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GENESIS Book of Beginnings

Who

Wrote Genesis?

The excessive skepticism of many liberal theologians stems not from a careful evalation of the available data, but from an enormous predisposition against the supernatural.

Millar Burrows

"There was not a scholar who doubted that the Torah was compiled in the period of the Second Temple."

~U. Cassuto

"It is true that differences of opinion with regard to details were not lacking: one exegete declared this source the earlier and another exegete that source; some attributed a given section or verse to one document and some to another; certain scholars divided a section or verse among the sources in one way and others in another way;"

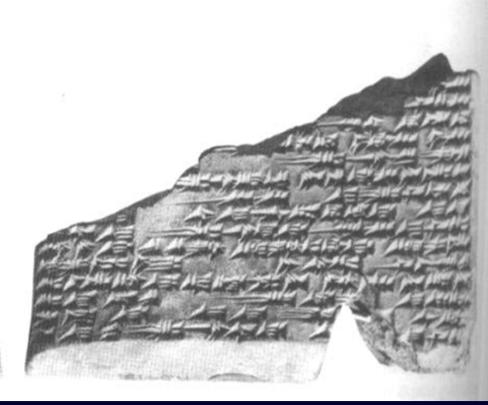
"there were those who broke down the documents themselves into different strata and others who added new sources to those already mentioned, and so forth. Nevertheless even though no two scholars held completely identical views, and though these divergences of opinion betrayed a certain inner weakness in the theory as a whole, yet in regard to the basic principles of the hypothesis almost all the expositors were agreed." ~Cassuto, 6

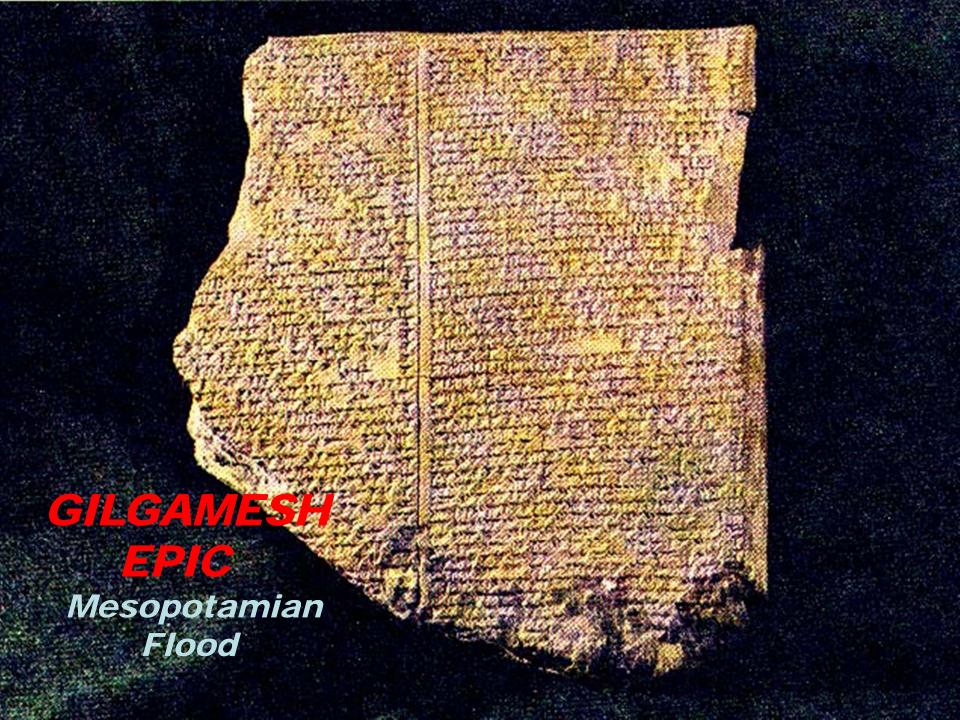
"Nowhere in the Ancient Orient is there anything which is definitely known to parallel the elaborate history of fragmentary composition and conflation of Hebrew literature as the documentary hypotheses would postulate."

"And conversely, any attempt to apply the criteria of the documentary theorists to Ancient Oriental compositions that have known histories but exhibit the same literary phenomena results in manifest absurdities." K. A. Kitchen, AOOT, 115 <u>1 Kings 18:39</u> Now when all the people saw *it,* they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He *is* God! The Lord, He *is* God!"



ENUMA ELISH Mesopotamian Creation





<u>Gen. 15:1</u> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

<u>Gen. 26:24</u> And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you and multiply your descendants for My servant Abraham's sake."

Gen. 28:13 And behold, the Lord stood above it and said: "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.

<u>Gen. 2:5</u> before any plant [*tsiach*] of the field was in the earth and before any herb [etzeb] of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground;

<u>Gen. 3:18</u> Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. "There is no incompatible duplication here at all. Failure to recognize the complementary nature of the subject-distinction between a skeleton outline of all creation on the one hand, and the concentration in detail on man and his immediate environment on the other, borders on obscurantism." ~K. A. Kitchen

Ex. 17:14 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

Ex. 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Ex. 34:27 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel." Num. 33:1 These are the journeys of the children of Israel, who went out of the land of Egypt by their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. Num. 33:2 Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the Lord. And these *are* their journeys according to their starting points: <u>Deut. 31:9</u> So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel. Josh. 1:7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

Josh. 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

2 Kings 14:6 But the children of the murderers he did not execute, according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, in which the Lord commanded, saying, "Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall be put to death for his own sin."

Dan. 9:11 Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

Dan. 9:13 "As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.

Mal. 4:4 "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, *With the* statutes and judgments.

Christ taught this 2.

Mark 12:26 But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?

John 5:46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

John 5:47 "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"