

E Document

Simpson, C. A., The Interpreter's Bible p. 196

The E document begins with the story of Abraham. In the sequence of the events which it records through the patriarchal period, the Exodus, and the Conquest, it is much the same as J2, a fact which indicates that it is in some way dependent upon that document. There are, however, certain significant differences of representation.

(a) "The name Yahweh (the Lord) does not occur in the story of the Patriarchs. Instead E uses Elohim (God). According to him the name Yahweh was unknown until it was revealed to Moses (Ex. 3.14-15)"

FACTS: The name Yahweh occurs in the following ¹⁹ places in the E narrative according to

- Gen. 15.1 Driver, C&H, Pfeiffer, Hooke, Harrelson, Eissfeldt(la) *Ryle?*
 4 Eissfeldt
 6 Pfeiffer, Eissfeldt, Von Rad
 7 Harrelson
 8 Harrelson
 16.9-
 10 C&H, Hooke, (*B.W. Anderson?*)
 13a Simpson
 20.18 Driver? West. Com. Skinner, Brightman, Speiser, Harrelson, Eissfeldt, Von Rad, Fohrer (*Noth?*)
 21.33 Harrelson, Kuhl, Von Rad, Fohrer, Noth
 22.11 Driver, Addis, C&H, Ryle, Skinner, Brightman, Pfeiffer, Bewer, Hooke, Harrelson, Weiser, Kuhl, Simpson, Holzinger, Fohrer, Noth
 14 Driver, C&H, Ryle, Skinner, Brightman, Bewer, Hooke, Harrelson, Kuhl, Eissfeldt, Fohrer, Noth
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 16 Skinner, Brightman, Harrelson, Eissfeldt, Kuhl, Fohrer (*Noth?*)
 "Jahveh is impossible in a story from E"- Simpson, p.84
 24.56 Simpson ("Jahveh being redactional for Elohim" p.89)
 27.7b C&H, Hooke, Simpson
 27 Eissfeldt
 28.21 Driver, Ryle, Skinner, Brightman, Pfeiffer, B.W.Anderson, Eissfeldt, Weiser, ~~Von Rad~~, Simpson, Holzinger, Fohrer, Noth(Rd)
 31.3 ~~Pfeiffer~~,
 49 C&H, Skinner, Pfeiffer, Hooke, Eissfeldt, ~~Simpson~~, Holzinger,
 32.9 C&H, ~~Pfeiffer~~, Hooke

(b) "Hebron is never mentioned and Abraham is represented as having his home in Beer-sheba."

FACTS: Hebron is mentioned 5 times in Gen; twice in Num. It is not placed in E by any of the critics we have consulted (some 19 of them). Nevertheless Beer-sheba cannot be considered as peculiarly belonging to E inasmuch as it is found in the J narrative in the following ⁹ places according to

- Gen. 21.31 Simpson(J2)
 32 Addis, Skinner, (J); Simpson(J2)
 33 Driver, Addis, C&H, Ryle, Skinner, Brightman, Pfeiffer, Bewer, Hooke, Speise, B.W.Anderson, Weiser (all J); Simpson (J2); Holzinger (J).