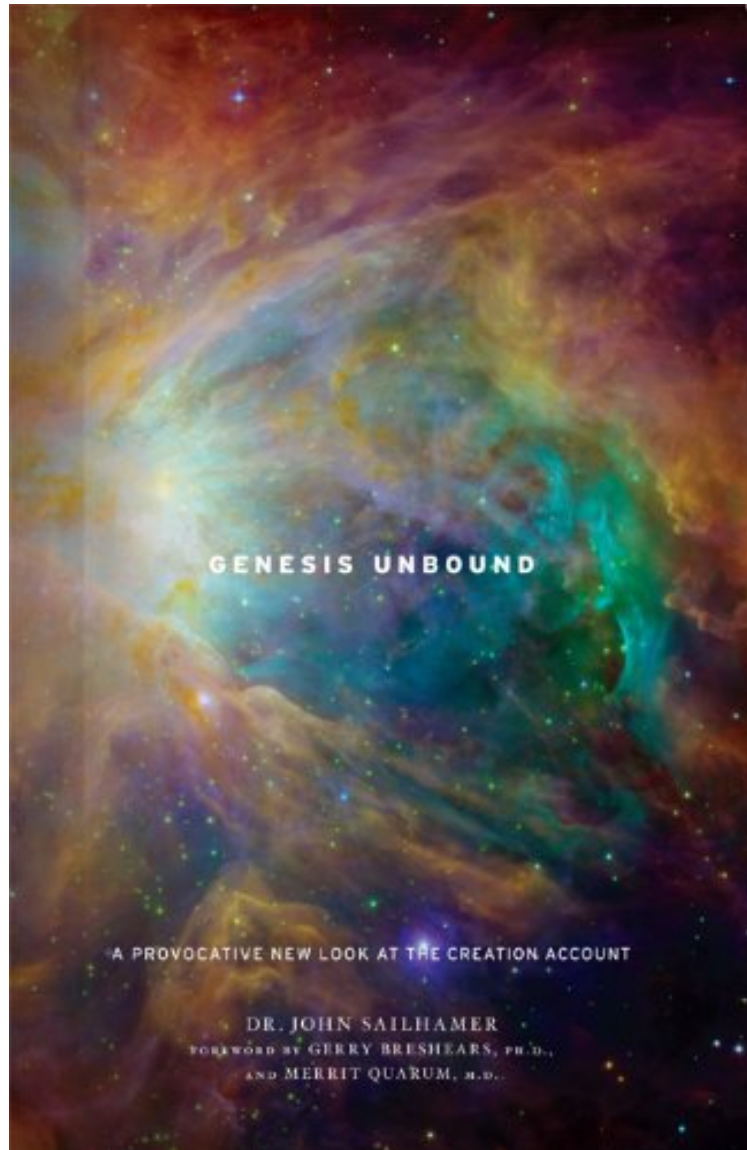


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from other sources. For example, when he says that no serious scholars think that Moses was writing a polemic against the mythical creation accounts of his day (p. 88), he cites one scholarly work from 1989. In my own studies, I have encountered dozens of leading world class scholars who have written more recently on the subject who disagree (Gordon Johnston, for example). Also, though I was intrigued by his idea that the "land" of Genesis 1 was primarily the "Promised Land," I was not fully convinced, and did not see how this ended up making sense of Genesis 1. I do think there are word plays on "the land" in Genesis 1 and the Promised Land in the rest of the Pentateuch, but I don't think we can say that "the land" of Genesis 1 IS the Promised Land. There were other similar concerns with the book. All in all, Sailhamer has some great ideas, but in my opinion, they needed further refinement and support. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommend this book!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Mountainraven Our Pastor highly recommend this book and I can see why.

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