

Creation

Genesis 1-2

Passages:

Chronology in general

Where do the aforementioned sections divide?

2:10-14 four rivers in Eden

1:28 man's dominion over life

1:26 what is the image of God

Greek vs Creation

2:24 marriage of one flesh

2:3 the 7th day

2:6 stream from under ground

2:18 woman made to help man

1:6-8 concept of sky as dome

2:17 tree of knowledge

Discussion:

Chronology:

-two different stories of the ways in which God created earth

-translations of the two could be key to the differences

Divided Sections: (Chap. 2 written before Chap. 1)

-someone saw Chap. 2 written then decided to explain the creation in more detail of how man can about

-starts in the middle of the story. Went back to explain the rest.

Rivers of Eden:

-using a story (fictional story) to explain why something is or something that is hard to explain

-creation stories parallel through so-called stories

Greek vs Creation:

- Greeks did have a creation story (no explanation on how things came about)
- Hebrews have a very ordered and detailed creation story
- Greeks: more precise and scientific
- Hebrews: more poetic and story-based (had to know where they came from, or just oral tradition and someone thought to write it down?)

1:26: (our image of God)

- the use of the words 'us' and 'our' (royal 'we' or the 'trinity') who was he talking to?
- could be talking to angels
- good and evil (acknowledge there is someone evil, Devil)
- what is God's image? How does God have an image when he is a spirit?
- our image is the logic we can use and our soul as humans

1:28: (man over life)

- why are people over life?
- we have a soul, use logic everyday
- animals use instinct, people use logic
- God never references the eating of animals
- is eating animals a sin? Why is eating from the tree of knowledge a sin?