

in this book, we find in ch. 3:23, and 11:40 it is used for the western side of the Jordan river--it is plain that the phrase doesn't say which side it is--it is eastward or westward which you can tell simply from the context. In the N.T. times it became standarized to mean the eastern side of Jordan but there is no such standarization such as that found in the O.T.

This problem of the O.T. is not one to put into the hands of those that have no background in the subject. I think that the problem is too involved for them. I know some college students that studied and didn't even know the difference between J and P but with the background that you have now and the understanding of all that it is about--I think that you will find much of value in the book of James Orr, the Problem of the O.T. and his chapter on Deut. is very good. There is another book that I feel I should say something about and which I found very disappointing. It is called "A Short Intro. to the Pentateuch--Allgers. He is Prof. of O.T. in the Free Univ. of Amsterdam. He is a very fine evangelical man and published by the IVF--I would say that if you left out one tenth of the book, if you would have a very excellent book. You have a fine discussion of various features of the critical theory--of its viewpoints and difficulties; something of its history but there are two chapters in it which are not good at all. I feel the same as I felt about the article I read in the Scholar--Archeology and its relationship to the Bible; he gave all this evidence against the theory and ended up by saying how much we owe to Wellhausen and Graf. He believes that every word in the Scripture is true--after facing these arguments one by one and showing that they do not prove the case, he gets to the point where it is neither flesh, fish or fowl and it is like a man that I knew when I was Boy Scout and he made a jump across the ditch in two ~~jump~~ jumps rather than one. He takes up two arguments which he thinks are so strong that he can't answer them; thereofere he takes the position, that though the book is all true, yet it wasn't written by Moses, but written by someone in the time of David or Solomon. He doesn't seem to realize what it does to the whole teaching. He points out that some of it is interpolations. It is all written by the help of the Holy Spirit, he claims, but the Bible says that Moses wrote them and it would be easier to believe the higher critical view that the view this man presents.