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"No other piece of ancient Near **Eastern literature that has survived** the ravages of time compares favorable with the book of Genesis."..... **"The book of Genesis therefore is of** utmost value to the scientist, historian, and theologian."

#### John J Davis

### **HISTORY OF CREATION**

I. Intro Summary Stmt. 1:1 **II. Pre-creation Situation** 1:2 1:3-31 **III.Creation** Narrative **IV.Concl. Summary Stmt.** 2:1 V. Sabbath Epilogue 2:2-3

### **CREATION DAYS**

#### **FORMLESSNESS**

#### **EMPTINESS**

Light
 Lights
 Sky/Water
 Fowl/Fish
 Fertile Land
 Animals/Man

### Day I INSIGHTS

Creator/creation Distinction
 God's Revelation tied to Creation

**3. Means of Creation** 

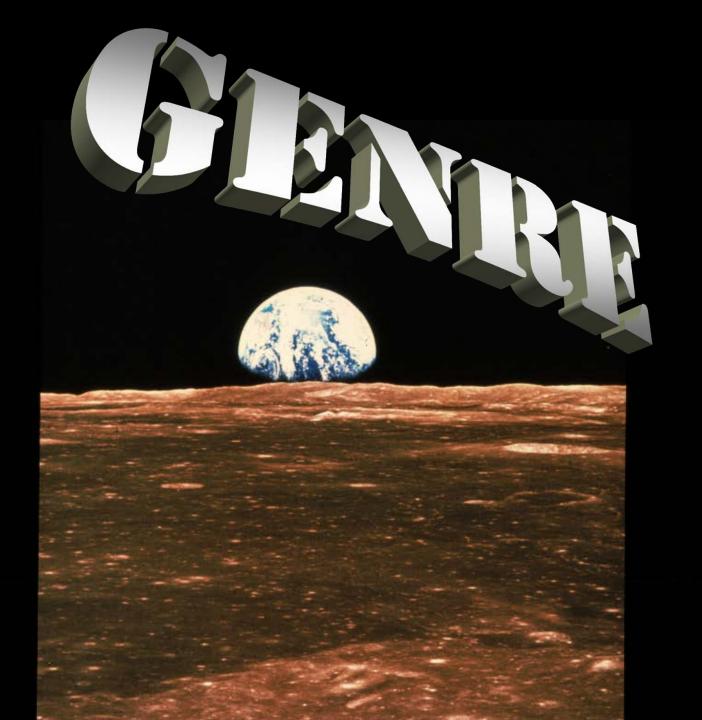
- by His Word
- 4. God Initiates Language
- 5. Importance of Light
- 6. Definition of Day



