Cultural Metaphor in Biblical Interpretation

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Cultural metaphors of the Ancient Near East can shape the way we read the Bible as Modern Westerners.
What is a metaphor?

Metaphors reveal beliefs about a concept.

Metaphors are used to interpret reality.
Metaphors are culturally specific.
Pick up on repeated imagery.

Understand the cultural view of the image.

Trace the metaphor throughout the whole narrative.
Chaotic Water

God brings order to chaos and ultimately saves His people from death.
Garden

The human ideal is unity with the Divine.
Works Cited


