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Critical Scholars Disagree

"Pentateuch" by D. N. Freedman in The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (1962), Vol. III, pp. 711-727.

p. 714 While scholarly agreement on the scope of J and E has never been reached, and the end points for both have been fixed all the way from the end of Numbers on into Samuel and Kings, it is likely that the end point is determined roughly by the date of the writer.

Fohrer, IOT, p. 158 Most scholars assume that E originated in the Northern Kingdom. Noth, however, following Smend and Holscher, has argued for Judah; and Eissfeldt has expressed doubts about the Northern Kingdom as the homeland of E.

Martin Noth, Exodus (Westminster Press, Phila.) 1962 S.C.M. Press, Ltd. Trans. from the German Das zweite Buch Mose, Exodus . . . 1959

p. 15 The question whether J or E is the earlier is disputed; E is usually taken to be the less ancient, but this cannot be proved for certain.