

aetiology, etiology - Gr. *aitiologia*, statement of the cause  
(*q. aitologia*, inquire into the cause, account for)

1. An inquiry into or a theory of the physical cause of  
any class of phenomena.

Morphology, distribution, and physiology investigate  
and determine the facts of biology. Aetiology has for its  
object the ascertainment of the causes of these facts,  
and the explanation of biological phenomena, by  
showing that they constitute particular cases of  
general physical laws. It is hardly useful to  
say that aetiology, as thus conceived, is in its  
infancy. Huxley, Anat. Invest. p. 37

2. Specifically, in med., an inquiry into or  
account of the origin or causes of disease,  
or of a particular kind or case of disease.

Sometimes written aetiology

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Aetiologies = etiology      1) The assignment of a cause  
    2) The source of causes or origins

Gottwald, A Light to the Nations, p. 219-20

"Eve, 'the mother of all living' (Heb. hawah resembles hay, 'living,' Gen. 3:20)

Babel, where the tongues were confused (Bab. Babel, which really means "gate of god," resembles Heb. babal, "to confuse," Gen. 11:9)

Edom, the other name for Esau (resembles Heb. 'adhom "red," Gen. 25:30)  
Israel, "he who strives with God" (replaces the name Jacob, "the supplanter"  
or "heel-grabber," Gen. 25:26; 32:27)

Marah, "bitterness" (because of the acrid waters, Exod. 15:23)

Meribah, "contention" (where Israel rebelled against Yahweh, Num. 20:13)

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