

land of Canaan they came. Then P skips to 13.6. "And the land was not able to bear them. that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together." Then to 11b-12a, "and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain . . ." Thus the account of P skips all about Abram's sojourn in Egypt and the account of the strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle followed by Abram's magnanimous offer and Lot's choice of the plain of the Jordan. P knows nothing of these things which again shows how incomplete P is without J.

W. E. Addis (Documents of the Hexateuch, Vol. II, p. 221) writes, "It is the habitual practice of P to ignore all scandal in the families of the Patriarchs, who are to him men of ideal virtue. Thus he is silent about the fall of Adam, Noah's drunkenness, the curse of Canaan: he knows nothing of Sarah's incredulous laugh or of Abraham's deceit: represents the parting of Abraham and Lot as a friendly agreement . . . : he is silent about the expulsion of Hagar and her son, and on the contrary speaks of Isaac and Ishmael as together burying their father . . . In P Jacob departs at the bidding of his father who, like Rebekah, has been vexed by Esau's marriage with Canaanite women, and is determined to save Jacob from the same fall, and secure him a wife among his kinsfolk in Paddan-aram."

Naturally P would not know anything about a dispute between Abraham and Lot if you gave those portions to J. But when critics speak this way about the ignorance of one account concerning information contained in another document they are assuming that each document is complete. However, the characteristic views of P and J differ so widely that neither document is actually complete without the other and it is only because the critics have taken some verses from one document and given them to another that the documents become incomplete.

The E document chiefly begins with chapter 20 although most critics find