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e. Narrative thread P. Although observations of many kinds suggest that the Genesis narratives which use Yahweh as the designation for God be divided into two parallel threads, the resulting four-source theory has not, at least at the present time, succeeded in establishing itself. If, therefore, no unanimity extensions the experts in the analysis of the Yahwish content of Genesis, such unanimity is all the greater in the case of the designation of the material belonging to P, in that these pieces are very generally considered as P: the creation of heaven and earth . . . P still retains, in spite of its brevity, the character of a con-> nected narrative thread, which in addition derives its special stamp from the fact that the points at which the presentation forsakes the broader sphere treated previously and turns to a more restricted one, to conclude finally in the most restricted sphere, the history of the people of Israel, are all set off by the heading "These are the generations of . . . "

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