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Although modern exegesis differs significantly from a Thomistic approach, it should not be omitted in a consideration of how to understand the creation narratives. One of the characteristics of modern biblical exegesis is a strong interest in ferreting out original sources. For instance, can we discern the hands of different authors in the Pentateuch? Or do creation accounts in the Bible borrow from older pagan creation myths? One might be concerned that, by establishing that the biblical creation accounts are influenced by older pagan stories, one undermines biblical inspiration. That is, if the Bible has pagan sources, then it would seem that the text is not original and revealed by God, but cut and pasted from older manmade myths. However, divine inspiration should not be equated with discontinuous originality. Before God chose his people Israel, making a covenant with Abraham, they were naturally like their neighbors. In revealing himself to his people, God not only gave them an entirely new revelation but also corrected and purified prevailing notions about himself and the universe that the people already had. Moreover we should not be startled that pagan peoples could make some right judgments about God and the world in their religious poetry. After all, as St. Thomas Aquinas teaches, one can know by reason alone that God exists and is the cause of all creatures. Furthermore if the faith is true, then it has nothing to fear from any scientific discovery—be it biological, astronomical, archeological, paleological, or philological. For, God is the one source of all truth, whether revealed or discovered by reason. Therefore, if similar stories or the same names that we read in the Scriptures are discovered in more ancient pagan literature, there is no cause for concern. Admittedly some modern scholarly approaches to the Bible adopt a hermeneutic of suspicion. That is, they presuppose that the believing author or ecclesial redactor plays with the facts in order to bend our minds to his disingenuous religious agenda. The task of the interpreter then is to break through the layer of propaganda by getting behind the text so as to extract the pure facts. Yet even where investigation is contaminated with this hostile skepticism, the correct results of historical research into ancient cultures should be accepted. In this essay, we will briefly review a number of themes present in biblical creation accounts that modern Scripture scholarship finds in older pagan sources, namely: From the examples presented, the reader will be able to judge for himself how close the connections are between the Bible and the more ancient myths. Scholars have established that thousands of years before the nation of Israel was constituted, the peoples in that region already had a personal creator god in their mythology. What is unique about the Old Testament is that God is categorically outside of creation; he is uncreated. Other creation accounts include gods within creation, even if they are the highest or most powerful in the universe. To situate the chronology, we should note here that the great Babylonian epics like the Gilgamesh story c. At an even later stage, praise is offered to the creator god. Modern biblical scholars observe vestiges of the more ancient origin stories in the Bible. For instance in Gen 1: The presence of the idea of creating through the utterance of a word has been documented in ancient pagan myths. In Egyptian literature we even encounter the accompanying approval of the result: Thus was Ptah satisfied, after he had made all things and every divine utterance. For example, we find the Lord doing battle with and conquering dragons, serpents, sea monsters, and watery chaos in: Thou didst crush the heads of Leviathan, thou didst give him as food for the creatures of the wilderness. Babylonian, Canaanite, and Egyptian influences are also detected. In Babylonian myths, the struggle against chaos, already a theme in older Sumerian myths, became a central point in the creation story. Another theological purification of the Enuma Elish that Genesis offers is that man does not come from an evil seed, i. In conclusion, while Israel shares similar themes in its religious poetry with its pagan neighbors—a fact we need not fear—there is a definitive new revelation that works as a corrective in all these narratives. Through some of these same ancient images, the sacred Scriptures teach

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anew that there is only one God, uncreated and omnipotent, the only source of all things, who has bestowed on man the great dignity of being made in the image of the Almighty. John Baptist Ku, O.

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Chapter 2 : Legenda aurea | Open Library

[An extract, comprised of the stories of the Bible: Adam-Judith] Microform in English , per Claudium Davott expensis Jacobi Huguetan.

