

Critical Scholars Differ

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Genesis, G. Von Rad

p. 332 Gen. 35.15 -"v.15 in our opinion belongs to E and not to P."
(Note the rest do give it to P.)

2 | p. 333 the often expressed doubt that P is to be designated as a historical work is quite wrong. P is not simply a collection of cultic, ritual materials, clothed of necessity in historical garb, but an actual historical work

3 | p. 417 This blessing of Jacob's is generally attributed to the source J. But to consider J the author is impossible, for J is not even the author of the prose narratives attributed to him; one must then think of him as the collector of the aphorisms. But there are no clear signs which lead one to connect J with this collection. The text is often obviously damaged and scarcely understandable.

E. A. Speiser, Genesis, xxii

4 | " . . . Genesis is not affected by the special problems that beset the Book of Deuteronomy: it shows no trace whatever of source D."

Harrelson, Interp. the O.T., p. 63

5 | The Elohist's story first appears clearly in chap. 15 . . . Later intrusions are observable in the chapter, but they are easily separable from the old covenant story (15.7-21; vss. 12-16 are later, a part of the deuteronomistic history).

Anderson, B. W., Understanding the O.T.

1957 ed. p. 71; 1966 ed., p. 77 "Since D material is not found in the first four books of the Old Testament, Genesis through Numbers. . . " Cf. Harrelson, above.

Anderson, B.W., - - - - -

1957 ed., p. 82; 1966 ed., p. 87 "Contrary to the common assumption, Judges 1 is not a single document, a remnant of 'the lost J account of the conquest,' but an anthology of material from differing dates and circumstances."

1957 ed., p.162; 1966 ed., p. 168 "Von Rad believes that the theme of the giving of the Law at Sinai was not part of the earliest tradition, but was first introduced into the Israelite epic by the Yahwist. However, in spite of the silence of Deuteronomy 26:5-10 on the Sinai covenant, we believe that this was an authentic part of the Mosaic tradition and had already been elaborated during the period of the Confederacy."

Anderson, B. W. - - - - 1966 ed.

p. 172 Although scholars differ somewhat on the material in Genesis that should be assigned to J, the outlines . . . is adequate for our purpose.

G. B. Gray, Numbers, ICC, p. 426

1 | A strict analysis of the chapter [Num. 32] as between JE and P cannot be satisfactorily carried through.