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### 1. The Revelation

#### **1. Historical Narrative**





# I. IRRELEVANT2. MYTH



#### "We cannot force the ancient writer to follow our own 20thcentury canons of historical writing."

#### **Blackmore & Page**



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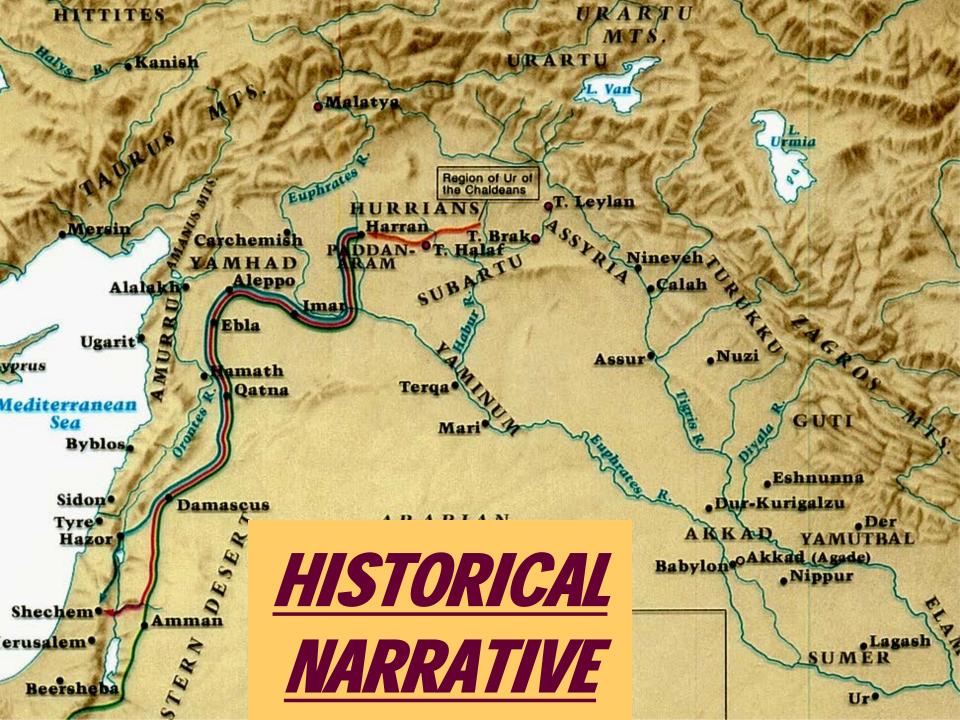


**1.** Support 2. Against **English Poetry Hebrew Poetry True of Narrative** 



# IRRELEVANT MYTH POBTRY CREATION GENERE

### 5. HISTORICAL NARRATIVE





"Israel has the distinction of being the first of the civilized peoples to create historiography in the full & precise meaning of the word."





# • The presentation of history or events in story form

#### • 40% of OT -

most common genre



#### 1. Textual



### Waw-Consecutive

- Significance past-time narrative sequence
  Form waw + preterite verb
  Examples 1:3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
  - Examples 1:.
- 1:3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, ...

### FINITE VERBS

 Poetic - imperfects & perfects Narrative - preterite ratios = TO0.52Gen 1 = 0.65Poetic = 0.04



1. Textual 2. Gen 12-50 3. Archaeology 4. NT



5. Inspiration & Inerrancy



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# The Revelation The Articulation

# Historical Narrative Priority of Earth & Man



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1:7

The Revelation
 The Articulation
 The Creation



# Verb - to beat out, to spread out BDB - extended surface, expanse

#### Humphreys - fabric of space

# Historical Narrative Priority of Earth & Man

#### **3. Omnipotence of God**

### **OMNIPOTENCE**

Jer 10:12 It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens.

Ps 62:11 ... power belongs to God



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The Revelation
 The Articulation
 The Creation
 The Separation

# WATERS SEPARATED

#### 1. Atmospheric & Oceans

#### 2. Edge of universe & Oceans



1. The Revelation 2. The Articulation 3. The Creation 4. The Separation **5. The Accomplishment** 6. The Naming 7. The Chronology



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# Historical Narrative Priority of Earth & Man

# Omnipotence of God Sovereignty of God



Ps 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

Mt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

# Historical Narrative Priority of Earth & Man

Omnipotence of God
 Sovereignty of God
 Possibilities of Science

### **HUMPHREY'S THEORY**

• General Relativity

#### This new creationist theory starts from a biblical basis

• Biblical assumption gives a *different* cosmology

• Big bang theory uses a *non-biblical* assumption

The Big-bang assumption needs scrutiny

## **HUMPHREY'S THEORY**

- General Relativity
- Big Bang no edge, no center 3-d space expands with matter

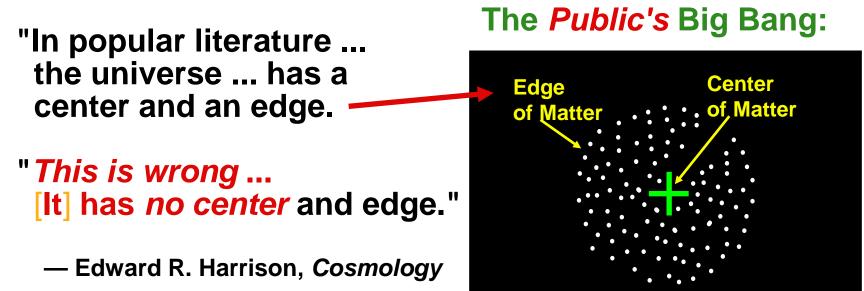
#### **Big bang theories** *assume* **the cosmos is the** *same everywhere*

