

places and in two different forms. This is quite strange when they were supposed to have been handed to Moses direct from God.

The statements that woman was made from a man's rib, that the serpent talked, that God made coats of skin, that God walked in the garden in the cool of the evening, Jonah living three days within a whale, Joshua making the sun stand still, the giants, the age of nine centuries for the patriarchs, Nebuchadnezzar eating grass, an ass talking, the tower of Babel, are all absurd.

There are numerous historical and scientific errors—Genesis is a specially conspicuous example.

Exaggerations are common. The account in 2 Chron. 13 of the Jewish army is greatly exaggerated. So also, 1 Sam. 6 : 19, where 50,070 men of one village were slaughtered for daring to look in the ark. In connection with Exodus are enormous exaggerations.

Also the moral tone of the Old Testament is in parts very low. God hardened Pharaoh's heart that he should not let the Children of Israel go and then punished him most terribly for not letting them go. God ordered Moses to lie to Pharaoh concerning the purpose of his three days' journey into the wilderness. Again, it is recorded that God commanded Joshua to murder the people of a certain list of cities, even the innocent women and children, so that Joshua could have their lands. Think of the cruelty in the command to slay all the guiltless first born of the Egyptians, of God's approval of hewing Agog to pieces, of the butchery of the prophets of Baal and of sending a lying spirit to betray King Ahab to his ruin. Polygamy and slavery are sanctioned. Death was ordained for witchcraft. Who believes in witchcraft now? In Deuteronomy is a command to stone to death unruly and disobedient children and,