

Weiser, Artur The Old Testament, Its Formation and Development

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p. 72 Moses excluded from authorship

1. Evidences of post-Mosaic origin in Gen. 12:6; 13.7 'and the Canaanite was then in the land' - presupposes the conquest of Canaan. "Land of the Hebrews", Gen. 10.15, similarly
2. Interval between time of Moses and the author is shown by oft-recurring formula 'unto this day', Gen. 32.33; Deut. 3.14; 34. 6; 34.10
3. Use of name Dan in Gen. 14.14 and Deut. 34.1, first adopted in the time of the Judges(18.29) cannot have originated with Moses
4. Gen. 36.31's note about the kings of Edom, and the law about the king in Deut. 17.14ff cannot have been written before time of kings of Israel.
5. Most of legal passages assume an agricultural population settled in Canaan.
6. The geographical standpoint is not that of Moses - country east of the Jordan is described simply as 'beyond Jordan' in Gen. 50.10f; Num. 22.1; Duet. 1.1,5f

p.72-3 Pentateuch cannot be the continuous work of a single author

1. Two differing accounts (doublets) of same event
  - a. Story of creation in Gen. 1 and 2
  - b. Call of Moses in Ex. 3 and 6
  - c. Sending away of Hagar in Gen. 16 and 21 told twice
  - d. Origin and interpretation of name Beer-sheba recorded twice in Gen. 21.22 and 26.26
  - e. Account of the danger which befell their ancestress - Gen.12,20,26
2. Discrepancies can be observed in the above named parallel passages
  - a. Gen. 1 represents a view of primeval condition of world before creation different from that of Gen. 2
 

Gen. 1 - chaos pictured as a sea	Gen. 2 - chaos pictured as a dessert
- plants, beasts, man	- man, plants, beasts
- man & wife created at same time	- created at diff. times
  - b. In Flood story the contradictions have been kept in, tho worked up into a continuous account
 

40 days & nights of rain lasted 40 plus 21 days	by breaking in of 2nd chaos lasted 12 mo. plus 10 days
Noah took 7 pairs of each of clean & one pair of each of unclean beasts	Noah took only one pair of each sort of living thing.
3. At times thread of story is broken off or taken up again at an impossible place, as in Gen. 7.11-13; Gen. 37-39.
4. Different styles and linguistic usages. Solemn symmetry of recurring stereotyped phrases in Gen. 1 Lively and vivid fashion of Gen. 2.4ff