

The Sources of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers; verse by verse.

This appendix indicates the probable source of each verse in these books. It is divided into groups of verses identified by the topic and the opening verse. The sources given deal with every verse until the first verse of the next topic. The main source is then given followed by a comment and a list of any insertions in this group of verses that may be due to a source other than the main one. The sources are identified by their sigla:

Sigla	Source	Sigla	Source
J	Yahwist	E	Elohist
P	Priestly Source	G	List of Generations
H	Author of Holiness code	R	Editor/Redactor
D	A Deuteronomist	X	Other

Genesis

Topic	Chap	First Verse	Main Source	Comment	Insertions
Genesis Creation (P)	1	1	P	R often introduces a new passage by a different author – in this case J's creation story - with a phrase such as, "These are the records" or "This is the account...".	2:4a R
Creation (J)	2	4b	J	The divine name used in these early J passages is Yahweh Elohim. The 'Elohim' is added by R to harmonise these texts with the P creation story.	
In Eden	3	1	J		
Cain & Abel	4	1	J	R reconciles two genealogies by stating that Seth is to be understood as a replacement of Abel	25-26a R
The name of YHWH is declared (J)	4	25b	J		
The Generations of Man	5	1	G	Inserted by the Redactor to separate the myth stories from the Patriarchal legends.	29 J
Sons of gods and women	6	1	J X	An ancient myth. Possibly Hurrian. Quoted by J	
Noah's flood: Preparation	6	5	J	R introduces P's account with, " These are the records..."	9a R; 9-22 P
The Flood Comes (P & J)	7	1	J	P and J closely intertwined in these two flood chapters	8-16a, 21,24 P 6 X
The Food Subsides (P & J)	8	1	P		2b-3a, 6, 8-12,13b J
Noah Sacrifices	8	20	J		
Noah's Covenant	9	1	P		
Noah's drunkenness	9	18	J		
Noah's Age	9	28	R		
The Table of Nations	10	1b	P	The genealogical material attributed to P could be assigned to G. The P/G material is a catalogue of nations rather than tribes	8-19, 21,24-30 J
Tower of Babel	11	1	J		

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Genealogies (Shem to Abraham)	11	10	G	R introduces the two main sections, and provides a linking explanation (Abraham stays in Haran awhile) to account for Abrahams origin being Ur in P and Haran/Nahor in J.	27b-31 P 10a,27a,31b, 32b R
Abraham's migration (J & P)	12	1	J	References to Haran in vv 4-5 added by R	4b-5 P
The promise to Abraham	12	6	J		
Wife as sister (J) Sarah and Pharaoh	12	10	J	Other versions in Exodus 20 (E) and 26 (J)	
Abraham and Lot Separate	13	1	J		6,11b-12a P
Invasion, Abraham and Melchizedek	14	1	X		
Abraham's covenant (J and E)	15	1	J	Two versions of the covenant. The outer is assigned to J following most scholars; the inner to E following Jenks and Speiser. 13a (intro to E) and 17 (resumptive for J) are R. R adds 'of the Chaldees' as an explanation, albeit erroneous. See Gen:17 for P version.	13a R, 13b-16 E; 7('of the Chaldees') R, 17a R
Hagar & Ishmael (J and P); expulsion and return	16	1	J	See Gen:21 for E version	3,15-16 P
Name change to Abraham; Covenant (P) with the sign of circumcision; promise of son by Sarah	17	1	P	Contains a prophecy of Isaacs birth (P). See Gen:15 for the E and J versions of the covenant.	
Three visitors	18	1	J	Contains a prophesy of Isaacs birth (J).	
Lot in Sodom	19	1	J	R adds a travel note	29 P 20:1a R
Wife as sister (E) Sarah and Abimelech	20	1b	E		
Isaac's Birth	21	1	J	Friedman interprets verse 7 as a J text as well as 1a and 2a; although he assigns 1b to P despite its reference to YHWH. He assigns 6b as well as 6a to E. However distributed, all three sources deal with Isaacs birth in these 7 verses!	2b-5 P 6a E
Hagar & Ishmael (E); expulsion	21	8	E	See chap 16 for J and P versions. It is possible that R has inserted the explanatory 'because your descendants will come through Isaac' in v12b - as in E this may not have been the case.	12b R?
Beer-Sheba (E) Abraham and the wells	21	22	E	Speiser attributes v33 to J, although Freidman ignores this insertion. See Gen:26 for J version of Beer-Sheba story.	33 J
Isaac's Binding	22	1	E	The redemptive insert is probably the work of an editor (Friedman), though Speiser and Jenks tentatively assign it to E.	11-16a R
News of Nahor's Children	22	20	J		
Abraham buys a burial cave	23	1	P		
The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah (J)	24	1	J	P's version is a one-line summary (25:20)	
Sons of Avraham's second wife	25	1	E	Friedman suggests Abraham's bequests is an early editorial insertion.	5-6 R?

