

The Book of Genesis 1

1. Hebrew Biblical Literature in General
 - a. Torah vs. Old Testament
 - b. The end of the Kingdom of Judah 2 Kings 24
 - c. The aftermath of 587 BC
 - i. Why did all of this happen to us?
 - ii. How shall we know the Will of God without a temple?
2. Modern Times
 - a. The Homeric Problem: Iliad and Odyssey, one or two authors or many?
 - b. The German form scholars
 - i. Form Criticism, Redaction, Demythologizing
 - ii. Ancient Sumerian stories: Gilgamesh, Baal Cycle
 - iii. The Problem with Moses
 - iv. J,E,P,D: Yahwhist, Eloist, Priests and Deuteronomy
 1. 2 Kings 22 the discovery of ancient manuscripts
3. Genesis: the first creation story 1:1 to 2:3
 - a. Creation is progressive: God is not in a hurry (this can be difficult!)
 - b. evening and morning the first day: the day begins at sunset
 - c. v.2 spirit n the face of the waters: ruach, pneuma
 - d. v. 6 firmament: the sky here thought to be a wall or a shell day 2
 - e. day 3, separating of the waters and creation of vegetation
 - f. day 4, creation of the stars and sun
 - g. 5th day: creatures: God commands the earth to produce stuff
 - h. 6th day: the animals
 - i. V 27: man in His own image, male and female
 - j. The world in then place in man's care: no fertility or storm gods
 - k. 2:1 God rests - and so should we
 1. This is the J source: contrast with 2:4 "the Lord God "Elohist")
4. The second creation
 - a. Here man is created first: note the breath; late the plants
 - b. Man is made the caretaker, not the ruler – note from the dust (ash)
 - c. Four great rivers, Tigris Euphrates Nile (Gihon) Pishon Ganges?)

- d. V. 16 tree of Knowledge
- e. E creation of the woman: again – one flesh
- f. Naming the animals