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Finding an Ark in the Storm

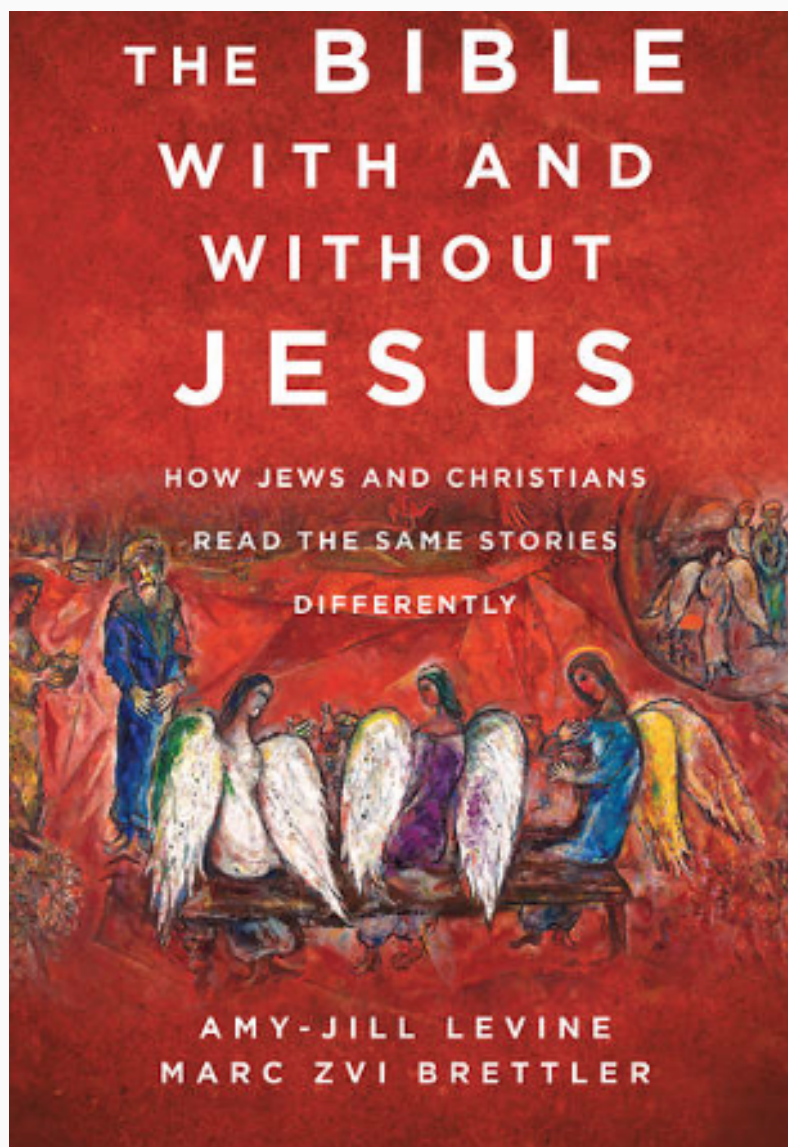
When Platte Lake was engulfed in wildfire smoke, I tried to imagine how the world must have looked for the storytellers of the Bible. With no satellite maps or breaking-news alerts to tell them what was happening beyond the horizon, if the sky turned gray with smoke, they might have assumed the whole world was engulfed in choking haze because their whole world was.

If they had been living through the devastating floods in the Texas Hill Country, they probably would have believed the whole world was under water because their whole world was.

Sometimes the desire for literal historicity can distract us from a deeper truth. Trying to explain how Noah built a massive ark in the middle of a treeless desert and how he managed to feed all those animals without them eating each other is a classic example.

The Old Testament story of Noah and the flood is not primarily about the dimensions of an ark large enough to hold two of every creature. It is a story about finding comfort and hope in a time of crisis. It is about finding an ark of safety in the midst of a storm and, in the end, it is discovering a sign of hope for the future in the majesty of a rainbow.

In the last "Faith Matters," Bill Blaquire raised some of these age-old questions about creation, dinosaurs and the "inscrutability of God." The current study by Amy-Jill Levine opens the Old Testament to fresh insights into some of these questions by helping us see scripture through the eyes of the original story tellers.



The most important questions to ask about Noah are not, “Were there dinosaurs on the ark?” or “How did the polar bears get to the Middle East?” The larger question is, “Does God care about creation, and does God care about me?”

When we feel like our whole world falling apart, when the storms of life are crashing over us, these ancient stories still speak and the rainbow still reminds us of the hope that, as Annie liked to sing, “the sun will come out tomorrow.” They remind us of a God who can carry us through the flood.

And in that sense, the story of Noah and the flood really is true. In the end, that’s the faith that matters.

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