

creation of the world and he describes it as very good. Everything God made was good. After that P jumps to a list of men in chapter 5 telling how long they lived and that they died but one wonders where does death come from. There was no mention of death in P's account of how God created man. There was no mention that he was going to die. The J portion includes chapter 3 which tells about the fall of man and the death resulting from man's sin, but the P portion makes no mention of death until chapter 5 and it does not mention the fall of man which is how death entered into the world.

The critics take verse 29 out of chapter 5 and give it to J and leave the rest of the chapter, which is genealogy, to P because P is interested in genealogy. But you will notice what that does to the J document which started with 2.4b and continues on to 4.26 before the next break. 4.26 says that to Seth there was born a son and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of Jehovah. The next verse in the J document is 5.29, "And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us . . ." Certainly the J document is far from complete at this point jumping as it does all of a sudden from Seth's time down to the time of his great-great-great-great-great-great-great grandson Noah. This is quite a sharp jump and it shows that J is not a continuous document.

From chapter 5, P skips to 6.9-22, "These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God . . . The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." What has happened to the earth which P said God described as good? Now all of a sudden God sees it corrupt and filled with violence and God says He is going to destroy it. What a sudden decision on God's part. No reason is given for God's sudden change. P does not give any reason. Surely this is