

Anderson, G. W. A Critical Introduction to the Old Testament

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Pentateuch not produce of a single author or of a single age

1. Same events described more than once with significant differences.
Plain contradictions occur.

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| a. Gen. 1.1-2.4a's account of creation differs from Gen. 2.4b-25 | |
| Plants animals man-woman | man plants animals woman |
| b. Flood | Flood |
| One pair of each kind of animal | seven pairs of each kind of clean;
one pair of each kind unclean |
| duration - yr. & 10 days | 40 days plus 3x7 = 61 |
| c. Abraham twice passed his wife off as his sister - in Egypt, in Gerar | Isaac & Rebecca - Gerar |
| d. Two accounts of Hagar being driven from Abraham's household | |
| e. Naming of Beersheba and Bethel twice | |
| f. Joseph story | |
| Reuben tried to save Joseph | Judah sought to . . . |
| g. Joseph sold to Ishamelites | . . . to Midianites |
| h. Ex. 20 - altars many places | Deut. 12 - sacrifice in only one place |

2. Different terms for God

Ex. 6.2

versus

Gen. 4.1,26; 15.7; 28.13

3. Differences in vocabulary and style

Gen. 1.1-2.4a style formal, precise
Elohim bara asah
min

2.4b-25 more free, vivid
Yahweh yasar
bara (never)
min (never)

different Hebrew phrase for "male and female"

Elohim "destroyed" 6.9f

Yahweh "blotted out" 6.5f

4. Deuteronomy

Unity of God's being
Sacrificial worship limited to
one unnamed place
Legitimate priesthood identical with
the Levites

Not such emphasis in rest of Pent.
contra. Ex. 20.24

contra. Ex. 28.1; Num. 3.5-10

Conclude:

Pentateuch comes from later age than Moses
" not homogeneous work, but contains different strata
Bulk of Deut. probably forms special source.