Linkedin In Joseph Smith, Jr. It all began on July 3 when Michael Chandler brought his traveling exhibit of Egyptian mummies and papyri to the small Mormon community of Kirtland, Ohio. After examining the artifacts, Smith announced to his followers that the papyri contained the long-lost writings of Old Testament prophets Abraham and Joseph. They were preserved under glass and handled with great respect. Here we have the earliest account of the Creation, from which Moses composed the first Book of Genesis. While this new record followed the creation story, it varied in significant ways from that of Genesis. Writing in Dr. Sperry, of Brigham Young University, boasted of the importance of the find: The Book of Abraham will some day be reckoned as one of the most remarkable documents in existence—the author or editors of the book we call Genesis lived after the events recorded therein took place. Our text of Genesis can therefore not be dated earlier than the latest event mentioned by it. It is evident that the writings of Abraham—must of necessity be older than the original text of Genesis. I say this in passing because some of our brethren have exhibited surprise when told that the text of the Book of Abraham is older than that of Genesis. The most well known of these is the Book of Mormon, whose main storyline deals with an ancient group of Israelites who migrated to the Americas about BC. The Smith family retained possession of the Egyptian material, however, which later changed hands and over the course of years the papyri dropped from public view. During this time the study of Egyptian hieroglyphs was in its infancy, which no doubt left Joseph Smith feeling free to offer his interpretation of the papyri without challenge. Joseph Smith first developed his Egyptian Alphabet and Grammar using various hieroglyphs from the papyri and then composed an English explanation. The Book of Abraham was next printed in England in as part of a booklet, the Pearl of Great Price, which was later canonized in Included in the Book of Abraham were three illustrations taken from the papyri, labeled Facsimile No. Below are the three scenes with a brief explanation. The Mormon copy is similar to a number of other such objects in various Egyptian collections around the world. Even though the papyri were no longer known to be in existence, the printed facsimiles from the Book of Abraham could still be scrutinized. They were submitted to the French Egyptologist M. Theodule Deveria, who not only accused Joseph Smith of making a false translation but also of altering the scenes shown in the facsimiles. The growing body of knowledge on Egyptology led Rev. These statements were published in under the title Joseph Smith Jr. The ten rooms of the Egyptian collection yielded proof in such abundance that any layman, even in Egyptology, can take the drawings as published in the sacred Mormon record and reproduced on this page of THE TIMES, and find dozens of duplicates of certain figures in them on the walls of the Museum and in its cases of Egyptian objects. Noted scholar Samuel A. Joseph Smith has been shown by an eminently competent jury of scholars to have failed completely in his attempt or pretense to interpret and translate Egyptian figures and hieroglyphics. Spalding was outdated, so in he decided to ask various scholars for their assessment. He sent copies of the Book of Abraham facsimiles to Richard A. Parker, of the Department of Egyptology at Brown University, and requested his opinion of the photos. In the Ten Commandments God specifically stated that He had delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt and that they were to reject all pagan deities, specifically stating that no one was to make any image or likeness of God Exod. Today the Book of Abraham contains the same claim of being an authentic translation of the papyri as was originally published in the Times and Seasons: A translation of some ancient records, that have fallen into our hands from the catacombs of Egypt. Some of these were later sold to the Chicago museum, which burned to the ground in the great Chicago fire of Thus it was assumed that the papyrus designated as the Book of Abraham had been destroyed. These fifty-one verses are composed of more than two thousand English words! A Journal of Mormon Thought: After his two arms are fast ened to his breast, one wraps the Book of Breathings, which is 4. If this book be recited for him,

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then 7. He will breath like the soul s of the gods for ever and 8. Some also propose that Smith used the drawings from the papyri only to illustrate his revelation, not that they originally were drawn to illustrate a composition by Abraham. Smith seems to have assumed that the Chaldeans in the region of Iraq shared the same religion as the Egyptians, with their priests answerable to Pharaoh. The chapter goes on to describe the founding of Egypt by Egyptus, a daughter of Ham. Since , when the Church finally gave blacks the priesthood, this verse has been ignored. This has been interpreted as meaning celestial temple marriage. This contradicts Genesis One assumes that Smith redirected this story to justify himself to the Church leaders for his lying to his wife and the public about his secret polygamy. If God could tell Abraham to lie, why not Smith? Chapters 4 and 5 of the Book of Abraham seem to be a rewrite of the Genesis creation story with the addition of multiple gods involved in the process. Let there be light; and there was light. However, by the s he had begun to teach a plurality of gods, completely ignoring the biblical doctrine of one eternal, unchanging God and even contradicting his earlier writings. Therefore, the only course for the Christian is to reject both Joseph Smith and his scripture. Deseret Book, , Historical Accounts by Contemporary Observers, ed. Knopf, , â€” A Journal of Mormon Thought, 3, 2 Summer Spalding, Joseph Smith Jr. The Arrow Press, , Deseret News Press, , , , , , Then in T. A Journal of Mormon Thought 2, 4 Winter A Journal of Mormon Thought, 2, 4 Winter See Jerald and Sandra Tanner, Mormonism: Utah Lighthouse Ministry, , A Journal of Mormon Thought Summer Macmillan Publishing, , â€” Macmillan Publishing, , See Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, comp. Deseret Book, , â€”47, â€” For his earlier teaching on God, see Book of Mormon, 2 Nephi Christian Research Institute Our Mission: To provide Christians worldwide with carefully researched information and well-reasoned answers that encourage them in their faith and equip them to intelligently represent it to people influenced by ideas and teachings that assault or undermine orthodox, biblical Christianity. Do you like what you are seeing? Your partnership is essential.

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Chapter 3 : Pearl of Great Price (Mormonism) - Wikipedia

