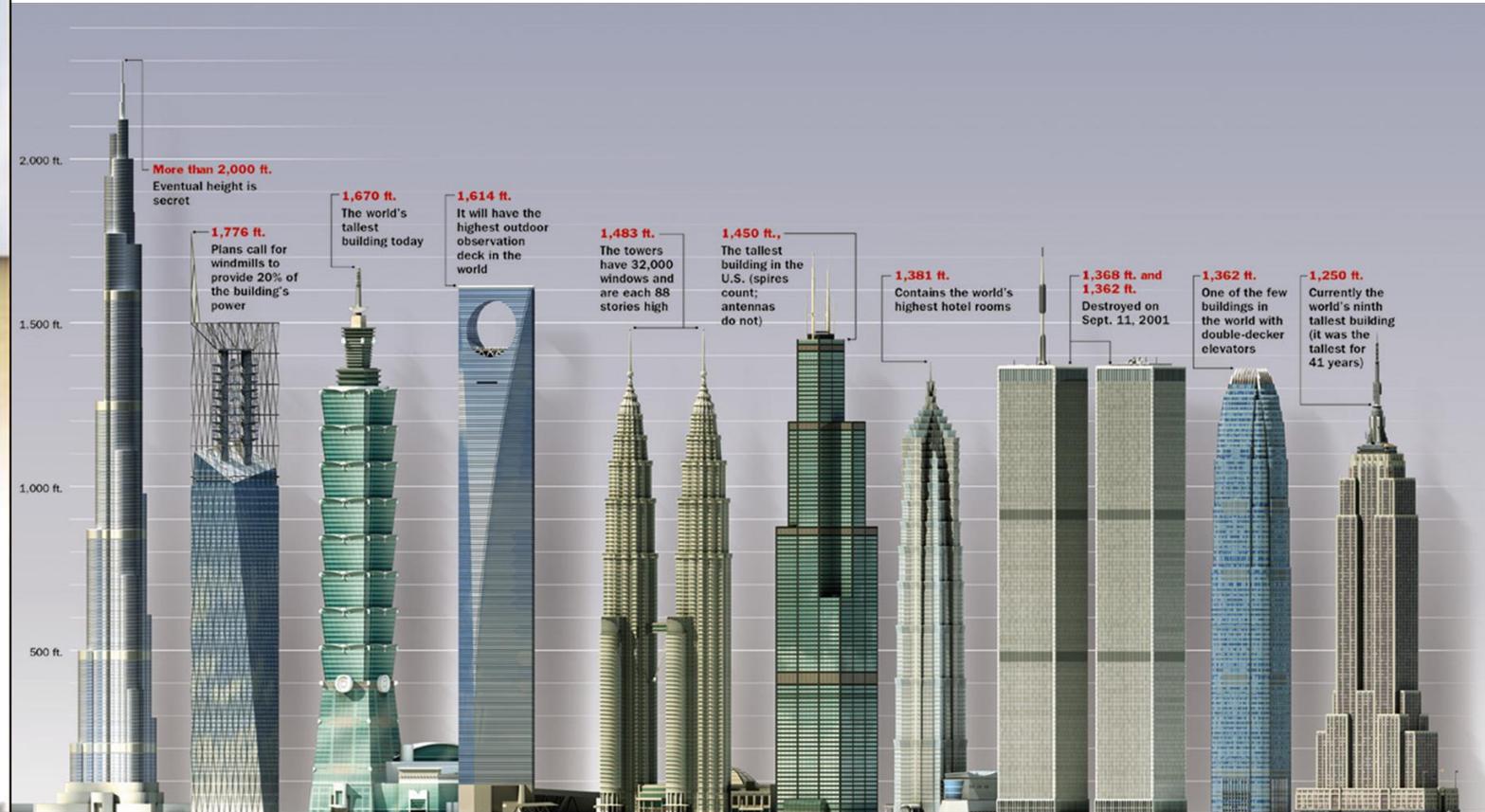
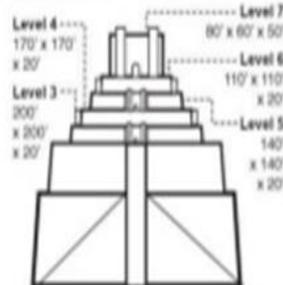


