

on the contrary, speaks of Isaac and Ishmael as burying their father. Jacob departs at the bidding of Isaac who, like Rebekah, has been vexed with Esau's marriage with Canaanite women. Isaac is determined to save Jacob from the same mistake. They say that this is in sharp contrast to J, which they say represents Jacob as having defrauded Esau and fleeing from his vengeance.

They say that P does not know anything of any dispute between Abraham and Lot; of course it does not, if you give those portions to J! Their assumption is that each document is complete. They say the characteristic views of P and the characteristic views of J differ greatly, but they differ because they give some verses to one and some verses to the other! Neither of their alleged documents is really complete. It takes the two together to give the whole picture!

At an early time critics decided that a large part of the E document (which they now call P) really had a style more like that of J than that of Gen 1. So beginning at Gen 20 they called this material the "second Elohist" and eventually called it E. There are some who give a portion of chapter 15 to the E document, but most would begin the E document with chapter 20. The E document takes most of the Elohist material from 20 on. P has only two or three fairly long chapters, and most of it is just an occasional verse here and there – just a few tiny fragments to connect it up by naming someone. That is about all they assign to P until the very last few chapters of Genesis. It is the tiniest bit of a thread to connect the various chapters of J. When they call it a continuous narrative, you wonder, what kind of book it ever was. You could write a book that would be just a list of names, you could write a genealogy, or a list of people and just tell where they went, but P is much more than that! P has this long account of creation; it has a long account of the flood, it has a long account of the burial of Sarah. A few things like that are given at length. What sort of a document would that be, that had these few things given at length, and then just a brief word about the rest.

Thus the continuous document argument *falls to pieces* when you divide P into the first and second Elohist. If you go through some of these other parts and notice how very slim is the material given to P,