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Archaeology and the Book of Mormon Since the introduction of the Book of Mormon in , both Mormon and non-Mormon archaeologists have studied its claims in reference to known archaeological evidence. Latter Day Saints generally believe that the Book of Mormon describes historical events; however, the existence of the civilizations and people described in the Book of Mormon is not accepted by mainstream historians or archaeologists. Evangelical lecturer and journalist Richard Abanes and author David Persuitte argue that aspects of the Book of Mormon narrative such as the existence of horses, steel, and chariots in pre-Columbian America are not supported by mainstream archaeology. Ash , of FAIR , counters that obtaining archaeological evidence to prove or disprove specific ancient events is difficult. Sorenson does not dispute that other peoples may have been present in the Americas concurrent with Book of Mormon peoples see limited geography model. Genetics and the Book of Mormon A traditional Mormon hypothesis of the origin of Native Americans is that they are descended solely from Hebrews in Jerusalem. Murphy , and ex-Mormon molecular biologist Simon Southerton argue that this hypothesis is inconsistent with recent genetic findings, [26] [27] [28] which show the genetic origins of Native Americans to be in Central Asia , possibly near the Altay Mountains. FARMS counters that testing and drawing generalizations from this hypothesis alone is an overly simplistic approach, and that the resulting conclusions would not stand up under peer review. McClellan concludes it is not probable that "the genetic signature of a small migrating family from 2, years ago" can be recovered. Criticism of the Book of Abraham Facsimile No. Note the lacuna , or missing portions of the vignette. The Book of Abraham differs from the other Mormon sacred texts in that some of the original source material has been examined by independent experts. The papyri were lost for many years, but in the late s, portions of the papyri were discovered. The extant papyri, as well as the facsimiles preserved by Smith in the Pearl of Great Price, have been translated by modern Egyptologists, and have been conclusively shown to be common Egyptian funerary documents unrelated to the content of the Book of Abraham. Rhodes and John Gee came to the same conclusion, but argue that Smith may have been using the papyri as inspiration. A Full and Complete History of the Mormons in Breasted, of the University of Chicago noted: Flinders Petrie of London University wrote: Sayce, Oxford professor of Egyptology: Smith has turned the goddess [Isis in Facsimile No. Doctrine and Covenants Unlike the other Mormon scriptures, the Doctrine and Covenants does not purport to be an ancient manuscript, but is instead composed of revelations received by modern prophets and other documents of instruction to church members. There has been criticism of apparent revision, omission and addition of material in it. In , Sections from the edition and subsequent printings was removed. Section was a "Statement on Marriage" as adopted by a conference of the church, [48] [49] and contained the following text: In , the LDS Church removed the " Lectures on Faith " portion of the book, with an explanation that the Lectures "were never presented to nor accepted by the Church as being otherwise than theological lectures or lessons". Until , editions of the book used code names for certain people and places in those sections that dealt with the United Order. The LDS edition replaced these with the real names, relegating the code names to footnotes. The Community of Christ edition still uses the code names. Some of the material in the Doctrine and Covenants relates to the production of the Book of Mormon, for which see above. However, it has not canonized the Joseph Smith Translation of the Bible in its entirety. Several critics [52] and linguists [52] have noted areas where the translation appears to have been faulty. The entire translation is, however, used by the Community of Christ.

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Chapter 4 : Summary of New Testament Bible Books | Owlcation

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What follows is a summary of the New Testament books and their genres. Matthew The Book of Matthew is of the gospel genre. Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus. The Magi asks King Herod of the newborn king. King Herod orders all babies two and under in Bethlehem and vicinity to be killed. This fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah Jesus escaped to Egypt. Later after returning to Nazareth, Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus called on his disciples and began preaching about the kingdom of heaven. Jesus came to fulfill the Law, not abolish it. He reiterates the Law. In His preaching, Jesus heals many. Jesus uses parables to teach the Gospel. During His teachings, He is questioned by authority. Mark The Book of Mark is of the gospel genre. Mark begins with two quotes from the Old Testament regarding the coming of Jesus: Mark tells the story of Jesus being baptized by John. After the baptism, Jesus is sent to the desert for 40 days and was tempted at that time by Satan. Then Jesus proclaimed the gospel. He started calling on his disciples; first he called Simon and Andrew, and then He called on James and John to follow and learn from Him. Jesus healed many people. As Jesus teaches the gospel, crowds follow Him. He appoints the twelve disciples. Jesus uses many parables to teach the gospel. Jesus predicts He will be killed, and then rise three days later. In chapter nine, Mark tells of the transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus prays at Gethsemane. Jesus is arrested and taken before the Sanhedrin. There Peter denies Jesus, just as predicted. Jesus is taken before Pilate. Jesus is made to carry His cross to the site of his crucifixion after He has been beaten. Jesus dies, is buried, and then resurrected. Luke The Book of Luke is of the gospel genre. After a small introduction, Luke tells the story of how Zechariah was told of the birth of John the Baptist by the angel, Gabriel. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus and that He was presented in the Temple on the eighth day after His birth. John the Baptist is already preparing the way of the gospel. When Jesus was about thirty years old, He was baptized by John. The people of Nazareth drove Jesus out of town. Jesus heals many and calls for His first disciples. Jesus teaches many people the gospel. In His teachings He uses parables and healings. Jesus feeds five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus warns His disciples, especially Peter, not to tell the people that He is the Christ. Peter, John, and James went with Jesus up onto a mountain. Jesus gives many warnings and encouragements. Jesus prays on the Mount of Olives and then is arrested. Peter does indeed deny Jesus three times. Jesus is taken before Pilate and Herod. Jesus is crucified, dies, is buried, and is then resurrected. Jesus appears to His disciples and then ascends to heaven. John The Book of John is of the gospel genre. John opens with a description of the Word becoming flesh. John the Baptist denies being the Christ. John the Baptist declares it is Jesus who is the Lamb of God. Jesus calls on His first disciples. John describes Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding. Jesus teaches the kingdom of God to Nicodemus. John the Baptist gives testimony about Jesus. Jesus has a conversation with a Samaritan woman. John tells the story of Jesus healing many people and feeding the five thousand. John tells of when Jesus walks on water. Jesus went to the Feast of Tabernacles and taught there. There was discussion about Jesus as the Christ. The Jewish leaders did not believe that He was the Christ. Jesus tried to validate His testimony to the Pharisees. Lazarus dies and then is brought back to life by Jesus. Jesus predicts His Death. The Jews continue in their disbelief. Jesus tells Thomas that He is the way to the Father. Jesus prays for Himself, His disciples, and for all believers. Jesus is arrested and taken to Annas. Jesus is taken to before Pilate. Pilate sentenced Jesus to be crucified. Jesus is crucified, dies and then is buried. John tells of the empty tomb. Jesus first appears to Mary Magdalene and then to His disciples. Jesus has breakfast of fish and bread with His disciples. Acts The Book of Acts is of both the narrative and gospel genres. Through prayer, Matthias was chosen to replace Judas as a disciple. The day of the Pentecost, the Holy Spirit filled the apostles. Peter addresses the crowd, and they devoted themselves to the teachings of the