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Death of Abraham	25	7	P	P uses 'expires', 'Dies, full of years' could be J. Lahai-Roi only mentioned by J. R introduces the next passage - Ishmael's story.	8a,11b J 12 R
Sons of Ishmael	25	13	P	R introduces the next passage - Isaac's story	19 R
The marriage of Isaac and Rebekah (P)	25	20	P	One verse only!	
Isaac's twins are born; Esau loses birth-right.	25	21	J		
Wife as sister (J again): Rebekah and Abimelech	26	1	J		
Beer-Sheba (J) Isaac and the wells	26	12	J	Start of next P story	34-35 P
Isaac Deceived	27	1	J		
Jacob sent to Laban	27	46	P		
Jacob at Bethel (J and E)	28	10	J	J and E versions here; P version in chap 35	11b-12,17-18,20-22 E
Jacob, Leah and Rachel	29	1	J		
Jacob's Children (J)	29	31	J	The alternative aetiology for Rueben may be J. The P version of Jacob's sons is in Gen:35	
Jacob's Children (E)	30	1	E	1a and 4a maybe J; 24b probably is J. 14 -16 is the mandrake root story - typical J. Speiser allocates the larger passage 7-16 to J and notes the double aetiologies of Reuben, Issachar, Joseph and Zebulun - suggesting 2 sources. See Gen:35 for P version.	1a,4a,14-16, 24b J?
Jacob's Bargain with Laban	30	25	J		
Jacob's decision to leave Laban	31	2	E	Verse 18 is all P writes about Jacob's return	3,17, J 18 P
Rachel steals the household gods (and Laban pursues)	31	19	J	Allocated to E by Friedman. Speiser recognises J elements. The style, use of speech, wordplay and subject matter of Rachel's story point to J. The E verses introduce 'Jacobs Compliant'. 26a "Then Laban said to Jacob' maybe both E and J	21-24,25a, 29, 36a&c E 26a common to E&J?
Jacob's compliant against Laban	31	38	E		
Jacob and Laban resolve their quarrel (J)	31	43	J?	Sources unclear. References to a pillar (in addition to the cairn) probably come from an alternative tradition; not J	45 & 48b-49 R
Jacob and Laban resolve their quarrel (E)	31	51	E	A harmonising editor has added the references to the pillar in 51-53	parts of 51,52&53 R 55 J?
Jacob approaches Esau	32	4	J?		32:4-13 J? 14-24 E
Jacob wrestles and becomes Israel (E)	32	25	E	The name change passage will be repeated in Gen:35	
Jacob is reconciled with Esau and reaches Sechem	33	1	E	Stylistic issues suggest that the first part (4-17) may be J, but the use of Elohim in a number of verses suggests otherwise. R adds some geographical detail.	18b
Rape of Dinah	34	1	J		
Jacob returns to Bethel.	35	1	E		

