

that Moses used written sources. We can not prove it one way or the other. It does not matter a great deal whether he did but there is certainly no object in trying to prove he didn't. We simply do not know. It seems to me most likely that he used written sources. But Eichhorn does not merely say that Moses probably used written sources, Eichhorn says that Moses used written sources taking over whole sections of them as they were. Here is where I have very serious questions. Perhaps Moses simply copied some material from one source and copied some from another source. There is no harm in it if he did, but how do we know he did? Maybe Moses read all this material and then under the leading of the Spirit of God put it all into his own words.

It is an idea worthy of investigation, but not to be accepted unless conclusively proven, that Moses preserved documents in the words in which he found them. That is an assumption. It is another assumption to think that one is able to separate out these documents. There is no harm in separating out the documents Moses used if you can do it. But do not let us say we can unless we have real proof. Let us be mighty sure that we have sufficient evidence to prove we can do it before we say we can.

Eichhorn thought he had pretty strong proof. He based his claim on four lines of evidence. Green explains them very clearly. I want you to have them in mind because they are as important as anything we will have in this whole year.

The first of these is this: that the name Jehovah and the name Elohim would not be used the way they are unless he took a section from one and a section from another then a section from the first and then a section from the second and that all through he just kept the names the way they were.

That seems really rather strange, that a man would just keep the names the way they were even if he kept the documents mostly word for word. Why wouldn't he arrange the names to suit himself?

The argument is worthy of investigation. Does the fact that the