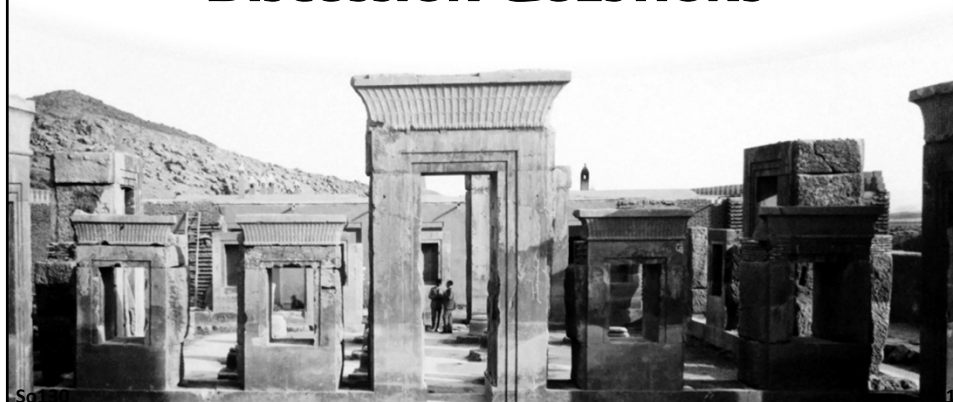




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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



What view of the Garden of Eden do you most agree with, and why?

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Genesis describes a garden God provided for the first human couple. From the writers, perspective in Canaan, the garden lay to the east in a place called Eden (Gen. 2:8). The term *Eden* may come from the Hebrew word for “delight”; alternatively, the word may have derived from a Babylonian word *edine* meaning “plain,” or perhaps “Eden” is related to a West Semitic word suggesting a well-watered place. The Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:15), therefore, was a place of life-giving water and fertile land where God abundantly provided for Adam and Eve.

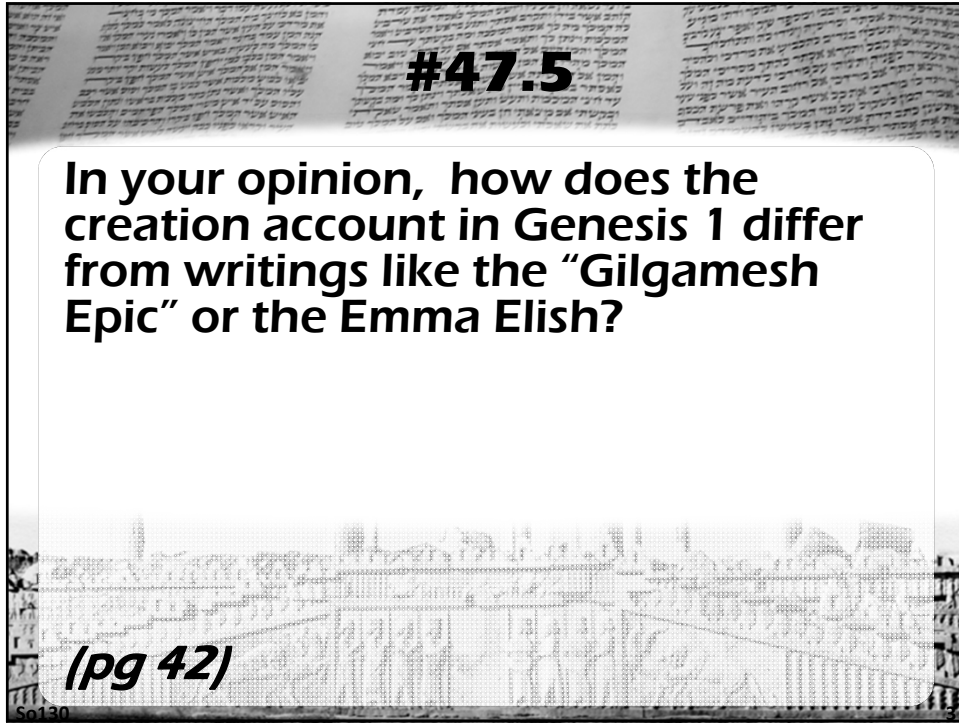
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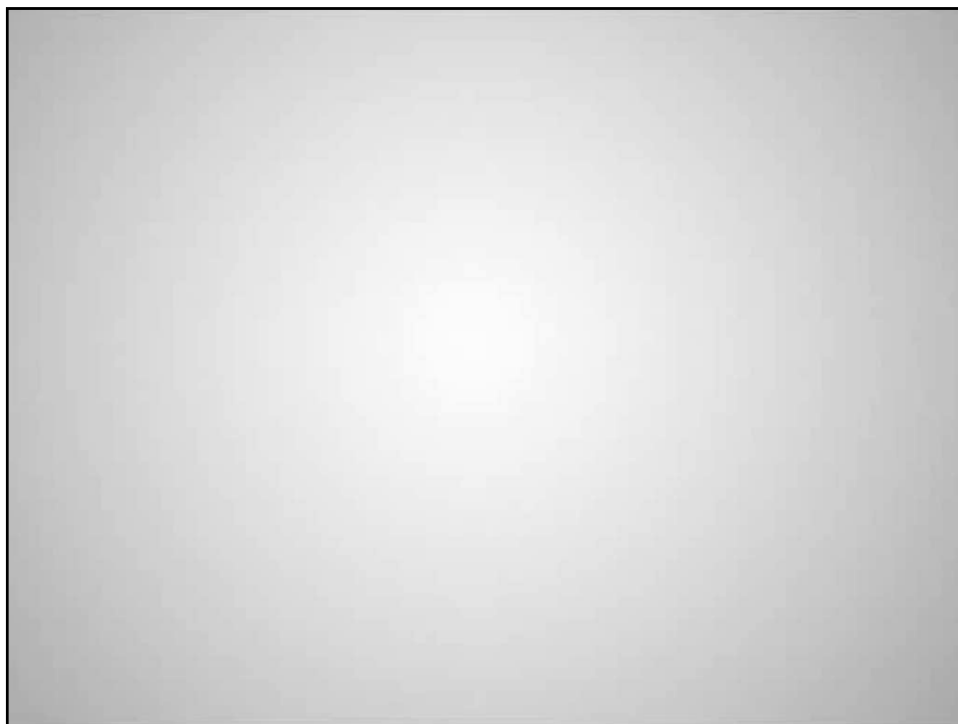
In your opinion, how does the creation account in Genesis 1 differ from writings like the "Gilgamesh Epic" or the Emma Elish?