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Death of Deborah	35	8	?	This verse misplaced?	
Jacob's name changed to Israel (P)	35	9	P	P's name change story; E's version is in Chapter 32.	
Rachel's death	35	16	E		
Reuben & Jacob's Concubine	35	21	J	A crucial J passage with references to other J texts	
Jacobs sons (P) and Isaac's death	35	22b	P	A typical P summary	
Edomite Genealogies	36	1	P	X is inconsistent with other P texts. Poor editing by P perhaps or an insertion from another source, Friedman suggests J. 37 2a is a misplaced editorial sub-heading (for 46:6 perhaps)	31-43 X 37:2a P
Joseph & brothers (J and E)	37	2b	J	Closely interwoven texts	3a,4,12-18,21-22,24,25a,28a,29,30,36 E
Judah & Tamar	38	1	J		
Joseph & Potiphar	39	1	J		
Joseph & the prisoners dreams	40	1	E		
Joseph & Pharaoh	41	1	E	P reports Joseph's coming to power in Egypt and his age when this happened	45b-46a P
Jacob's sons in Egypt (J and E)	42	1	J	Text assignment difficult; Speiser gives this mostly to E; Friedman assigns more to J; This proposal gives good continuity to both. See text notes for reasoning.	5,7,11,13-14,18b-25 E
The return to Jacob (J and E)	42	26	J	General agreement that 27-28 is J with equivalent E being 35-37. V 38 (J) may have followed 43:2	29-37 E
Jacob's sons in Egypt again (J)	43	1	J	v14 contains El Shaddai (elsewhere P) and references to Jacob's bereavement (E). v 23 has references to Simeon (E).	14,15b,23 b E
Joseph's Test	44	1	J	Additions about money look anomalous.	1b & 2b?
The reconciliation of Joseph with his brothers	45	1	J	Pharaoh's house hears (v2) and invites (v16-20) only in E. The family's arrival surprises Pharaoh in J (46: 28 -). Joseph reveals himself in v3 (E) and in 4b (J)	2-4a,14-27 E
Jacob's Vision	46	1	E	reference to Pharaoh's wagon in 5b	5b J
Jacob and Family Migrate to Egypt	46	6	P	R provides a clarification	26b-27a
Jacob reaches Goshen; brothers meet Pharaoh (J)	46	28	J		
Jacob meets Pharaoh (P)	47	5	P		
Joseph's Land-for-Grain scheme	47	13	E/J?	Could be either E or J	
Jacob's last request (J)	47	27	J		27b-28
Blessing of Joseph's Children	48	1	E		3-6 P 7 R?
Testament of Jacob	49	1	X		27 R
Jacob's last request (P)	49	29	P		
Death of Jacob and Joseph	50	1	J		12-13 P 15-21&23-26 E

Exodus

Topic	Chap	First Verse	Main Source	Comment	Insertion
The names of those who came to Egypt	1	1	R	An editorial resumptive summary of P from Genesis 46:6-27.	
That generation dies	1	6	J		
Their descendants multiplied	1	7	P		
The enslavement	1	8	E		13-14 P
Killing the male infants	1	15	E		22 J
Moses birth	2	1	J		
God hears the Israelites	2	23b	P		
Revelation on Horeb (E) at the burning bush (J)	3	1	E	J locates the revelation at the burning bush. E locates it on mount Horeb (his term for Sinai). The two accounts are intertwined.	2-4a, 5,7-8 J
The name of YHWH is declared (E)	3	13	E		
God commissions Moses (E)	3	16	E	The P version of the commissioning can be found in Gen:6	
God promises they will despoil Egypt	3	19	E	Despoiling Egypt is also described in Exodus 11:1-3 & 12:35-36. Similar phrases are used in an E context. But Friedman gives this passage tentatively to J whilst Propp gives the first half to E, the second to J.	
Signs for Moses	4	1	E		
"Go to Egypt!"	4	19	R/J	R's contribution is to re-assert Yahweh as the speaker after the intrusion of other material.	
Moses leaves for Egypt	4	20b	E	R's contribution is the refrain 'I will harden Pharaoh's heart' which will be used to structure the combined narrative.	24-26 J, 21b R
The struggle on the way.	4	24	J or X?	Propp and Freidman assign this to J, but others ascribe it to an unknown source. (See Propp; Exodus 1-17; p 191 for a list)	
Aaron meets Moses	4	27	E	The 'mountain of God' phrase is typically E	
"Let my people go"	5	1	J		
Bricks without straw	5	3	E		
The name of YHWH is declared (P)	6	2	P		
God commissions Moses (P)	6	4	P	Vv 5-8 could be H (Chiasmus). 14-27 is a list of the families to be brought out of Egypt complete with linkage (26-27) back to main text. 10-13 is a prior repetition of 28-30 to allow entry of the genealogy.	10-13, 26-27 R, 14-25 X

