The Hebrew Bible as Myth (E.J. Niles)

* The concept of history as we know it today did not exist at the time of the writing of the Hebrew Bible.
* Most of the stories in the Hebrew Bible were written from 1200 to 800 years after the events were to have taken place.
* Many of the stories were written at an earlier time and re-written at a later time to reflect changes in thinking.
* The stories themselves were written and re-written for political reasons.
* The later stories reflect the Israelite people’s contact with other religious cultures.
* Most of the characters in the stories in the Hebrew Bible, in all likelihood, did not exist.
  + Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel and Noah are allegorical characters.
  + Some of them, such as Abraham and Moses, may be composites of different “hero” characters.
  + Some of the kings probably existed but they also may be credited with things they did not do.
    - David was probably a real character but he probably didn’t do all the things attributed to him.