

Critical Scholars Differ

On where the E Document begins

G. Von Rad, The Problem of the Hexateuch and other essays. Trans by E. W. Trueman Dicken (McGraw-Hill Book Co.: N.Y.) 1966

p. 75 We agree with Mowinckel that E cannot have begun at Gen. xv.1, and that there must have been some sort of account of Abraham's antecedents by way of introduction. We must, in fact, suppose that the Elohist source was abridged when it was combined with J, J having already given an account of Abraham's migration and of what first befell him in Canaan.

G. Fohrer, LOT, p. 155 It is noteworthy that E now begins (Gen. 15.1) abruptly with the words, "After these things" The phrase used implies that other remarks or narratives originally preceded the present account.