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Pentateuch

Documentary Hypothesis



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Josiah's temple repair discovery
621 BC
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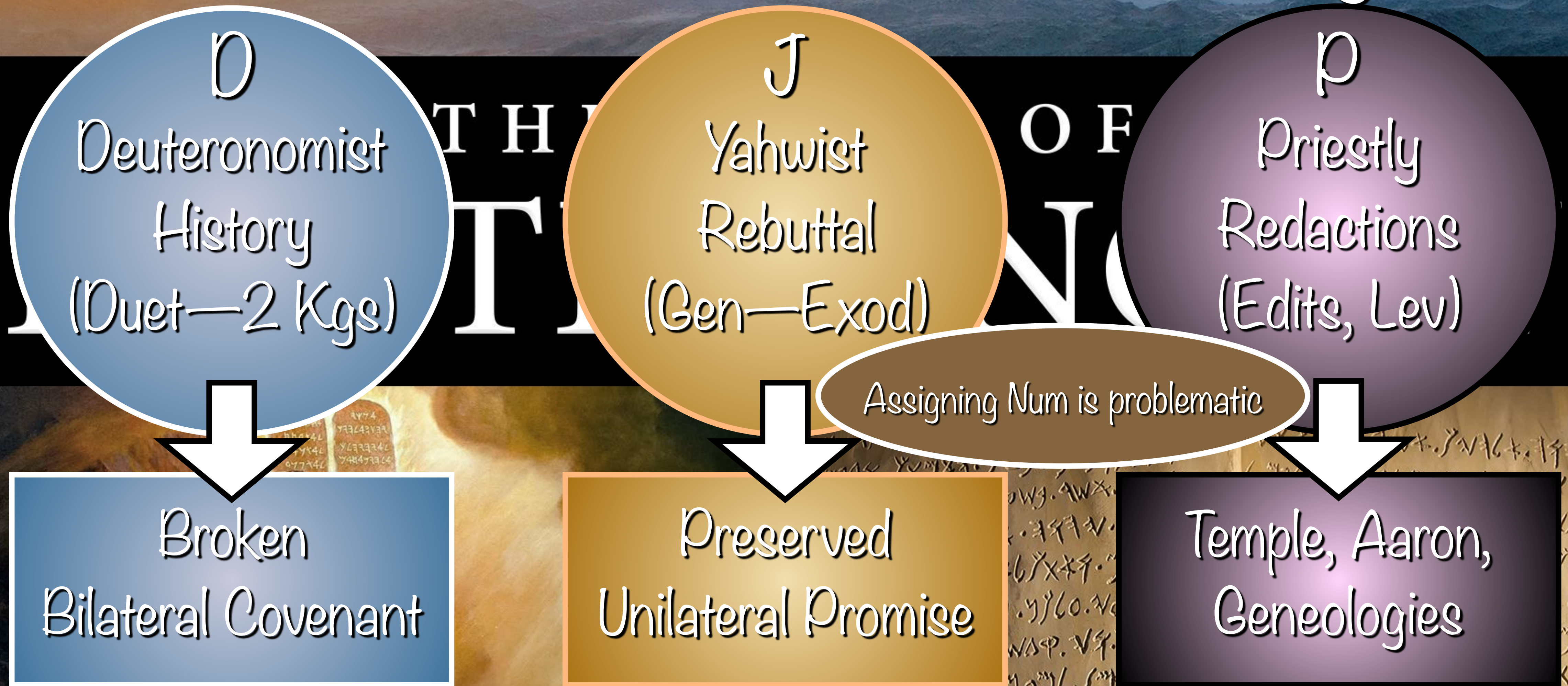
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Genesis, Exodus

Genesis

Gen 1-11

Primeval History

Adam, Cain, Genealogy
(Adam to Noah), Enoch,
Nephilim, Noah, Table of
Nations, Tower of Babel,
Genealogy (Noah to Abram)

Gen 12-50

Ancestral Saga

Abraham (12:1—25:18)

Jacob (25:19—36:43)

Joseph (37—50)

Genesis

- Genesis 1–11 (Primeval History)

- Critical issues

- ~ Frequent mythological echoes (Enuma Elish, ANET texts)

- ~ Composition: Documentary Hypothesis (monarchic vs. exilic setting)

- Theological themes

- ~ Interpretive traditions: creatio ex nihilo, first person plural (“let us”)

- ~ Ordering chaos (“passion for order”)

- ~ Persistence of rebellion and grace

Genesis

- Genesis 12–50 (Ancestral History)

- Critical issues

- ~ History: no known historical events or persons and anachronisms
- ~ Composition: Documentary Hypothesis (monarchic vs. exilic setting)

- Theological themes

- ~ Curiosities: Melchizedek, sacrifice of Isaac, Joseph's pagan wife
- ~ Theme of human evil inclination extended
- ~ New theme of unilateral promise (blessing creation through Abraham's family)
- ~ Complex vacillation between unilateral promise, bilateral covenant

Genesis

'ibri (Gen 14:13) = 'apiru nomads?
Akkadian "Amorites"?

anachronisms:
Philistines, "to this day,"
"Ur of the Chaldeans"

Genesis 12

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EXODUS

Exodus

Exod 1-18

Exod 19-24

Exod 25-31, 35-40

Exod 32-34

Egypt to Sinai

Sinai Covenant

Cultic Space

Golden Calf

Servitude, Moses, Plagues, Release, Pursuit, Sea, Complaints, Amalekites, Elders

Mountain, Ethical Decalogue (Ten Commandments), Covenant Code (Apodictic), Ratification

Ordering: Resources, Ark, Ordination, Ritual (25-31), Repetition as Completion (35-40)

Rebellion, Intercession, Levite Ordination, Plague, Abandonment, Intercession, Ritual Decalogue

Exodus

• Critical Issues

• Historicity of Exodus event

- ~ Weak proposals (Hyksos, Ahmose I, supply cities, 'apiru, Akhenaton monotheism)
- ~ No dateable Egyptian mention (Hebrew name, national plagues, Red Sea)
- ~ No archeological evidence (Hebrew occupation, Canaanite Levant)

• Influence of Near Eastern myths

- ~ Moses's birth (Sargon of Akkad)
- ~ Watery chaos, divine warriors (Marduk vs. Tiamat)
- ~ Law Codes (Hammurabi, Eshnunna)

Exodus

• Critical Issues

• Priestly competition, conflict (Exod 32)

~ Aaronites vs. Levites

~ Throughout first and second temple periods

• Composition

~ Yahwist: 1-18 (slavery to Sinai), 19-24 (law code), 32-34 (golden calf)

~ Priestly: 25-31 (tabernacle instructions), 35-40 (tabernacle construction)

~ Dating: questioning early dating of Yahwist work

Exodus

• Critical Issues

• Priestly competition, conflict (Exod 32)

~ Aaron

Redactions: call of Moses, magicians, some plagues, Passover, manna

- Covenant Code: abbreviated form suggests supplemental, not primary
- Deuteronomistic style is purposeful rhetorical imitation to contradict theology (32:7-14)

• Competing

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Exodus

• Theological Themes

- Curiosities (slaying male Hebrews? divine hardening of Pharaoh? three forms of golden calf punishments?)
- Genesis themes extended
 - ~ Disobedience extended from humanity to Israel (people's rebellions, Aaron's dissimulations)
 - ~ Passion for order extended from creation to people (Sabbath, Passover, Tabernacle)
 - ~ Promise/Covenant tension extended (land, descendants vs. continual disobedience)
- God and nations (correlating nations' blessing, cursing of Abraham's descendants)