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apostles. Peter heals a crippled beggar and then speaks to the onlookers regarding the God of Abraham. While speaking, Peter and John were arrested for their disturbance. The next day, Peter and John went before the Sanhedrin. They were warned not to keep teaching, but then they are released. They go back to their own people who then pray and share their possessions, so no one is in need. The apostles heal many people, but are persecuted by others. The apostles chose seven men to help mediate among the Jews. One of the seven, Stephen, was seized and brought before the Sanhedrin. Stephen spoke out against them and was stoned to death; all the while Stephen prayed. Beginning that day, the church was persecuted, causing the church to scatter. Peter started teaching to the Gentiles after the Jews refused to listen to him. King Herod arrested Peter, but Peter was able to escape. There are many chapters on the different locations the apostles traveled to and preached. The book ends with Paul preaching in Rome while being held by guards. Romans The Book of Romans is of the epistle genre. Paul states that Abraham was blessed because of his faith in God. Paul explains death came because of Adam, and eternal life comes through Jesus Christ. Paul explains that righteousness does not come by works, but by faith.

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Chapter 5 : Modern Biblical Exegesis of the Creation Accounts | Thomistic Evolution

3 Bible Stories That Will Encourage You To Worship. Worship is more than a song, a prayer and raising your hands. Worship is much deeper. Worship is a response.

By Ken Silva pastor-teacher on Jun 10, in Current Issues , Features The following is originally published by Herescope and is republished here with permission: In the Front Matter, it is stated: As Jehovah judged His chosen nation in the ancient world for their iniquitous ways Israel and Judah , so God has begun to pour out His wrath upon His chosen nation in the modern world the United States. Like Jeremiah did to his scribe Baruch, the prophet instructs Noriel to transcribe the story for others to read Jeremiah Arrogantly and defiantly, the nation asserts: On different occasions all of them said: In other words, if there is no national repentance, more bricks will fall. They preferred to hear pleasant messages. If news reports give any indication, it is no secret that in midst of spiritual apostasy, America and the world are heading for economic bankruptcy, social anarchy and political tyranny at breakneck speed. Seemingly, Christians are oblivious to the coming oblivion. One passage is telling. And as with ancient Israel, they saw it in covenant with God. But for a number of reasons, biblical and theological, I believe such an identification to be mistaken. First, God chose Israel. To that ancient people the Lord said: Even though down through their history Israel has broken covenant with the Lord, the Lord has not irretrievably broken covenant with Israel 1 Samuel Though in his story Cahn does not embrace replacement theology per se that in the divine outworking of history, the church has wholly replaced Israel , he believes that as far as the modern world goes, America has replaced Israel. To this reviewer, and acknowledging that the Lord is sovereign over all nations Psalm 2: TH, Peter told the earliest Christians: Thinking that identifies America as the new Israel resembles Note: Current Events as a Prophetic Template A current events template should not be forced upon biblical prophecy. Tim LaHaye has revised the time of His return to be sometime during the first half of the 21st Century circa He announced first that that the rapture would happen on May 21, , and then later, with the passing of that date, revised his prediction to October 21, As Jesus tells us, this whole age is pregnant with signs of His return i. National or ecclesiastical pride and confidence can be especially hubristic, and as wisdom cautions: But I do not see that in some mysterious way, nine harbingers of divine judgment upon America lay embedded in Isaiah 9: Does this look familiar? At the Exodus, the Lord told Israel: The sovereign hand which delivers can also destroy. Again, in warning Judah not to make an entangling alliance with Egypt, the prophet announces: It is characteristic of woe sayings that the bad consequences come intrinsically with the foolishness, that is, without any intervening, punishing agent. In the outworking of life, a culture or society gets worse because sinners make it worse. God has not mismanaged our economy. In our overspending and materialistic indulgence, we have. God gave them up. God gave them over. Reaping is embedded in sowing. Yet, despite all the trouble the church and America is in, God still offers the promise that if the people repent and reform their way of life together according to His righteousness, He will, like Nineveh at the preaching of Jonah Cahn points this out , bring about a spirit of moral, social, economical and political renewal in this nation Jonah 3: Yet, this too was an ingredient which explains why divine judgment loomed over Israel. The influence of these prophets was pervasive, and at the time the bricks fell their message had saturated the nation, even to the extent of affecting the spiritual well-being of young men, widows and orphans Isaiah 9: On this point, the parallel between ancient Israel and modern America can be noted. Equal to the financial bankruptcy our American economy faces false profits , is the spiritual bankruptcy this nation faces for reason of the proliferation of false teachings false prophets. Even though Jesus Matthew Conclusion In closing, we should know that we can most easily be deceived in matters that relate to biblical prophecy. This prophetic picture presents the nations to be perpetually plotting against any divine takeover of the world by the true Messiah. In a final act of desperation, the nations will choose their leader, and He will not be King Jesus 2 Thessalonians 2: And in this Psalm, America, like every other nation, ancient or modern, stands indicted. All the nations of the world are united

