

Chapter 8 Style

2. Admission by various critical books that the style of certain documents is difficult to distinguish - with precise page references.

Speiser, 232 On Gen. 29.31-30.24

XI-27, Morrison, 25 In this chapter [Gen. 27] the analysis of sources is uncertain. The material is apparently drawn from both J and E, but the two sources seem to have been so similar at this point that it is extremely difficult to distinguish with certainty the excerpts which come from each of them.

Gray, "Numbers" ICC, 426 A strict analysis of the chapter [Num. 32] as between JE and P cannot be satisfactorily carried through.

XI-8 Beyer (3rd), 291 There is much repetition and inconsistency in P, and this led G. von Rad to seek two strands in the work. The view has not found widespread acceptance.

Speiser 119, 143

U2, 169/5 Although it lacks the universal perspective found in J, this source is closely dependent on the J epic, so much so that in many places the two sources are fused indistinguishably together (JE).

U2, 172/3 Notice that in some instances J and E materials are blended together so closely that they cannot be disentangled. These passages are designated as JE, . . .

Kuhl, 68 The next large section concerning events at Sinai has been so extended by additions and insertions that it is difficult to ascertain what is the original. There is much doubt about some passages.

Addis I, 169 On Num. 20.1-13 Here we have one of the few instances in which the documents of the 'Oldest Book of Hebrew History' have been inextricably entangled, not, as is often the case, with each other, but with the narrative of the 'Priestly Writer.'

Ibid, 165 On Num 13 Attempts have been made to separate the component documents, especially by Wellhausen, Dillman, Koster . . . and Meyer . . . But the task seems to be hopeless, and there is nothing like agreement as to results.

Speiser 189 On Gen. 25.1-4 Nevertheless, in summary notices of this sort, the documentary analysis is more uncertain than elsewhere, and ~~is~~ so be labeled in the present instance.

Ibid, 341 There is thus at least a fair presumption that vs. 16-27 are to be attributed to E, and the rest to J; but since we cannot put it more definitely, it has seemed best to omit the usual source markers in the translation.

Bentzen, 31 Especially the separation of E is often very difficult and in some places impossible . . . we cannot with the optimism of the authors of the Polychrome Bible separate the "documents" by verses and half-verses. I think we must stop speaking of "documents."

A. H. McNeil, "Exod" xi The separation of the several pieces of which the books of the Hexateuch have been formed, cannot, in some cases be otherwise than tentative. In many passages more than one explanation can be given which appear to account for the phenomena.