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The Beginning of All Things



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God has Promised

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Trust in God

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Moses, writing to Jews coming out of bondage in Egypt and preparing to enter the promised land, organized the oral tradition to demonstrate that the God of the Israelites is the sovereign creator God of the universe and that the Israelites had a covenant right to take possession of the land of Canaan because it was given (by covenant) to their forefathers in order to motivate them to trust God fully (as Joseph did) and enter into and conquer the land inhabited by others. Ken Wilson 2022