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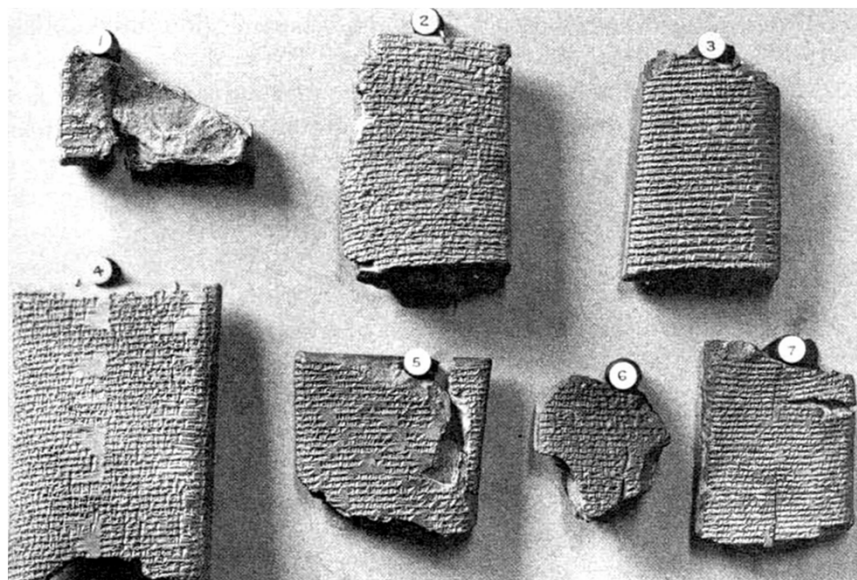


Gilgamesh, and tablet 5 of the Gilgamesh epic





Enuma Elish – 7 tablets



Creation in Babylon's *Enuma Elish* and Book of Genesis

THEME	ENUMA ELISH	GENESIS
<i>Nature of divinity</i>	Two primal "parent" gods and their children gods	One God, Creator of Heaven and Earth
<i>How living things came to be</i>	Through a violent battle between a child god (Marduk) and the mother goddess (Tiamat)	Through God's speaking (Gen 1)
<i>Zone of sacred presence</i>	The gods live within the city of Babylon (meaning of Akkadian word is "gate of the gods"); outside all is chaos	God is "above" and "beyond" all of creation, yet is also fully present everywhere in creation (1.1; 3.8)
<i>Status of human beings</i>	Made to do the work "below" the dignity of the gods	Bear the image of God (1.26-27)
<i>Source of human food</i>	Surplus agriculture gained through slavery and irrigation	Fruit of trees (1.29; 2.9, 16)
<i>The garden</i>	Within the city, accessible to humans	Not in a city, created good, but now barred to humans because of human disobedience (2.8-16; 3.24)
<i>Role of cities</i>	Place of divine presence and order, made by the gods	Place apart from God's presence and order, made by humans in rebellion against God (4.16-17)

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Which date for the Exodus appears to be better supported by evidence? Explain your answer.

CHART 6: COMPARATIVE CHRONOLOGIES FOR THE TWO PROPOSED DATES FOR THE EXODUS

Dates (b.c.)	13th-Century Date for Exodus	Egyptian History	15th-Century Date for Exodus

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1900	Abraham	????	Joseph and his brothers enter Egypt
	Isaac		
1800	Jacob	Second Intermediate Period	E S
			G O
1700	Joseph and his brothers enter Egypt	Hyksos Era: Fifteenth through Sixteenth Dynasties	Y J
			P O
1600	E S	New Kingdom: Eighteenth through Twentieth Dynasties	T U
	G O		I R
1500	Y J	Ahmose	A N
	P O	Thutmose III	N
1400	T U	Amenhotep II	Exodus from Egypt about 1440
		Amenhotep III	Conquest of Joshua
1370	I R	Akhenaten	
		Tutankhamun	Period of the Judges
1300	A N	Seti I	
	N	Rameses II	
1200	Exodus from Egypt about 1250	Merneptah	Othniel
	Conquest of Joshua	????	Ehud
1100	Period of the Judges	Rameses III	Deborah and Barak
	Othniel		Gideon
1000	Deborah and Barak	????	Jephtah
	Gideon		Samson
	Jephtah		Samuel
	Samson		Saul
	Samuel		David
	Saul (ca. 1020-1000)		
	David (ca. 1000-960)		

