

Aetiological myths

Story of Cain and Abel Gen. 4

"The story has also assumed the form of an aetiological myth explaining the origin of the institution of the blood feud." S. H. Hooke, 182/13

Covenant with Noah Gen. 9.1-17

"In this case, although an aetiological motive is apparent in the story, namely an explanation of the phenomenon of the rainbow, . . . S. H. Hooke, p. 185/1-2

Story of Tower of Babel, Gen. 11.1-9

"No doubt an aetiological motive underlies the story" S. H. Hooke, p. 185/29

Abraham paying tithes to Melchizedek Gen. 14.18-20

"It may be an aetiological legend intended to explain the origin of the institution of tithes and the claim of the Jerusalem priesthood." S.H. Hooke, p. 189/19

*Aetiological Saga - Gen. 11
A. W. H. W. H., p. 60*