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The snake; then plagues of blood and frogs (E and P)	7	1	P	E and P share the plague stories: R adds harmonising comment	7:14-18, 20b-21a,23-29 E 8:11b R
The plagues of lice (P) and flies (E)	8	12	P		16-28 E
The plagues of livestock(E), boils(P) and hail (E)	9	1	E	R harmonises	8-12 P, 35 R
The plagues of locusts and darkness (E)	10	1	E	R harmonises	20, 27 R
The death of the first born	11	1	E	R summarises all plagues	9-10 R
The Passover (P and E)	12	1	P	Verses 24-27 uses the language of Deuteronomy	21-23 E, 24-27 D?
The Exodus	12	29	E		37a R
The Passover regulations	12	40	P		51 R
Consecration of the firstborn	13	1	D?	Jenks omits this from his list of core E texts; possibly an insert from D.	
God leads the people	13	17	E	R adds a travel note. J describes Yahweh in a column of fire	20 R, 21-22 J
Crossing the Waters (J and P) and retreat before Pharaoh	14	1	P	Three stories closely intertwined; P uses the same term for dry ground as he does in the flood and creation stories; J uses a different term here and in her flood story. E does not mention the crossing of the sea.	5a,6,9a,10b,13-14,19b,20b,21b,24,25b,27b,30-31 J: 5b,7,11-12,19a,20a,25a E
The Song of the Sea	15	1	J(X)	J introduces and then quotes the Song of the Sea, an ancient poem; E quotes just two lines. R adds travel notes.	19,22a R; 20-21 E
Bitter water made sweet (J)	15	22b	J		
A covenant	15	25b	D? E?	Introduced by 25b, the covenant in verse 26 uses the language of D; therefore possibly an editorial comment on the previous story using D material. Freidman assigns it to E	
Travel notes	15	27	R	Travel notes	
Food in the desert (P & J)	16	2	P	See numbers 11 for E's version	4-5, 35b J; 17:1 R
Water from the rocks (E)	17	2	E	See numbers 20 for P's version	
Amelek	17	8	E		
Jethro	18	1	E	P adds a note on timing, R provides travel details.	19:1 P; 19:2a R
Theophany at the mountain (E)	19	2b	E	J's version follows; P's is in Exodus 24. The language of 3b - 8, especially 5&6, is Deuteronomic	3b-8 D