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about one political agenda: And the United States stands implicated in this rebellion. This is what the Psalm pictures. To this point, Keith L. Brooks , whose Bible study books still remain a blessing to thousands of believers, observed that, The United States, let it be remembered, is a composite of all the nations of the Roman Empire, and all others beside. The evil blood, the wickedness, the false religion and philosophy, and all the principles contrary to truth and righteousness developed among other peoples have been brought into America to mingle with civilization. As the Old World is fast ripening for judgment, so is the New World. Time travel could hypothetically involve moving backward in time to a moment earlier than the starting point, or forward to the future of that point. The question is not whether revelations will fail, but only when. Did revelations stop when the Scriptures were completed or the early church matured that is, quit speaking like a baby , or will revelations continue to be given to Christians until Jesus comes? As for me, I choose to deal with the issue of additional revelations i. If the new revelations repeat the Scriptures, they are unnecessary. If new revelations contradict the Scriptures, they are heresy. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Zondervan Publishing House, He wanted them to concentrate on their mission in the world. This he does despite the fact that two-thirds of the Bible is prophecy! Taken from the biblical prophets, this DVD contains an excellent survey of the worldwide trends of the last days featuring Jacob answering questions posed by a skeptical interviewer. But these words were spoken to Israel, not to America. That is where the interpretation lies. Then the Lord may be inclined to heal the church and perhaps through the church, our nation. But like other Dominionists, Cahn applies this verse to America. Bethany House Publishers, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. We tremble before God as we humbly ask Him for forgiveness for making that sinful statement. The Search for Meaning, by Walter C. Trinity Press International, The question is not what we might think about what the text might say, but rather what does the language of it state? Westminster John Knox Press, Thus, God spared the terrorist Assyrians from destruction for reason of their repentance and for the time being, spared Israel. Do we believe the Gospel possesses the kind of power to convert Muslim extremists and thereby spare America from their terrorism? That is the analogy. Van Kampen Press, Inc. See, for example, [http:](http://) The original is posted here:

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Chapter 6 : The Oldest Biblical Text? - Christian Research Institute

interactive Bible stories for all ages. Perfect for assemblies, church services, messy church, family and children's events. Tell the Bible in an engaging, entertaining way which involves any audience.

Teach me to trust you like Noah, so that no matter how great your judgment on man “even the troubles of the Great Tribulation” may I be ready to offer myself in worship of You. May I never forget Your loving-grace and Your desire to draw near the children You find so dear. Lord, Scripture In Perspective The first thing that Noah did after disembarking from an entire year on the Ark was to build an altar to the Lord. The Lord God then affirmed the cycle of the seasons and what they meant to humankind: If the earth has a limited lifespan, and that lifespan is only known to the Lord God, how should we approach every day? Share Knowing that the Lord God is aware of our inclination toward evil from childhood, and knowing that believers are blessed with the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, how have you been able to leverage His presence against the sin-inclined tendencies of the flesh? How has God shown you His expectations of you through the cycles of the seasons, both on an annual basis and in your entire lifespan? Faith In Action Pray Ask the Holy Spirit to find you a willing partner in becoming more and more of a humble and submitted servant of the Lord God, ready to resist the temptations of the flesh to rebel. Also, ask Him to enlighten your understanding of the best use of the limited cycles of the natural seasons of the year in your walk and of the seasons of your life before your days come to an end. I agree to allow the Holy Spirit to re-order my priorities so that my life reflects an awareness of His priorities for the natural cycles of the seasons and for the whole-life seasons of my time here on earth. I will share that with a fellow believer for their prayerful reflection and perhaps as a motivation for them to do the same. Everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea are under your authority. As I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. From each person I will exact punishment for the life of the individual since the man was his relative. I now confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you 9: Never again will all living things be wiped out by the waters of a flood; never again will a flood destroy the earth. Never again will the waters become a flood and destroy all living things. Please help me to accept that Your knowledge is perfect and Your instructions to humankind are perfect, even if they challenge generally-accepted notions or traditions of humankind. The prior Genesis texts implied a more cooperative and peaceful relationship, and one where all need for food had been met and skins for clothing were unnecessary. The Lord instructed man to care for the creatures He had created in Gen. Abel brought animals for sacrifice in Gen. It has been suggested that modern efforts to live a purely vegetarian lifestyle has proved unhealthy for many due to the inability of their bodies to extract all of the necessary nutrients from only non-meat sources. Another symptom of the Fall. The health element of his preparation instructions for meat was so that they cooked meat and thereby reduced illness from bacteria. The Lord God declared human life valuable and forbade murder. The Lord reminded humankind that all were related to one-another, especially so for the generations immediately following the Great Flood. He also reminded them that the life of humankind has value because we are made in His [partial] image and even in our Fallen-away state we continue to bear elements of His image to this day. He now allowed humankind to eat meat rather than be vegetarians. The meat broadened their sources of nutrition but it also created a new tension between humankind and the animals. The Lord God declared that life must be valued and that murder was wrong. This was, historically, well-prior to His giving to Moses the Ten Commandments. Discuss How does being reminded that humankind was made in the image of the Lord God impact the way that you think of life? God had intentionally cleansed the gene pool of humankind with the Great Flood, given the length of time and the added imperfections in the genetic code since would it be possible today to select one couple, three sons, and three daughters from other families and repopulate the earth without terrible deformities? Reflect The population and resource-challenged humankind now needed other creatures for food and clothing, sacrifice and work “despite their closeness on the Ark they were now competing for resources and