" ... our position in space is [not] specially distinguished in any way... this assumption ... [implies] that ... the universe is approximately spatially homogeneous]."

> — Stephen Hawking & George Ellis, *The Large Scale Structure of Space-Time*

ho.mo.ge.ne.ous : uniform composition throughout

# The assumption means the cosmos would have *no edge or center*



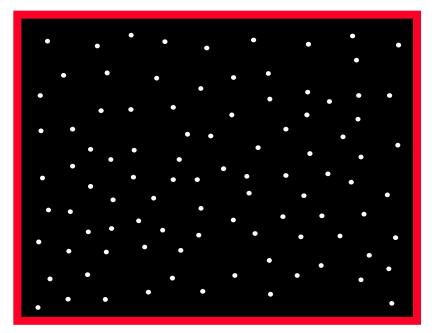
"Island" universe

#### **Big Bang theorists imagine that** *matter fills all space*

#### The *Experts*' Big Bang:

Travel infinitely you'll never find space without galaxies

No edge of matter —*no center !* 



# **HUMPHREY'S THEORY**

- General Relativity
- Big Bang no edge, no center 3-d space expands with matter
- Cosmos with center & boundaries
- Same formulas different results
- Solves issue of starlight & Time

# DAY 1 SCIENCE

- Warning -
  - Today's physics may not be same
  - God establishing physical laws
- Creation of original water mass
- Earth at center
- High gravity, high density & hot
- HS source of light

# DAY 2 SCIENCE

• Stretching out of space

Andromeda

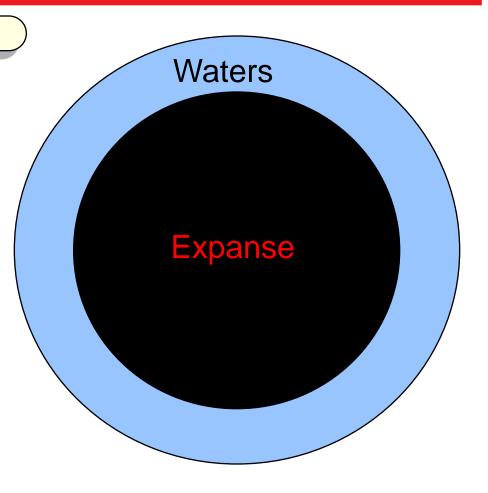
Separation of water mass

• Material spread in space

#### But the Bible says there *is* a center

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the *midst* of the waters..."

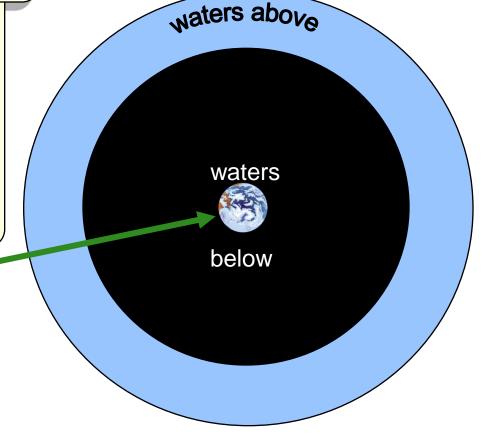
—Genesis 1:6



#### The Earth is near the center

[God] separated the waters which were *below* the expanse from the waters which were *above* the expanse... —Genesis 1:7

Became the Earth ' (Genesis 1:9,10)



# APPLICATION

Isa 43:1 But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator,

O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!

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