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Theophany on the mountain (J); consecration of the people	19	10	J	The inclusion of Aaron in v 24 looks out of place in this account - possibly editorial. E's theophany precedes this; P's is in chap24	16b-17,19 E; 24 edited by R?
The Ten Commandments (X)	20	1	X	The reason for the Sabbath law refers to P's creation story; compare Deuteronomy 5:6-18, where the reason is to give slaves a rest. See also Exodus 34:10-18 (J)	
Laws concerning idols and altars	20	18	E		
Covenant Code: slaves and injuries	21	1	X	Quoted by E	
Covenant Code: property and social laws	22	1	X	Quoted by E	
Covenant Code: justice and money	23	1	X	Quoted by E	
Covenant Code; the Sabbath and Festivals	23	10	X	Quoted by E	
The Angel of Preparation	23	20	E		
Communion on the mountain	24	1	E		
Tablets of stone (E)	24	12	E		
Theophany at the mountain (P)	24	16	P		18b R; 18c J
Instructions: Offerings, table and lampstand	25	1	P		
Instructions: Tabernacle	26	1	P		
Instructions: Offering altar, courtyard and oil.	27	1	P		
Instructions: Priests garments	28	1	P		
Instructions: Consecration of priests	29	1	P		
Instructions: Incense altar, payment, basin, oil, etc	30	1	P		
Instructions: Craftsmen.	31	1	P		
Keeping the Sabbath	31	12	H		
The gift of the tablets (P)	31	18	P		
The golden calf	32	1	E	The text reads better with verse 5 completely omitted. Including in the same verse the worship of both the calf and Yahweh creates an awkward ambiguity.	
The tablets destroyed; the people punished	32	19	E		
The tent of meeting	33	7	E		
Moses and the glory of Yahweh	33	12	E		

Exodus

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The Ritual Decalogue (J)	34	1	J	R inserts 'like the first ones' to make sense of this second account of the tablets. Three commandments follow the Exodus and Deuteronomy pversions. The others do not. See also Exodus 20:1-17 (R) and Deuteronomy 5:6-18 for parallels.	1b; 4 edited by R
Moses writes on the Tablets	34	27	P		
The radiance of Moses' face	34	29	P		
Doing the work; the Sabbath; the craftsmen, the materials	35	1	P		
Doing the work; the tabernacle	36	1	P		
Doing the work; the ark, the table, the lampstand	37	1	P		
Doing the work: the offering altar, the basin, the materials	38	1	P		
Doing the work: the Priest's garments	39	1	P		
Doing the work; the tabernacle	40	1	P		

Leviticus

Topic	Chap	First Verse	Main Source	Comment	Insertions
Leviticus					
The offerings	1	1	P		
The ordination of Aaron and his sons	8	1	P		
The death of Aaron's sons	10	1	P		
Clean and unclean foods	11	1	P	H summarises the food laws.	43-45 H
Purification after childbirth	12	1	P		
Various diseases	13	1	P		
The day of Atonement	16	1	P		
Eating blood prohibited	17	1	H		
Unlawful sexual relations	18	1	H		
Various laws and punishments	19	1	H		
Rules for priests	21	1	H		
The feasts (H)	23	1	H	See Exodus 23:14-19 (E), Exodus 34:28-28 (J), Numbers 28-29 (R or P) and Deuteronomy 16:1-17 for parallels.	
Building Booths	23	39	R	An exilic addition	
Oil and bread	24	1	H		
A blasphemer stoned	24	10	H		
The Sabath and Jubilee years	25	1	H		
Rewards and Punishments	26	1	H	R's late addition promises a return from exile for a repentant people	40-45 R
Tithes and redemptions	27	1	P		

