

the form of simply speaking to them.” Driver goes on for two or three pages telling the characteristics of the views of each of these alleged writers. “The literary style of P is strongly marked.” “JE and especially J is free-flowing and picturesque. P is stereotyped, measured, and prosaic. The narrative flows like a steady stream and is articulated systematically, the beginning and closing enumerations are regularly marked by stated formulas.” As was mentioned yesterday, P is enumeration, genealogies, and statistics. Then Driver goes on to tell how dry and repetitious the style of P is compared with the interesting style of J. He does not discuss D so much here because it largely deals with a different book – the book of Deuteronomy. D, as you know, is the hortatory book, the book of exhortation.

In Exodus the primary laws are given at Sinai and the Ten Commandments; then this is followed by the judgments. This, which they call the book of the covenant, ends with a section exhorting people to obey these laws.

In D you have the exhortation to obey the law with long flowing oratorical sentences. In P you have the law given in great detail, which is important for the Priest as he administers the law, as well as for the judges. So they all contain laws, but the great bulk of the law is P and the next largest amount is D. These are the background matters that are tremendously important.

Student: Would you please say something regarding the origin of the name Jehovah, because one day in class we were discussing that passage and you said that that was not the origin of the name Jehovah at all, but the origin was in the Tetragrammaton.

AAM: The name Jehovah is the Tetragrammaton. Tetragram is a Greek word meaning “a four letter word.” In this case the four letters represent the name of God. Sometimes in a technical discussion we say “the tetragram” instead of using the name of God. No one knows how these four letters were pronounced in ancient times. No one knows the origin of *YHWH*. I do not plan to discuss where the name came from; I would simply say, God revealed this name, and that is its origin. The critics have various theories as to where it came from, but