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humankind had the upper hand. There were many side-effects from the Fall, one of them was that the human body became less and less perfect over time; this was illustrated in the continually-shortened lifespans of humankind. Act Share this verse with a fellow believer and ask them to share for what purpose they believe the Lord God has blessed them. Now Ham was the father of Canaan. The lowest of slaves he will be to his brothers. May Canaan be the slave of Shem! May he live in the tents of Shem and may Canaan be his slave! The Table of Nations Sons were born to them after the flood. The sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan. Eventually the families of the Canaanites were scattered All these were sons of Joktan. Prayer Lord, write on my heart the lessons of respect for others You have illustrated in Your Word, the consequences of disrespect upon oneself and others, and the blessing that respect for others may bring. Thank you that You are not a God of mystery in all things. When you tell Your story You include everything we need to know and then You help us to understand why You included what You included. The older brothers took the robe and respectfully looked away as they covered their father. Noah was years old before the Flood and lived another years afterwards before he died. They also include references for further study. It is worth noting that the text mentions a grandson of Shem and a son of Aram, named Uz. It was from the land of Uz that Abram was called by God. There is nothing in the Word of God that is there without a specific purpose. Discuss When you observe the disciplined respect for the Lord God, passed down from generation to generation, do you also notice that the predisposition toward rebellion against the Lordship of God was also passed on? Reflect All three brothers knew the expectations of the Lord God for their treatment of their father yet Ham chose to be disrespectful; we also get to make choices - do we stoop to immaturity with Ham or stand respectful before the Lord with Shem and Japheth? Is not the Lord merciful from generation to generation? He is not troubled by our local diversity, His concern is that we share Him in common. Share When have you been tempted to disrespect or to shame a parent or other authority figure? What did you choose to do and what was the consequence? Ask Him to press into you the same comfort with diversity of color and of language, culture, and geography that He has for all who call Him Lord. Act I agree to review my daily life for any patterns of disrespect or shaming toward parents or legitimate authority figures and to prayerfully submit to the Holy Spirit as He helps me to change my attitude and conduct. I will celebrate His blessing where He has already done so and will share that praise report with a fellow believer and will make myself available to His liberating work if He is about to enter-into my family or community. I agree to partner with the Holy Spirit, and a prayerful fellow Christian, to search out any place in me where I may hold a bias against a fellow Christian because of differences that the Lord God has demonstrated are unimportant. I will then commit to intentionally purge those wrong thoughts. Otherwise we will be scattered across the face of the entire earth. Prayer Lord, how quickly after Your demonstrations of mercy and of power did humankind forget Who You are and drift again into arrogant rebellion. Thank You for the record of this cycle in Your Word which stands as a reminder to us. Scripture In Perspective While the end of Chapter 10 spoke of different languages this text refers to a common language and a common vocabulary. It is reasonable to read the difference as Chapter 10 intending to communicate differing dialects rather than entirely different languages " which makes good sense given the relatively brief time from the eight people on the Ark and the time of this text. However, if one looks more closely at Chapter 10 one discovers that it was not all of the people on earth who are being spoken of here but one stream of descendants; it was Nimrod, son of Cush and grandson of the rebellious Ham - son of Noah - who settled in Shinar. In His mercy, rather than destroying the city and the people together with their tower, the Lord God confused their language " fragmenting their sense of cohesion and complicating their communications " so that they gave up and dispersed. One of the sub-groups later went on to build the city of Ninevah. We see this with Ham, just as the Lord God had caused Noah to prophesy. Discuss Why is it that humankind is so fond of building cathedrals, cities, and towers, most of which are designed to serve as great monuments to man and not to God? Reflect God could have wiped-out Shinar, but in His mercy He chose instead to make it so difficult for them that they gave up, preserving an opportunity for some of the people to escape their evil culture and leaders and perhaps choose obedience to their Lord. Share When have

you rebelled against the Lord God and He found it necessary to make things so difficult that you turned-away from your rebellion? It could have been the temptation to commit adultery, to cheat, to lie, to steal, etc. You may not have stopped right away but the consequences may have become more than you were willing to bear. It is not unusual that soon after being saved, within the first year, the Enemy brings temptation in ones weakest areas – the same as he did to the generations soon after the Flood. Faith In Action Pray Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you something that you need to deal with, that is an act of rebellion against the Lord, however small. Act I agree to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, and to engage a prayer-partner, as I identify and deal with a place of rebellion in my life - rather than waiting for the Lord God to take sterner measures to separate me from my sin. Shem was old when he became the father of Arphaxad, two years after the flood. The Record of Terah Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. When they came to Haran, they settled there. Prayer Lord, while You allowed sin to have its way with the bodies – the very lifespan – of humankind Your hand is clear as it guided the sovereign thread of Your perfect plan amidst the chaos and confusion of Fallen Creation. Scripture In Perspective The genealogy of the descendants of Shem is remarkable as it demonstrates the rapidly declining life-span of humankind as one evidence of the destructive impact of the Fall; due, of course, to multiple variables. Seven generations later the genealogy of Terah recorded some better known names, those of Abram, Lot, and Sarai, and regions – those of Ur of the Chaldeans and of Caanan. Interact With The Text Consider Using the version of still-evolving English language that was available to them in the Elizabethian-era older versions of the New Testament rendered the text of Romans 6: How often might they have pleaded to the Lord to give them a child? Compare this to the New Testament where His emphasis is on salvific-reproduction rather than biological. Reflect The Lord God provided a clear map of the genealogy of Abram and his shared need, together with his wife Sarai, so clearly He was preparing the reader for the story to follow. How did that impact your relationship with the Lord? Faith In Action Pray Ask the Holy Spirit to amplify His presence as you seek awareness of current and past occasions where He was teaching you dependence and patience upon the Lord God. Careful attention has been given to cite that source where it has been quoted directly or closely paraphrased. Feedback is encouraged where credit has not been sufficiently assigned. When NET text is quoted in commentary and discussion all pronouns referring to God are capitalized, though they are lower-case in the original NET text.

