

Jacob's Bargain with Laban

- ✓ p. 238 J 30.25-43 Jacob finds a way to outwit Laban
E 31.5ff Jacob does not act on own initiative; he merely follows God's advice

Jacob's Flight from Haran

- ✓ p. 249 J. 31.1 precipitated by agitation on part of Laban's prospective heirs
E 31.2 due to Laban's menacing moods

Explanations of Jacob's Prosperity

- ✓ p. 249 J ³⁰ 30.27-42 Result of Jacob's own ingenious countermoves to Laban's schemes
E. 31.10ff the initiative is God's

Interpretation of Treaty between Jacob and Laban

- ✓ p. 249 J 31.50 Laban's new-found solicitude for his daughter's future
E. 31.52 a mutual non-aggression pact

Symbols of Treaty Differ

- ✓ p. 249 J 31.46f A mound of stones
E 31.51f A stele or pillar

Mahanaim and Peniel

- ✓ p.255 E. 32.1-3 The Mahanaim episode
J 32.4-33 The encounter at Peniel
The two encounters have "an inner connection"(p.254) and relationship(p.255)

(p.219,271) Jacob's Dream at Bethel and Bethel Revisited
28.10-22 and 35.1-15

"Instead of parallel accounts separately presented, as is usually the case, we have this time a composite version intricately blended,"(p.219) Here Speiser seems to distinguish between composite and parallel accounts. On p. 292 in treating the story of Joseph, Speiser observes that "the casual reader is hardly aware that he has a composite story before him; and even the trained analyst is sometimes baffled when it comes to separating the parallel accounts. All of which points up the skillful and unobtrusive achievement of the compiler or redactor."
On page 294 re the "discrepancy between the Midianites and the Ishmaelites in two adjoining clauses we are told "The omission of either one would have eased the problem considerably; yet the remedy was not applied. Undoubtedly it could not be because no such editorial license was permissible. R could still rearrange the material in J and E into a connected text, but he was not free to suppress any statement in either source.")

The Story of Joseph

- ✓ p. 307 "Episodes that are really parallel could be construed by the compiler as separate and consecutive, since outward signs of duplications (as in 37.28) are relatively infrequent."

E 37.28a Midianites
J 37.28b Sale to the Ishmaelites

"This single verse alone provides a good basis for a constructive documentary analysis of the Pentateuch." (p.291 cf. 293,294)

- ✓ p.329 "As the story of Joseph progresses, the two parallel strands of which it is composed stand out more and more sharply by reason of their sustained and increasing differences in detail."

- ✓ p.366 The Testament of Jacob(Gen.49:1-27) has a "parallel" in the Song of Moses, Deut. 33