

Aalders recognizes that the great majority of the Pentateuch is Mosaic, but he says that the Pentateuch, in its present form, is much later, perhaps in the days of Saul. On this I think his logic is ridiculous. The impression I got was that he would think that there might be large sections which were written by Moses and others interpolated by a later writer, but that the book in the form in which we have it now is from a later time.

Orr has some very fine discussion of the particular points which we are dealing with now. The critics say, “Here is somebody who sacrifices in one place and somebody in another place and somebody in another and somebody in yet another – how could there be a law that sacrifice is to be only at one place?” Well, as we have noticed, this law is not a great moral principle that sacrifice is to be at one place. The law is, “You are to worship the Lord; you are to serve Him; you are to follow Him. When the Lord has given you peace in your land and you are established normally, you are to have a unity and to make your sacrifice at one place.” That was the law.

Let us briefly glance then at some of these cases, to just summarize a few which can be omitted from full discussion. The first one is that whenever you find the root from which the word altar is taken – altar is the place of sacrifice, but *zabach* does not always mean sacrifice. The word *zabach* means “to kill,” and usually “to kill for sacrifice,” but not always. This can be proved conclusively. It is not a questionable matter, though it may be one which is not realized. It may not be realized because dozens and dozens of times this word is used of sacrifice, and there are comparatively few times where it does not mean sacrifice, but just “kill.”

C. The Book of Deuteronomy.

1) *Deuteronomy 12*. One of the few times the word *zabach* means “to kill” is so absolutely clear that it settled the matter beyond the peradventure of a doubt. It is in this very chapter, Deuteronomy 12, where we are told two or three times that they are to bring their sacrifice to the place the Lord their God shall choose out of all your