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Concerning the Story of the Adulteress in the Eighth Chapter of John. Biblical scholars are nearly all agreed that the Story of the Adulteress (also known as the Pericope Adulterae or the Pericope de Adultera) usually printed in Bibles as John is a later addition to the Gospel.

He was created "in the image" of God Himself. God planted a beautiful garden, the Garden of Eden. It had beautiful trees with delicious fruit - everything a person would need to eat. Right in the middle of the garden were the "tree of life" and the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die. Adam named her "Eve. Of all the animals God created, the serpent was the most tricky and deceitful. He came to Eve and asked, "Really? None of the fruit in the garden? God says you must not eat any of it? God knows very well that when you eat it you will become like Him - you will know good from evil! She thought the fruit would make her wise like the serpent said it would. She picked the fruit and ate it, and she gave some to Adam to eat, too. The fruit did not make Adam and Eve very wise, but they did realize for the first time that they were not wearing any clothes! They were embarrassed and made themselves skirts of fig leaves. Adam and Eve were ashamed of what they had done and afraid to face God, so they hid in the trees. But God knew they had eaten the forbidden fruit. Adam tried to put the blame on Eve, and Eve tried to put the blame on the serpent, but God was angry with all three of them! God punished the serpent by cursing his kind. They would forever have to crawl on their bellies in the dust and be enemies of mankind. God punished Adam and Eve, and all their descendants, by making their lives hard. No longer could they live in the perfect world of the Garden of Eden. Men would have to struggle and sweat for their existence. Women would have to bear children in pain and be ruled over by their husbands. Adam and Eve were thrown out of the beautiful Garden of Eden forever. Lessons This is more than a story about the first man and woman; it is a story about all of us. Adam and Eve thought they would get pleasure and wisdom from eating the forbidden fruit, but they got neither. Their lives were ruined because of their sin. We may know right from wrong, but sometimes, like Adam and Eve, we give in to temptation and convince ourselves that doing wrong is actually a good thing. Also, like Adam and Eve, we often find that doing wrong gets us into trouble and has other bad results. Questions Was the Forbidden Fruit an Apple? The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is often pictured as an apple, but the Bible never says what it was. Was the Serpent the Devil or Satan in Disguise? Many people think the serpent was Satan or one of his agents. Where Was the Garden of Eden? The Bible story mentions the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which means Eden was in the region of modern Iraq. It is impossible to determine the exact location, however. Many people believe Eden was not an actual place but a symbol for the perfect life and closeness to God that mankind has lost because of sin.

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Gilgamesh right and Enkidu offending the gods by slaying the Bull of Heaven. The Epic of Gilgamesh Over a thousand years before the Old Testament and the Odyssey, an unknown author composed the first enduring story in the history of mankind. The Epic of Gilgamesh was written on clay tablets in the cuneiform writing style of ancient Sumer modern Iraq over four thousand years ago. Two parts god and one part man, Gilgamesh is thought to have ruled over the city-state of Uruk around B. His story is a mixed journey of perilous endeavors and acquired wisdom, but it also includes a number of familiar myths such as the Great Flood and the original Noah. Primarily, the epic is a window into the desires and troubles that immersed the thoughts of a semi-divine Sumerian king. The history of the written word The oldest works of writing were not tales of great kings, nor were they mythological stories about the gods. During the Neolithic age of mankind 12, to 5, years ago , agriculture allowed our species to transition from hunter-gatherers to settled farmers. Temples dedicated to the gods doubled as centres of commerce and prosperity, where the surrounding land was allotted to prestigious farmers. As these settlements grew into towns and cities it became increasingly difficult for temple managers to remember the division of land and wealth. Writing developed as a means to keep records, reducing the growing number of disputes between wealthy individuals. The first literate humans were accountants! A fragment of a clay tablet depicting the story of Gilgamesh and the Bull of Heaven. The front cover of the most recent translation of Gilgamesh shows a Persian Winged Bull. The discovery of Gilgamesh The age of writing is a distant descendant of the human imagination, and once poets and bards began to immortalize their work, a literary revolution followed. Verbally recounted stories grew into epic compositions, with each successive generation building on the exploits of the last. The Epic of Gilgamesh began as a collection of poems 4, years ago, and grew into the standard version 1, years later. Archaeologists have managed to piece together this version from 73 different sources that were discovered in Iraq and other Middle Eastern locations over the past years. Many of the cuneiform clay tablets that provide us with the epic were copied by students learning the Sumerian or Akkadian languages. This Penguin Classics version comes with a lengthy introduction describing the history of the Sumerian civilization and the quest to recover the clay tablets from Iraq. It is best to avoid this introduction until after the story as it is quite the spoiler! Furthermore, prior to each chapter is a summary of events. It is best to ignore this completely, as it is not required to understand the text. The Sumerian pantheon may have included as many as deities. Source Pantheon of Sumerian gods The Sumerian religion was a polytheistic faith in the same model as the later Greek and Egyptian religions. It consisted of a supreme triad, with a number of lesser deities. This triad emboldened , and the other gods mentioned in Gilgamesh appear with their Akkadian names in the standard version: Anu " Supreme sky god. Enlil " Presides over the affairs of gods and men from his terrestrial temple. Ea " A clever god who dwells in the ocean below. Mother Goddess " Created humans with Ea. Adad " Violent god of storms. Sin " Moon god, son of Enlil. Ishtar " Goddess of sex and war, with a voracious appetite for both. Erishkigal " Queen of Netherworld. This realization and how it comes about is the nucleus of the story. He learns his place in the great scheme of things, finding wisdom through adversity. The youthful Gilgamesh is a restless, pugnacious, and tyrannical leader. He terrorizes his people by intimidating and challenging the young men of Uruk, and letting no girl go free to her bridegroom. However, rather than winning trophies and prestige; he gains wisdom and sagacity. The people of Uruk complained about the restless Gilgamesh to the god Anu, who restored peace by creating a wild man to be his companion and equal. In another rarity of ancient literature, a harlot is sent to tame him, resulting in quite a graphic sexual encounter. When Enkidu travels to Uruk, he challenges and fights Gilgamesh, spawning a mutual respect and a deep

