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p. 47 The presupposition is, of course, that since Gen. 15.6 belongs either to J. or E., it is anterior to Isaiah. Thus Driver, Gunkel, Holzinger, Hempel, Oesterley and Robinson give the verse to J.,<sup>58</sup> though Sellin, Procksch, Pfeiffer and Eissfeldt give the verse to E.<sup>59</sup> Skinner considers the verse has "an Elohist basis, recast by a Jehovistic or Deuteronomic editor (probably R<sup>JE</sup>)."<sup>60</sup> The balance of opinion then may be said to be evenly divided, though that the J. source is the more probable is confirmed by the fact that the idea of faith in 15.6, is matched by the manifestation of Abraham's trust in Yahweh's promises (12.1-4a, 7-9J.)<sup>61</sup> and by the laughing episode 18.12f.J.,<sup>62</sup> not to mention the distribution of the faith references in the Moses stories, which also are mainly J.

58. H. Holzinger, K. H. A. T., 1898; S. R. Driver, W. C., 4th ed., 1905; H. Gunkel, H.A.T., 1910; Hempel, op. cit., p. 113; Oesterley and Robinson, Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament, 1934, reprinted 1937, p. 34.

59. Procksch, K.A.T., 1913, reading  $\eta' \eta' \delta \delta$  for  $\eta \eta$ , cum LXX; E. Sellin, Einleitung in das Alte Testament, 7th ed., 1935, p.40; Pfeiffer, op. cit., p. 168; O. Eissfeldt, Hexateuch-Synopse, 1922, p. 23.

60. J. Skinner, I.C.C., Genesis, 1910, p.277.

61. Cf. Pfeiffer, op. cit., p. 143.

62. Cf. Hempel, op. cit., p. 113