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The creation stories describe the birth of the cosmos (universe) or heaven and earth and everything in creation. There are two accounts of creation in the Bible and every curious mind will question why there are two accounts of creation in the Bible. Genesis 1 – 2:3 tells a story about creation which is somewhat different from the account in Genesis 2:4 – 3:24. The concern is that if these two accounts were revealed by God, why would God reveal two entirely different accounts of creation. Are they myths or divine revelation? If God revealed just one, then the other will be a myth. Whichever God revealed must be consistent with the whole storyline of the Bible.

This study will therefore provide an analysis of the creation stories in Genesis 1-3 and determine which creation story was revealed by God. It will examine the sources of these creation stories, consider other extra-biblical text from the Ancient Near East, and consider other Biblical texts that confirm or disconfirm these creation stories.

These ANE texts will be used for the research in addition to other scholarly articles. They include the Sumerian piece titled “The Huluppu Tree” in the Gilgamesh, Enkidu and the Netherworld, the Akkadian story of creation and the Babylonian Creation Myths. In addition, the Egyptian and the Israelites account of creation will be used for this study. This study will also examine if the Mesopotamian text show any parallels to the Old Testament?