## Critical Scholars Differ



Pfeiffer states: "Ex.1.6,8-10 is all that can be certainly assigned to J in ch. 1" (p.144).

However, Driver(1913), C&H, H-B, McNeil, Brightman, Bewer, Stalker, Harrelson and G. W. Anderson also include verses 11 and 12 in J, in Ex. 1.

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Pfeiffer (p.161) finds it difficult to decide whether Gen. 36.9-30 is S1 or S2. Most of the other critics give this section to P.

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Pfeiffer (p.170) says that in Ex. 16-18, "J and E cannot be separated". Eissfeldt very clearly separates J from E in chapters 17 and 18, and Driver (1913) gives all but  $2\frac{1}{2}$  verses in ch. 17 and 18 to E.

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Pfeiffer (.p. 175) says "The story of Ex. 4.1-4 . . . . cannot be J, as many critics suppose; if it is not E, it must be E2."
All the other critics, except Eissfeldt who assigns them to L, give these verses to J.

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- J. A. Bewer (The Literature of the O.T., p.66, New York, 1922) finds no J material whatsoever between Exodus 18.11 and Num. 10.29 according to Pfeiffer'S footnote on p. 146 of his Intro. to the O.T.

  Pfeiffer sees traces of the J story in Ex. 19.2b, 18,20a, 21 "if these disconnected remnants are really J" (Pfeiffer, p. 145-6) Also in 34.1â,2,4,28 (omitting a few words).

  In addition to these verses which Pfeiffer gives to J, Eissfeldt also gives 19.3b,9,11,13a,15-16,19a,20b,22,25 to J. He also gives 20.18b,20b to J which no one else does.
- XI-75 New Catholic Encyclopedia, 1967, p. 99 "There is no universal agreement on all the attributions, and at times the conflation with other sources is such as to preclude a precise analysis." Said of the Yahwist (J) document.
  - G. Fohrer(<u>Intro. to the OT</u>)p. 109 Good summary of divergent theories held by critical scholars respecting chronological order and date of J, E, D, and P.
  - G. Fohrer, IOT, p. 155/4 It is likewise incorrect to assume that the preserved form of E is more fragmentary than that of J (Noth, Weiser), if this assumption is meant as a wholesale judgment.