friendship. What follows are the more traditional deeds of ancient heroes. Together they slay beasts and ogres, and offend the gods before tragedy befalls them. Gilgamesh then begins his quest for the elixir of immortality, wandering the wild with anger and despair in his heart: When the stature of his foes imbues his heart with fear, Enkidu is again on hand to boost morale. Upon reaching his destination, he discloses his original intent to engage his teacher in combat to extract the secret he desires. The wise Uta-Napishti quells his anger and ends his quest with the revelations he imparts. The story of Noah is borrowed from a much older Sumerian creation myth. Source The cuneiform clay tablet holding the story of Uta-Napishti, who survived the Deluge. It was written over a thousand years before the Bible. Uta-Napishti follows their instructions: The gods send a terrible storm that blots out the sky, flooding the world and destroying mankind: And now like fish they fill the ocean! After seven days he lets out a dove, but it finds no place to land and returns. A swallow does the same, while a raven finds carrion bowing and bobbing in the water the dead and does not return. Uta-Napishti also known as Atram-Hasis makes an offering to the gods, who discover him and settle him on a remote island, far from the new generation of men. The similarities between the stories of Uta-Napishti and Noah are too striking to put down to chance, and the differences make the veracity of the Biblical story questionable. The original story must hold greater value than the reproduction. Summary Rather than a tale of religious mythology, the Epic of Gilgamesh is a story of what it means to be human. As such, the aspirations and tribulations endured by the hero Gilgamesh resonate today as they did thousands of years ago. It is quite fitting that the oldest story ever written is also the most salient for our species. There is no greater preoccupation for the human mind than our fear of death, and no more captivating narrative than our quest to overcome it.

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In all, these comprise almost complete or partial versions of 20 of the 27 books in the New Testament. The quest will likely continue for additional sources of the original books of the New Testament.

The New World Translation employs nearly 16, English expressions to translate about 5, biblical Greek terms, and over 27, English expressions to translate about 8, Hebrew terms. The translators state that, where possible in the target language, the New World Translation prefers literal renderings and does not paraphrase the original text. The Hebrew texts, Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia and Biblia Hebraica Quinta , were used for preparing the latest version of this translation. Hort was used as the basis for translating the New Testament into English. Bover and Augustinus Merk Translators are given a list of words and expressions commonly used in the English New World Translation with related English words grouped together e. A list of vernacular equivalents is then composed. A database of Greek and Hebrew terms is available where a translator has difficulty rendering a verse. The vernacular terms are then applied to the text in the target language. Further editing and translation is then performed to produce a final version. The translators use the terms "Hebrew-Aramaic Scriptures" and "Christian Greek Scriptures" rather than "Old Testament" and "New Testament", stating that the use of "testament" was based on a misunderstanding of 2 Corinthians 3: There is also an index listing scriptures by subject. Square brackets [] were added around words that were inserted editorially, but were removed as of the printing. Double brackets were used to indicate text considered doubtful. The pronoun "you" was printed in small capitals i. These features were discontinued in the release. The New World Translation attempts to indicate progressive rather than completed actions, such as "proceeded to rest" at Genesis 2: The release indicates progressive verbs only where considered contextually important. Use of Jehovah[edit] Main article: Jehovah The name Jehovah is a translation of the Tetragrammaton Hebrew: Kahle stated, "We now know that the Greek Bible text as far as it was written by Jews for Jews did not translate the Divine name by Kyrios , but the Tetragrammaton written with Hebrew or Greek letters was retained in such MSS manuscripts. It was the Christians who replaced the Tetragrammaton by Kyrios, when the divine name written in Hebrew letters was not understood any more. Based on this reasoning, the translators "restored the divine name", though it is not present in any extant manuscripts. Editions[edit] The New World Translation is available as a standard edition, and a Reference edition. The reference edition contains the cross references and adds footnotes about translation decisions and additional appendices that provide further detail relating to certain translation decisions and doctrinal views.