

God appeared to Abram.” And then he has a footnote under God that says, “God - the final editor of the Pentateuch has substituted *YHWH*.” It used to be God, but the final editor of the Pentateuch has substituted *YHWH*! We know that, because God occurs all through the rest of the chapter, and therefore, according to the theory, it ought to occur here but it does not. What occurs here is Jehovah. In chapter 20 you have the account of the relation of Abram with Abimelech. In dealing with this outsider the name Elohim is generally used rather than Jehovah or Yahweh, as the critics call Him. So chapter 20 is a part of the E document. It is too much like J to put it in the P document, so it is considered to be a part of the E document. However, in the midst of this chapter 20, we find in verse 18 the statement, “For Yahweh had closed every womb in the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.”

That is the conclusion given to the discussion of Abram’s relation with Abimelech in which the name of God is used up to that point. We read in the end that Jehovah, the covenant-keeping God, the Friend of Abraham, has shown him protection in this way. Addis has a footnote here (p. 33). He says, “ ‘For Yahweh,’ etc. This verse is an addition by the editor who united the Jahvist and Elohist document.”(n.2) You can see that this verse is an addition by the editor who united it for two reasons. First, because he used Yahweh instead of Elohim, which is used elsewhere in the chapter. And second, because he misunderstands the Elohist document which he used. The editor also forgot that Abimelech had been struck with sickness so in this verse he leaves the impression that the barrenness was merely in the women. Consequently the verse contradicts the rest of the chapter, so it cannot be part of the original, and it uses a different name for God, so it must have been added by the final editor. Do you see that when you do this sort of thing, it means that you are rearranging your clue to fit your theory – not building your theory in accordance with your clue. It certainly weakens the value of the clue as any proof that you actually have different documents.

The E document begins with chapter 20. It is the first thing we have from the E document, and it is interesting that the E document begins