

Documents Distinguished by Divine Names Used

"Book of Numbers" by K. C. Dentan in Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (Abingdon: 1962) Vol. III, pp. 567-571.

p. 568 The continued existence of parallel narratives is evident, but it is usually difficult to determine which elements should be assigned to a particular source. One notable exception to this general statement is the Balaam story (chs. 22-24), in which 22.1-21, 35b-40, can with considerable confidence be derived from E, while 22.22-35a is plainly J, as is shown by the use of the name Yahweh instead of Elohim. In other sections various commentators show a wide divergence in their analysis of the JE document.

K 53/1 Critical approach of dividing material on basis of names of God prevails today with few exceptions