

Date of the documents given on page 2

- J - written c. 850 B.C.
- E - " " 750 B. C.
- JE- combined 650 B. C.
- D 621 B.C.
- JED combined 600-550 B.C.
- P 500 B.C., final editors c. 400.

p. 4 Note the various features which characterize this earlier version of the creation story and distinguish it from the P account: (1) the use of Jahweh in references to deity (remembering that where this translation uses "the LORD," the Hebrew text has Jahweh); (2) the order in which the various phases of creation occurred, especially the time of man's appearance; (3) the anthropomorphism (Jahweh is described as though he were a human being); (4) the general style (that is a folk-tale, not a studied literary composition).

p. 9 Versions of the flood story appeared in both the J and P documents. These have been combined in the Genesis account. But instead of including J and P material in large blocks, as he did in the case of precious stories, the compiler or editor has woven together the various details of the two versions into one continuous narrative.

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p. 25 Difficult to divide sources
In this chapter [Genesis 27] the analysis of sources is uncertain. The material is apparently drawn from both J and E, but the two sources seem to have been so similar at this point that it is extremely difficult to distinguish with certainty the excerpts which come from each of them.

p. 38 Joseph Is Sold into Egypt, Gen. 37
" . . . in J the father is called Israel, while in E he is called Jacob; in J Judah is the brother who is friendly to Joseph, while in E it is Reuben; in J Joseph is sold to the Ishmaelites, while in E he is given over to the Midianites (or is kidnapped by them). Aside from these differences the two versions follow the same general outlines.

p. 41 Notice that according to E the events now described occur in the house of the captain of the guard, while according to the J version they take place in the prison (in accordance with the J account in Genesis 39).
40.3b said to be J - the prison
40.3a said to be E - the house of the captain of the guard

p. 45 Gen. 42.35. According to the J version the money is found during a stop on the journey (see verse 27); according to E (verse 35) it is discovered after they reach their home.