

Ai and Old Testament Chronology: Who Cares?

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Introduction

7KH WHUP <sup>3</sup>FKURQRORJ\<sup>1</sup> LQ WKH PLQGV RI PDQ\ LV UHGRO  
LQ UXPLQDFWLRQ LQ VRPH PXVW\ VWXG\ RYHU WULYLD WKD  
DQG ZHOO EHLQJ :KR FDUHV ZKHQ 6HQQDFKHULE ODLG VL  
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ERUHG VWLII OHDUQLQJ DERXW PHQ DQG EDWWOHV DQG G  
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ZHGGLQJ DQQLYHUVDU\ VRRQ GLVFRYHU WKDW LI GDWHV D  
PLQG <sup>1</sup> VXGGHQO\ FKURQRORJ\<sup>2</sup> LI QRW WEKHLQ V WWR LPPDSRHU W D





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Historic, Contemporary, and Competing Points of View





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IRXQGDWLRQV RI WKH JUHDW WHPSOH LQ -HUXVDOHP LQ K  
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