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 " I don't quite like the way I worded the question, 'is it figurative?'
 We cannot interpret a whole section as figurative. To do so would be to
 reduce it to nonsense. Figures of speech are scattered here and there
 throughout the Bible as throughout all literature. As a rule, ^{they} add to our
 understanding, rather than to detract from it. When we say, the man was
 a lion in the fight, ~~everyone knows that we do not mean~~, no one thinks
 that we mean that he chewed the enemy with his teeth or clawed them with
~~his~~ his fingernails. It is obvious to everyone that ^{we} ~~to~~ means ^{that} he fought
 with bravery, with tenacity, with courage. It is just as clear as
~~literal~~ ^{literal} ~~prosaic~~ language could possibly ~~make it~~. - In fact, ^{it is probably} ~~perhaps~~ clearer.
 Figures of speech do not necessarily bring obscurity. Used sparingly
 they ^{add} ~~bring~~ clarity ~~not obscurity~~ as well as beauty.

It is always possible in a passage of Scripture to raise the
 question whether certain expressions are ^{to be taken} meant as figurative or ^{as} literal.
 Each such question must be examined on its merits. ^{But} there is very little
 in these chapters ^{under consideration that could} ~~which~~ ~~would~~ ~~not~~ raise the question as to whether figura-
 tive language is involved. The passage is about as factual and as
 literal as any section to be found anywhere ⁱⁿ ~~through~~ the ^{Bible} ~~Scripture~~.

4. We must realize the difference between source of information and results.

The question where Moses got the information he included in these
 chapters is an interesting one. Some would hold that God gave him a
 vision and that he describes what he saw in this vision. Others would
 believe that the vision came to Abraham or perhaps even to Adam, and ^{that}
 its content was passed on ^{until it reached Moses} ~~Our doctrine~~ ^{to ascertain} it is not particularly important
 to our doctrine of inspiration, when the knowledge was received, or how
 it was received. The important thing is that ~~Moses~~ ^{Moses} wrote the book of
 Genesis under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, who was keeping him
 from error. If Moses had erroneous ideas in his mind, the Spirit kept