

"Question 109. What do we mean by of Canaanite material? We know, for instance, that there were creation stories, tales of the flood and other primitive legends current among all peoples of the east. Some Babylonian myths have preserved them for us to this day. It would have been impossible for the Hebrews to have mingled in the east without hearing these stories. If they were of a curious mind at all, they would listen with great interest for these stories were explanations of matters about which they must have been thinking.

That they were inadequate answers must be confessed freely. But they were answers, and as such they were of absorbing interest to the Hebrews who must have heard them for the first time.

J was not satisfied with them as he found them. They did not explain the world to him satisfactorily. They did not answer the questions he was seeking, but in spite of their inadequacies he could use them.

So where do we get the ~~myths~~ stories in our Bible according to this book that is so widely distributed in most of our major denominations?

J heard some myths among the Canaanites. He and changed them a little bit, and that's what makes the Bible as we have it! That of course is not what Christians believe about the Bible. It certainly is not what Jesus Christ believed about the Bible? What did He believe about the Bible.

John 5:46-47 -- "For had ye believed Moses ye would have believed me, for he wrote of me. ~~But if ye believe not his writings,~~ But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

There have been those within the last 50 years who have said, "The OT, why that's just myths and legends, but we believe in Christ." But you can't hold that position very long. Jesus said, Moses wrote of me, and if you believe not his writings how shall you believe my words?

I heard a man recently on radio who said, The OT is like an old refrigerator that you -- a box that you put ice in. The NT is like a fine electrical refrigerator. When you have a fine new electrical refrigerator, what do you do with the old box? that you put ice in? You throw it out in the garden! But that's not the attitude of the Bible toward the OT.

Jesus said, Had ye believed Moses ye would have believed me for he wrote of me. Paul said in 2 Tim. 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable. All Scripture is given by inspiration . . ."

When the ASV was translated in 1901, they changed that. You notice in your KJV that after the word Scripture the word is is in italics. It's not in the Greek. In the Greek and Hebrew you often don't put in these words "is" and "are". You understand them. Sometimes you can have a difference as to where you are going to put it. So the ASV reads something like this: All Scripture given by inspiration of God is also profitable . . . Many people took that to mean. Those parts of Scripture that are given by inspiration of God are profitable. The rest are not! so the RSV has gone back to the KJV in this regard.