Critics Express Doubt

Eissfeldt, p. 176 In contrast to the optimism of earlier generations in regard to the possibility of a clear literary analysis of Deuteronomy, there has come into recent studies a certain reserve. Scholars content themselves with observing, as Noth does, that the original Deuteronomy gradually grew into its present form, and abandon the attempt at making more precise statements concerning the exact nature of this development, its stages and the motives which led to it.

Scholars express misgivings about details of Welhausen Theory

See 7.2-1 W. Staerk, M. Lohr, P. Voltz, W. Rudolph

See 5.2-33' Bewer on analysis of Num 16. Uncertain over what is J and what is E.