

Jewish and Christian Discourse/Rhetorolects/Belief Systems in the Context of Religions in the Roman Empire

Religious Discourses/Rhetorolects/Belief Systems						
Mediterranean Religious Discourses	Mythical-Historical (Divine Communications)		Philosophical (Mental Searching)		Ritual (Religious Actions)	
Jewish/Christian Religious-Theological Belief Systems	Prophetic	Apocalyptic	Wisdom	Precreation	Priestly	Miracle
Locations						
Special Locations	Kingdom	Heavens	Nature	Primordial Realm	Sacrificial Temple/Altars	Healing Temple; Human Bodies; Earthly Objects; Sea
Bridging Locations			Household (family; schoolhouse)	Household (universe)	Household (God's)	
	Eternal Realm (future)	Eternal Realm (future)		Eternal realm (timeless)		
Deity						
Robbins, <i>Exploring</i> , 120-121	God as Cosmic King	God as Cosmic Military Emperor	God as Cosmic Father of Earth	God as Cosmic Universal Father of All	God as Priest	God as Power
Holy Persons						
Robbins, <i>Exploring</i> , 121-122	Prophets, Kings: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Amos, David, Abraham	Seers: Noah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Joel	Sages, Teachers: Solomon, Job	Emanations from God: Wisdom (Sophia), Word (Logos)	Priests: Aaron, Levi	Miracle Workers: Elijah, Elisha
Multiple-Role Holy Persons	Moses				Moses	Moses
	Daniel	Daniel	Daniel			
	Samuel				Samuel	

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Spirit Beings						
Robbins, <i>Exploring</i> , 123		Satan Son of Man	Wisdom	Paraclete, [Light]		
Shared Spirit Beings (two discourses)		Unclean spirits/demons				Unclean spirits/demons
(four discourses)	Angels	Angels			Angels	Angels
Divine History/Story-Lines (Names as Events)						
Robbins, <i>Exploring</i> , 123-125				Emanations from God: Wisdom (Sophia), Word (Logos)		
		Creation: spirit-angels to watch over all creation	Creation: tree of the knowledge of good and evil			
		Adam: death				
		Noah: flood				
	Abraham					
	Moses	Moses: ten plagues	Moses: Torah		Moses Aaron Levi	Moses: Miracles
	[Elijah, Elisha]					Miracle Workers: Elijah, Elisha
	Samuel				Samuel	
	David		[David: Psalms as Wisdom]			
			Solomon: Proverbs			
	Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Micah, etc.					
			Job			
		Jonah				
		Ezekiel				
	Daniel	Daniel: Babylon	Daniel			
	Joel					

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Human Redemption/Body						
Robbins, <i>Exploring</i> , 125-126	Commissioned by God; Filled with God's word	Earthly bodies transformed into heavenly forms; Heavenly bodies transformed into visible [earth-like] forms	Enlightened	Born of spirit	Holy	Restored
Human Commitment/Religious Community/Ethics						
Robbins, <i>Exploring</i> , 126-130	Reformist (<i>Exploring</i> , 73)	Revolutionist/ Utopian (<i>Exploring</i> , 72-74)	Conversionist (<i>Exploring</i> , 72)	Gnostic-Manipulationist / Conversionist (<i>Exploring</i> , 72-73)	Gnostic-Manipulationist / Utopian (<i>Exploring</i> , 73-74)	Thaumaturgical (<i>Exploring</i> , 73)

Modes of Argument						
Special Mode of Argument	(1) Personal confrontation about responsibility in God's kingdom (2) Citation of ancient authority	(1) Dream vision or conversation with an angel about heavenly and earthly things	(1) Proverb, parable, example story	(1) Discourse about eternal, divine things	(1) Ritual story	(1) Miracle story
Thematic Elaboration/ Complete Argument (Robbins, <i>Exploring</i> , 21-24, 52-58)	(3) Prophetic use of parts of complete argument	(2) Apocalyptic use of parts of complete argument	(2) Complete argument: Thesis, rationale, contraries and opposites, analogies, examples, citations of ancient authority	(2) Precreation use of parts of complete argument	(2) Priestly use of parts of complete argument	(2) Miracle use of parts of complete argument

Topics (*Topoi*) in Jewish and Christian Discourse/Belief Systems

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Topics (<i>topoi</i> [plural]; <i>topos</i> [singular])						
Special Topics (<i>topoi</i> [singular: <i>topos</i>])	(1) Commissioned by God (2) Prophetic blessing or cursing (3) Promised, Fulfilled (4) Covenant	(1) Revealed (2) Heavenly vision (3) Splitting open of heavens (4) Dissolution of sun, moon, stars (5) Destruction of heaven, earth, Sheol (6) New heaven and earth	(1) Teaching (2) Proverb (3) Parable (4) Torah wisdom (5) Asking (6) Responding (7) Giving	(1) Fulness of God (2) Manifested (3) "Born" to eternal life	(1) Sacrifice (2) Priestly blessing (3) Offerings (4) Singing	(1) Healing (2) Feeding many people with little food (3) Stilling of storm (4) Walking on water
Bridging Topics		(7) Resurrection from the dead				(5) Resuscitation from death
			(8) Wisdom [instructional/ didactic)	(4) Wisdom [eternal]		
	(5) Voice from heaven	(8) Voice from heaven				
	(6) Inheritance	(9) Eternal Inheritance		(5) Eternal inheritance		
		[Prayer]			(5) Prayer	[Prayer]
		(10) Praise			(6) Praise	(6) Praise
	(7) Forgiving				(7) Forgiving	
		(11) Mysteries	(9) Secrets	(6) Mysteries		

Blended Topics (Topoi) in Jewish and Christian Discourse/Belief Systems

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Blended Topics		
Blending with Miracle Discourse	(1) "Apocalyptic heavenly portents" are "signs" (2) "Apocalyptic healings" regularly are "exorcisms" (of unclean spirits and demons) (3) "Apocalyptic raising from death" is "resurrection from the dead" (4) "Apocalyptic change of a physical body" is "transformation" into a "heavenly being"	"Precreation miracles" are "signs"
Blending with Prophetic Discourse		"Precreation prophecy" is "witness" to the light
Blending with Apocalyptic Discourse		"Precreation revelation" is "manifestation"