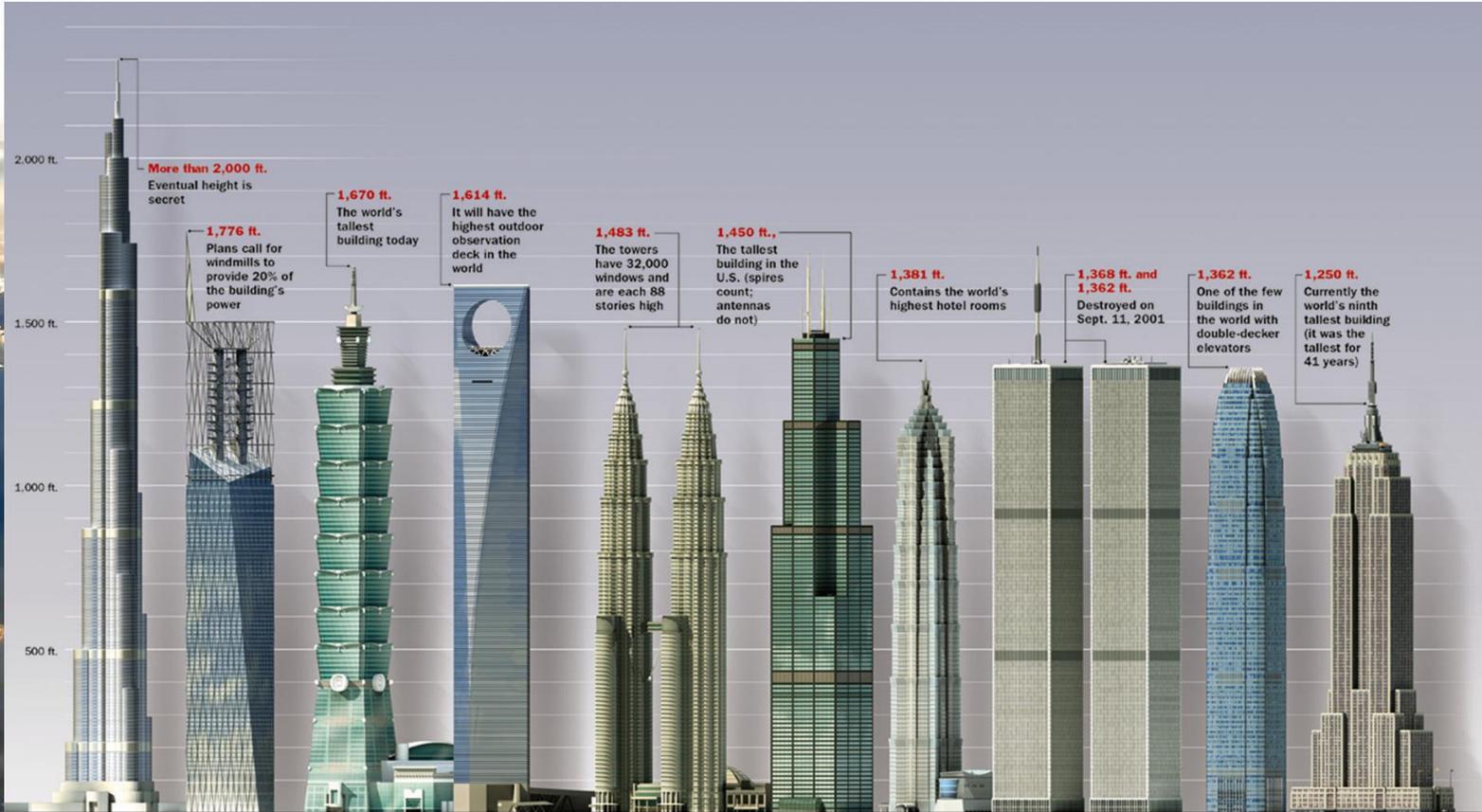
Ancients believed that deities dwelt on high places and associated the gods with hills and mountains. Babylon was on low ground—the ziggurat was a substitute mountain. It towered above the dust in the lower air and was an excellent place to observe the stars. From a ziggurat's top, heaven seemed closer.

