

Scientific Investigation of the O.T., R.D. Wilson

Babylonian and Egyptian systems of dating.
Of the 4 full datings in the Pent. 3 follow the Egyptian system
and one the old Babylonian. Of the three following the Egyptian
system one is in the prologue to D and two are in P. p. 62

The Evidence: TEXT

Testimony of Experts necessary p. 67, 68

Importance of a correct text

Direct evidence for the text

Examination of the Hebrew Manuscripts

Work of the Massorites

Aramaic versions; Syriac Peshitto, etc.

Numerous citations in the N.T., Josephus, Philo, etc.

The LXX

Samaritan-Heb. text agrees substantially with received text
of Hebrew Bible

Hebrew Scriptures contain names of 26 or more foreign kings whose
names have been found on documents contemporary with the kings.

The spelling of the proper names of the kings as given in the
O.T. must go back to original sources; and if the original
sources were in the hands of the composers of the documents,
the probability is that since the composers are correct in the
spelling of the names of the kings they are correct also in
the sayings and deeds which they record concerning these kings. ^{p. 85}

Names of kings (some 40) given as strong evidence for the
accuracy of the O.T. records. p. 86, 87

Kinds of foreign words embedded in the different documents of the
O.T. argue strongly for genuineness and accurate transmission of
original text p. 88

Babylonian words in early chapters of Genesis; Egyptian words
in Pentateuch.

Evidence of general diffusion among the people of ability to
read and write.

Evidence from Analogy

The Ad Hominem Argument

After having, in order to prove this theory, cast out.....
hundreds of words from.... the documents, they proceed to
...interpret what remains with as much assurance as if they had
readly proven beyond all controversy that what they had abri-
trarily cast out was false and with as much presumption as if
they had actually proven that what they have retained is true.
Illustration of the plaintiff - p. 98

No argument can be made against that part of the text of the O.T.
which upholds the prima facie evidence of the documents, which
will not overthrow in a much greater degree the text that the
critics attempt to establish. p. 98

Conclusions

Burden of proof is laid upon the critics who arbitrarily and
without any direct evidence in their favor, throw out Elohim
from every place where it occurs in Gen. 2.3- ch. 4, and
Jehovah from many passages in other parts.

In the Koran we find the same variety in the use of the words
for Lord and God that we meet with in the Pent. p. 101 footnote

Examples of doublets or duplicates from secular history given
in footnote p. 102