

men takes the form of simple speaking to them. Only in the supreme revelation on Sinai is He described as manifesting Himself in the form of fire and speaking with Moses as man to man in order that the people may recognize Him. This difference is claimed particularly between P and J. At this point we ask ourselves the question, what is the difference between P and J? What they assign to P consists mainly of tabular material, enumeration of statistics, and rules for sacrifice. They assign practically all the narrative material either to J or to E. The difference between J and P is a difference in type of material, so naturally there is that difference. How often would you expect to have anthropomorphic pictures or anthropomorphic expressions in a list of names, an enumeration of kings, or a list of requirements for sacrifice? It would not naturally occur in the type of material that they assign to P. Wherever you find anthropomorphic expressions, it is almost certain to be narrative.

Yes, *anthropomorphic* is “in the form of a man”; that is, it describes God doing things like a man. Anthropomorphic describes God as having the feelings a man would have, such as being happy, being sad, or being grieved. Now where would you get these in genealogical tables, in lists of events, in enumeration of the dimensions of the tabernacle, or in accounts of the way in which the sacrifices were to be performed?

Numbers 6 has a long list of sacrifices that were given. Then chapter 7 tells about the offerings made by the princes of the different tribes. It tells you exactly what each gave, word for word. The same list is repeated a dozen times, almost word for word. It is the tabulation style. You notice that the list of the offerings of the different tribes is repeated twelve times. That is not the style of J or of E, but of P. It is enumeration or tabulation. The previous chapter gave the rules of the Nazarite – what he can eat and what he cannot eat – all the detailed ceremonial law. Then in chapter 6:22-27 we read, “And the LORD spoke unto Moses saying, speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, In this way ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee. The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my