### Size comparison (approximate)



The Esagila Tablet from Uruk describes the Etemenanki with these dimensions. The stairs for the top levels are interior.





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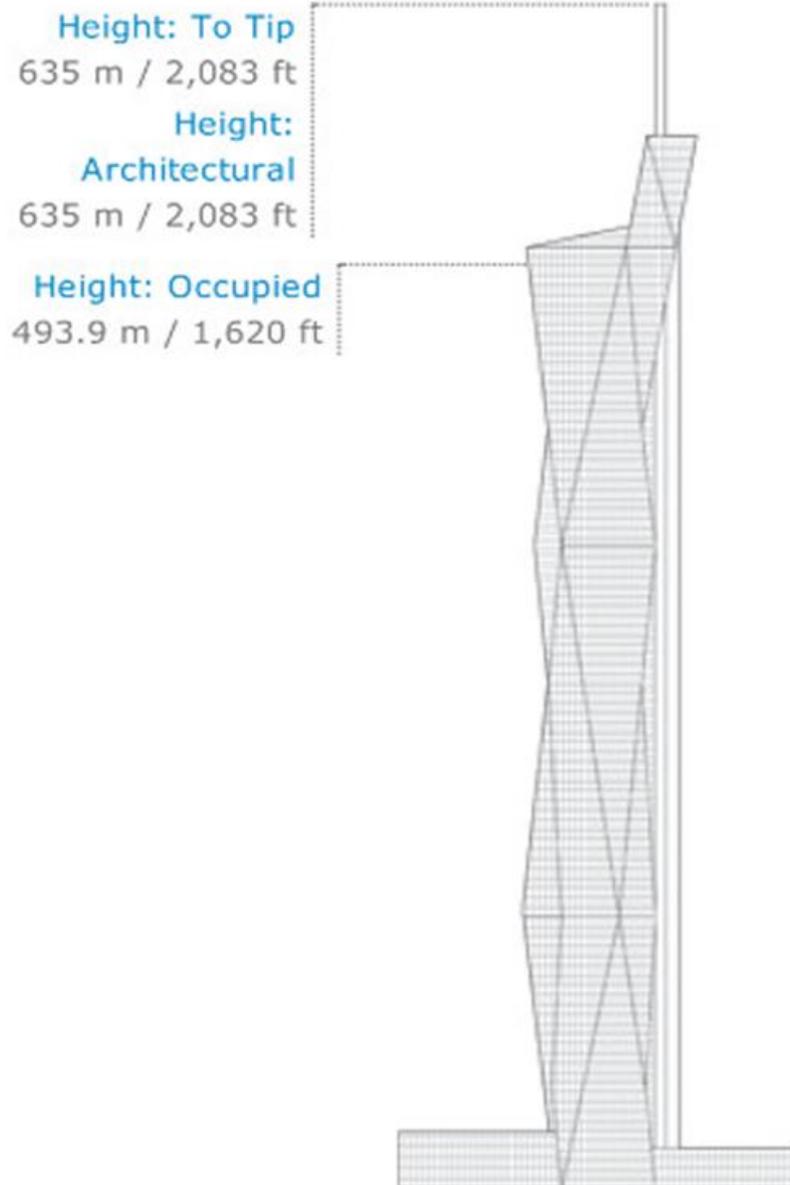


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Height: Observatory  
 476.7 m / 1,564 ft  
 Floors Above Ground  
 118  
 # of Elevators  
 87  
 Top Elevator Speed  
 10 m/s





