

Myth or Truth? An increasing number of archaeologists and historians deny any credibility of the OT in historical view. The Rosenheimer Konrad Bauersachs (a scientist) verified the wrong or right in the OT. To the smallest detail Bauersachs has checked the biblical stories from Abraham to King David for their veracity. He presents his results in a 452-page book, published in Horeb-Verlag. The title stands for his long and intensive research work and its result: "Of course the Bible is right".

The tremendous work he has made win recognition. Meticulously he took the Bible under the microscope. It quickly became clear to him... "Nothing is as it seems" In his preface he slams Bible critics - Bauersachs accuses them of reluctance to interdisciplinary contacts. In his research the scientist went a different way: he has the Bible "read between the lines" and judged the stories under strictly scientific aspects. Geology and biology flowed well into his review with such facts from history and geography. Even translation errors he considered. The result is a self-contained and verifiable work that needs no speculations.

Readers walk along with Abraham and his descendants from Ur of the Chaldees, to David's kingship. They will learn that the Joseph story has a documented historical background and even the seven fat and seven lean years, as described in the Bible we can find in Babylonia. Even the Exodus actually took place in the opinion of Bauersachs, but not from Egypt. "Only around the mouth of the Euphrates and Tigris the biblical narrative in detail is provable" the scientist is sure.

It is also interesting how Bauersachs explains the ten biblical plagues. Reason for the transformation of water into blood is the natural discoloration due to strong evaporation or of introduced pollutants and most of all the red underlying sandstone. The other plagues would result from this ecological disaster.

The autor is conscious that his theories can be questioned by critics again, as he has written in his summing up at the end of his book.

The reader can get an idea of the chain arguments supplied by Bauersachs even now. For this is necessary above all a lot of time - The work is enormously large. To understand it needs throughout most concentration due to some very scientific writing style.

Who makes the effort, but can in terms of "Biblical History" learn a lot and maybe rethink also his previous picture of the Bible. The written submissions of the Rosenheimers be enriched by 92 color illustrations and 48 maps and sketches.