

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE
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- "The Word of God The Bulwark of the Faith" Aug. 5, 1923
- "How Jesus Used the O. T." Aug. 12, 1923
- "How the Early Christians Used the O.T." August 19, 1923

These are strong lessons expounding the inspiration and authority of the Scripture. The Lesson on "How Jesus Used the O.T.", is especially clear in Christ's appeal to the O.T.'s authority to substantiate his claims.

The same lesson in the 1929 Senior Pupil's Quarterly is less strong and says that Christ showed no slavish attitude toward the O.T. but used it freely. He knew how much it meant and how clearly the voice of God could be heard in it.

Senior Pupil's in the Sunday School Oct., Nov., Dec., 1931
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"Getting Acquainted with the O.T."

Lesson II - Early Stories of Creation pp. 5-9

The Order of Creation - Gen. 1:1-2:4a

In this account creation is accomplished in six days. In the shorter account which follows this no mention of time is made. The final sentence of this Story of Creation, the first half of Gen. 2:4 is the topic sentence for the account which has preceeded.

God Makes Man - Gen. 2:4b-25

Here is no explanation . . . of how God made the earth and sky.

The Meaning of "Create"

We should not read into the Hebrew stories something that is not there, thereby trying to make them explain creating as bringing matter out of nothing. Neither account starts with absolute nothing So the word "create" as used in Genesis does not mean to make something out of nothing.

The writers of these two accounts were using the science of their day

Questions 1. Compare the two Bible stories of Gen. 1:1-2:4a and 2:4b-25 and see in what ways they differ? In what ways alike? Do you see any reason why changes should appear in such a story as time goes on?

3. Did the one who told the story of Creation as set forth in Gen. 1:1-2:4a show exactly the same picture of God as the one who told the story set forth in 2:4b-25?

5. Read Ps. 8. Did the author of this Psalm have any thought of God different from that of the writers of the Genesis accounts of the Creation?

6. All through this study of the O.T. watch for the gradual growth in the thought of God and you will have the lesson that many people have come to see as the greatest value from a study of the O.T.

Lesson III "The Story of the Flood" Oct., Nov., Dec., 1931
p. 10 Even if Moses wrote the book of Genesis as we have it The author of the account in Genesis must have used some very old sources In 3000 B.C. people didn't write very much.