

And so this argument from development is an argument which has two phases to it. On the one hand, there is the claim that the document, in it we see a development and then there is the claim that when we look at the history, we find that it corresponds to this development. As far as that is concerned, there would not much concerned with that particular law and there would not be much occasion to repeat them. There seems to be quite long periods in which the laws seem to quite an extent forgotten and yet in the history itself we do find evidence of insistence upon the maintenance of these laws. For example in the book of Joshua which purports to tell us the history of Israel coming into the land of Palestine. Of course Joshua is divided up among the documents by the critics, but the division is much more difficult to carry through, than it is in the early books. In the book of Joshua, we have the story of the conquest and then the story of the people who came over from Trans-Jordan who helped in conquering Canaan but went back to their homes, and then we have ch. 22 where it tells about the people of Reuben, Gad and half tribe of Manasseh after they have helped to conquer Canaan, Joshua tells them to go back to the land on the other side of Jordan but he told them not to forget the law which Moses had charged them and he sent them away and what do they do when those people get over there. They proceeded to build an altar, cf. v. 10 --they built a great altar there and the people from Canaan sent a protest, cf. v. 16--it was a ^{trespass} ~~xxxxxxx~~ and they were only rebelling against the Lord if it was commanded by the Lord to sacrifice in one place--it there is such a command, they are now rebelling, so here we have the other Israelites rebuking these in Trans-Jordan and telling them they are doing a wicked thing --cf. v. 19. We have here in the time of Joshua toward the end of the conquest we have them rebelling against God--we have clear evidence that the D law was already given. Do you then find the people of Trans-Jordan balking and saying this law is not yet given, and it has to be given at the time of Josiah--it is all right