

Dealing with Biblical Difficulties - Part 2
Volume 4 - Unit 9

G. The Time of the Last Supper (Lu22:7-15, John 19:14, 31)

III. Doctrinal and Moral

A. Destruction of the Canaanites (Deuteronomy 20:16-18, Joshua 6:17)

B. Imprecatory Psalms (55, 59, 69, 79, 109, 137)

C. Slavery

D. Capital Punishment

E. Polygamy and Divorce (Matthew 19:3f.) - Did Jesus Contradict the Old Testament?

IV. Scientific

A. Creation vs. Evolution

B. Miracles

C. Evil Spirits (Mark 1:25, Luke 11:20)

V. "Borrowings" From Other Traditions

A. Babylonian Creation Account (Enuma elish)

1. "Waste and void" in both

2. Similar order of events - from watery chaos to deity at rest
3. Number 7 prominent - 7 days, 7 tablets (cantos)
4. But - monotheism vs. gross polytheism, spirit and matter confused in Enuma elish

B. Babylonian Flood Account (Epic of Gilgamesh)

1. Deluge divinely planned
2. Impending catastrophe revealed to the hero (Utnapishtim, Noah)
3. Flood connected with defection in the human race
4. Hero and family delivered
5. Huge boat - vehicle of deliverance
6. Special blessings on the hero afterward
7. But monotheism vs. polytheism, morality vs. immorality

C. Golden Rule

1. Hinduism
2. Buddhism
3. Confucianism

4. Taoism
5. Zoroastrianism
6. Judaism
7. Greek philosophy
8. Christianity

D. Supernatural Origin and Nature of Founder

1. Buddhism (Gautama)
2. Taoism (Lao-tze)
3. Jainism (Mahavira)
4. Zoroastrianism (Zoroaster)
5. Gnosticism ("Redeemer")
6. Christianity (Jesus)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - Acts 24:14 – “But this I (Paul) confess unto you (Felix), that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.”