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# The sky's the limit

## Timeline of the world's tallest buildings

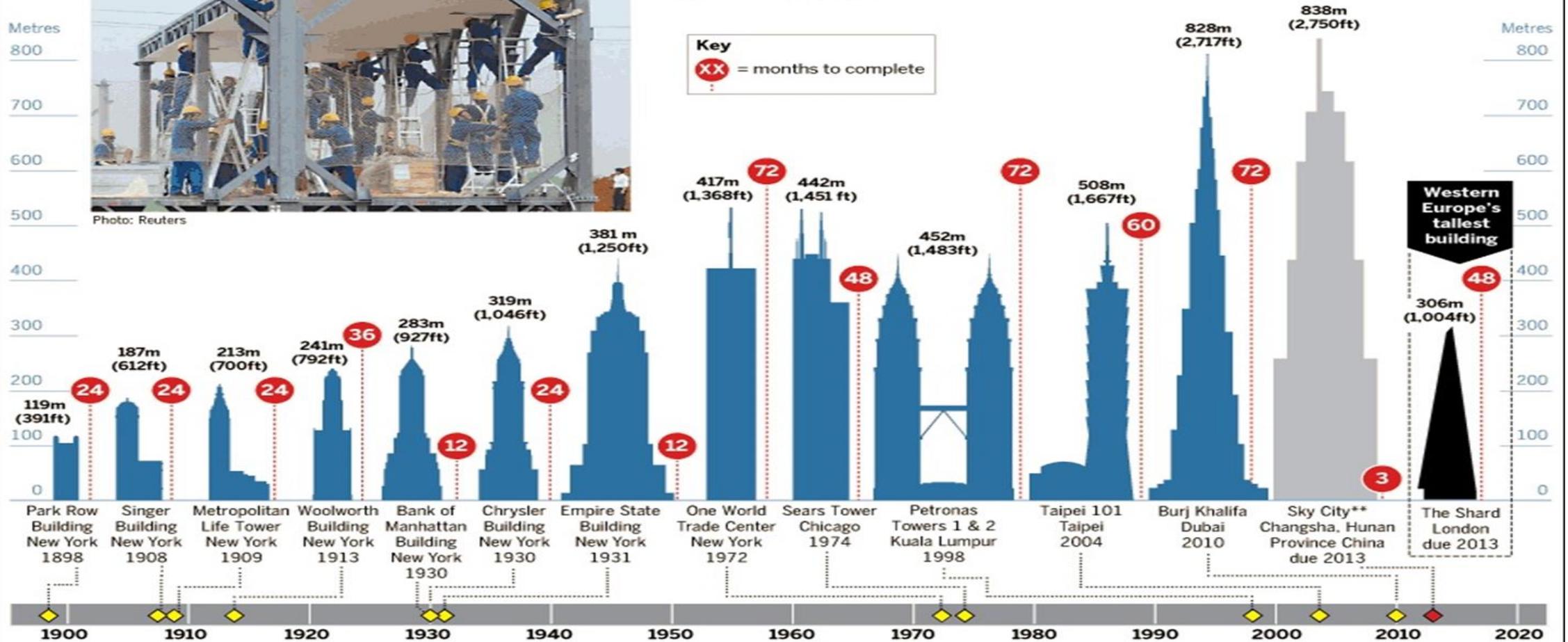
Height to architectural top as defined by the CTBUH\*



Photo: Reuters

◀ An example of streamlined construction being pioneered by China's Broad Group using prefabricated units that are slotted together like building blocks

**Key**  
 XX = months to complete



Sources: Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH); company: FT research

\* Height to top of building, including spires, but not including antennae, signage, flag poles etc \*\* Company estimate FT Graphic

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## THE FOUNDATION

The Burj Dubai, which weighs about 500,000 tonnes, will rest on a 3.7m-thick triangular frame foundation, supported by rounded steel piles measuring 1.5m in diameter and extending 50m below the ground.

