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Bib 303 Parables

Notley

This past week. Professor Notley started this semester off by speaking about the Parables of both the old and New Testament. We learned that there are 456 early Jewish Parables. Out of the 456 parables, none of the parables none of which happen to deal with Eschatology. Professor Notley mentioned in the lecture that out of the 456 Rabbic parables, which date back to around 200AD. When speaking about the parables of Jesus, there are approximately 40 parables that could be accounted to Christ. Something that I found to be rather interesting was that the parables of Jesus have no scripture reference attached. As professor Notley added, Jesus parables are not forced directly. Notley added that the parables are superior than any other parables and that represent the early stage or “Golden age” of parables.

We learned that Dr. Notley re-imagined the 456 parables while teaching at Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee. While there Notley took the approach of the parables specifically on Jesus and re-imagined how we are reading the parables and took it to another prospective. According to Dr. Notley, Jesus parables can be summarized into 7-8 points, or major themes that make up the gospels which fit along the contemporaries. Dr Notley also spoke about the David Fleussuer and his classic work, Foundational questions with in the literary questions (Part One) that was written in German in 1981 and never translated into English, that is until Dr Notley and another German/English speaking student was able to spend two extensive years translating the manuscript into English. In last week class we also learned that Dr Notley will be speaking at the museum of the Bible on January 26th...Best of Luck Dr. Notley our prayers our with you!