Numbers					
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The census	1	1	P	The tent of 'witness' reference in vv 50 & 53a makes these verses look like editorial additions. V 53	50 & 53a R?
The camp	2	1	P	R introduces the next section	3:1 R
The Levites	3	2	P		
The Kohathites, Gershonites, and Merarites	4	1	P		
The Purity of the camp	5	1	P		
The Nazirite	6	1	P		
The priestly blessing	6	22	P		
The dedication of the Tabernacle	7	1	P		
Setting up the lamps	8	1	P		
The consecration of the Levites	8	1	P		
The Passover celebrated	9	1	P		
Introduction to the wilderness period	9	15	R	This Redactor may have used the itinerary in Numbers 33 to organise the material covering the wilderness years.	
The silver trumpets	10	1	P		
Departure from Sinai/Horeb (P)	10	11	P	R adds comments and summaries.	13, 28
Departure from Sinai/Horeb (J)	10	29	J		
The fire of Yahweh	11	1	?	Designation uncertain; Friedman assigns it tentatively to E	
Food in the desert (E)	11	4	E	See Exodus 16 for P's version	
Moses Kushite wife criticized; Miriam punished	12	1	E		
Spies in Canaan (P and J)	13	1	P	The J and P spy stories are closely intertwined in chapters 13 and 14.	17b-24, 27-31,33 J
The people rebel (P and J)	14	1	P		11-25, 39-45 J
Rules for Offerings reviewed	15	1	R	R recapitulates the rules omitting references to the tabernacle - suggestive of a date after the destruction of the first temple.	
A Sabath breaker executed	15	32	P	H states that the purpose of tassels is to remind the faithful of the laws.	27-41 H
Korah (P) and Dathan & Abiram (J)	16	1	P	Two intertwined stories of rebellion. R's contribution adds Dathan and Abiram's names to events that happened to Korah.	1b,12-14,25-26,27b-32a,33-34 J 24,27 edited by R

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The consequences of using illegitimate fire.	17	1	P	The budding of Aarons staff may be an insertion. The Tent of Witness is not a P phrase; was used in 9:15 - 23 which is a recognised R text.	16-26R?
Duties of Priests and Levites	18	1	P	The tent of 'witness' reference in v 2 makes that verse look like a R addition. And the 'they' of 3 refers to 2a, not the Aaronites of 2b.	18:2R?
The red heifer and the water of cleansing.	19		P	R adds a travel note	20:1 R
Water from the rock (P)	20	2	P	The P version of Exodus 17 (E)	
Edom denies the Israelites passage	20	14	J	R adds a travel note	
Aaron dies	20	23	P		
Arad destroyed	21	1	J		
The bronze snake	21	4	E	R adds travel notes	4a, 10-11 R
The journey through Moab and Ammon	21	12	J		22:1 R
Balaam Introduction	22	2	J	Phrases about Midian's elders are an editorial intrusion	3,4b,5b-6a, 7(middle) E
Barak's Elders try to persuade Balaam	22	8	E		
Balaam and the Talking Donkey	22	21	J	Consensus view, but not Friedman	
Balaam and Barak (E)	22	35	E	Poems are X	22:37,39-40,24:1 J
Balaam and Barak (J)	24	14b	J	Final sentence may be E or J; poem is X	24:25 E
Moab women 'seduce' Israel (J)	25	1	J	Half the story?	
Midian woman killed having sex with Israelite (P)	25	6	P	The other half of a different story?	
The second census	26	1	P	R links Dathan and Abiram with Korah in what is otherwise a straightforward genealogical list.	8-11 R
Zelophehad's daughters	27	1	P?	See the further refinement in Numbers 36:5-12	
Joshua declared as Moses successor (P)	27	12	P	E's version of this event can be found in Deuteronomy 31:14,15,23	
The feasts (R)	28	1	R?	Milgrom and Kohl assigns this passage to P. Friedman to R due to the absence of references to the tabernacle and because it appears as a continuation of Numbers 15.	
The vows of women	30	2	P		
Revenge on the Midianites	31	1	P		
The trans-Jordanian tribes	32	1	J	Designation uncertain, but probably some mix of J and P.	2,4, 5 (middle), 13-24,28-32 P

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The stages of the journey	33	1	X	This is the independent text that R seems to have used. See also 9:15-end.	1b-2 R
The Commandment to conquer	33	50	P		
Boundaries of Canaan	34	1	X	Archival material. The definition describes Egyptian Province of Canaan after the Battle of Qadesh. The towns listed suggest it was compiled between 640 and 609.	
Levitical towns, cities of refuge, laws of witness	35	1	X	Archival material.	
Inheritance of Zelophehad's daughters	36	1	X	An appendix to Numbers 27:1-11	
Conclusion	36	13	P		