

is this that after saying, "These are the generations of Jacob"(37.2a) does not even mention Joseph until he was 30 years old and stood before Pharaoh? How Joseph got down to Egypt and how he came to stand before Pharaoh is not so much as mentioned by P. Surely this is very far from being a complete document. The next continuation of P (given by all critics except Skinner who finds P in 42.5-6a) is 46.6, "And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him!"

It should perhaps be noted that in Harrelson's analysis of Genesis 37 as given in the Appendix on page 489 he gives verses 1-2a to P but verse 2b beginning "Joseph being seventeen years old . . ." Harrelson gives to E. However, we find that in his earlier discussion of Genesis 37 given on page 37 Harrelson appears to give all of verse 2 to P and this would include the reference to Joseph being a lad of seventeen. Still Harrelson admits "P's continuation of the story is not preserved." . . . " This incompleteness of P must be kept in mind when reading another statement by Harrelson (p. 39) that "P must itself be considered a narrative of Israel's early history, from the creation to the death of Moses." It seems hard to understand how anything as incomplete as this could be considered a continuous narrative.

If, as some have maintained, each of these stories is absolutely complete originally and certain parts of one were selected and certain parts of another were selected and these supplement one another, this amounts to dropping the whole argument from continuous narrative which was one of the four original arguments for the documentary hypothesis. Kuhl says that the unknown writer or redactor who combined P with J and E "did not accept the material in its entirety as he found it and simply strung the sources together: his task was to supplement, as his own discretion . . ." Although this redactor attempted to incorporate as much as possible from the older sources, Kuhl contends that this did not hinder him