

# A Diagram of the Sources of the Pentateuch by Brian Arthur Brown

GENESIS	
1	1-31 Time begins as God creates
2	1-4a The sabbatical principle
4b-25	Adam & Eve; Garden of Eden
3	1-24 Temptation, sin, expulsion
4	1-26 Cain & Abel; Corporate worship
5	1-31 Descendants of Adam
6	1-8 Wickedness; Noah finds favor
9-22	God commissions Noah
7	1-5, 7, 10, 12, 16b-20, 22-23 An ark
6	Years measured by moons
8-9, 11, 13-16a, 21, 24	The flood
8	1-2a, 3b-5, 7, 13a, 14-19 Dry land
2b-3a, 6, 8-12, 13b, 20-22	An altar
9	1-17 Noahic Covenant; the rainbow
18-27	The curse of Ham
28-29	Years measured by moons
10	1-7, 20, 22-23, 31-32 Sons of Noah
8-19, 21, 24-30	Ethnic Identities
11	1-9 Tower of Babel
10-27a, 32	Genealogies
27b-31	The Father of Abram
12	1-4a, 6-20 Abraham's call
4b-5	Dates and possessions
13	1-5, 7-11a, 12b-18 Lot moves on
6, 11b-12a	Travelogue
14	1-24 Abraham and Melchizedek
15	1-21 Promise and covenant
16	1-2, 4-14 Birth of Ishmael
3, 15-16	Calendar
17	1-27 Covenant and circumcision
18	1-33 Visitation and intercession
19	1-28, 30-38 Destruction of Sodom
29	Lot's escape
20	1-18 Deception regarding Sarah
21	1-2a, 33 Promise to Sarah fulfilled
2b-5	Birth of Isaac
6-32, 34	Hagar dismissed/Beersheba
22	1-10, 16-19 Offering of Isaac
11-15, 20-24	God intervenes
23	1-20 Sarah buried at Machpelah
24	1-67 Isaac and Rebecca
25	1-4 Abraham's progeny
5-6, 12, 19	Burial of Abraham
7-11a, 12-17, 20	Jacob and Esau
11b, 18	Birth and youth
26	1-33 Doublet of Sarah and Rebecca
34-35	Hittite connections
27	1-45 Deception of Isaac
46	Hittite rejection
28	1-9 Jacob departs to Laban
10-11a, 13-16, 19	Jacob's ladder
11b-12, 17-18, 20-22	Tithes
29	1-35 Jacob's wives and children
30	1a, 4a, 24b-43 Jacob vs. Laban
1b-3, 4b-24a	Joseph is born
31	1-2, 4-16, 19-48, 50-55 Jacob departs
3, 17-18a, 49	with wives and children
18b	To return to Canaan
32	1-3, 14-33 Wrestling with God
4-13	Confronting Esau
33	1-20 Reconciliation
34	1-31 Rape of Diana
35	1-8, 16-20 Birth of Benjamin
9-15, 23-29	Jacob becomes Israel
21-22	The sin of Reuben
36	1-30 Descendants of Esau
31-43	Kings of Edom
37	1-2a Jacob becomes a nation
2b, 3b, 5-11, 19-20, 23	Joseph's dream
3a, 4, 12-18, 21-22, 24	Colorful coat
25b-27, 28b, 31-35	Saved by Midianites
25a, 28a, 29, 30, 36	Sold to Ishmaelites
38	1-30 Tamar's vindication
39	1-23 Joseph falsely imprisoned
40	1-23 Interprets dreams there
41	1-45a, 46b-57 Favor with Pharaoh
45b-46a	Rises to rule
42	1-4, 8-20, 26-34, 38 Interrogation
5-7, 21-25, 35-37	Gift of grain
43	1-13, 15-17, 24-34 Benjamin
14, 18-23	Reconnected with brothers
44	1-34 Entrapment of brothers
45	1-28 Joseph reveals his identity
46	1-5a Jacob goes to Egypt
5b, 28-34	Family settles in Egypt
6-27	Descendants of Jacob
47	1-6, 11-27a, 29-31 Hebrews flourish
7-10	Jacob blesses Pharaoh
27b-28	Joseph's promise to Jacob
48	1-2, 8-22 Ephraim and Manasseh
3-6	Covenant extended
7	Rachel's tomb at Bethlehem
49	1-27 Jacob blesses his sons
28	The twelve tribes of Israel
29-33	The death of Jacob
50	1-11, 14, 22 Burial of Jacob
12-13	at Machpelah near Mamre
15-21, 23-26	Joseph is embalmed

EXODUS	
1	1-5 Israel in Egypt
6,22	Death of Joseph
7, 13-14	Oppression and slavery
8-12, 15-21	Male infants to die
2	1-23a Moses birth, crime, flight
23b-25	God hears Israel groan
3	1, 4b, 6, 9-18 God says I AM
2-4a, 5, 7-8, 19-22	Burning bush
4	1-18, 20b-23, 27-31 Moses equipped
19-20a, 24-26	Moses' faithful wife
5	1-2 Let my people go
3-23, 6:1	God promises deliverance
6	2-12, 14-25, 30 Nobody listens
13, 26-29	Moses is discouraged
7	1-13, 19-20a, 21b-22 Miracles
14-18, 20b-21a, 23-29	Plagues begin
8	1-3a, 12-15 Frogs, gnats
3b-11, 16-28	and flies
9	1-7, 13-35 Cattle die, hail, fire
8-12	Boils on Egyptians
10	1-29 Locusts and darkness
11	1-10 Firstborn to die
12	1-20, 28, 40-49 The passover
21-27, 29-36, 37b-39	Exodus begins
37a, 50-51	Travelogue
13	1-19 Moses' desert speech
20	Travelogue
21-22	Pillars of cloud and fire
14	1-4, 8, 9b-10a, 10c, 15-18 Pursuit
5-7, 9a, 10b, 13-14, 19b	Encouraged
11-12, 19a, 20a, 25a	Egypt stuck
21a, 21c-23	Red Sea parted
20b, 21b, 24, 25b, 27b, 30-31	Saved
15	1-18, 22b-25a Song of Moses
19, 22a, 27	Song of Miriam
20-21, 25b-26	Bitter made sweet
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2-3, 6-35a, 36	Manna and meat
4-5, 35b	God's promise
17	1 Travelogue
2-16	Water from rock
18	1-27 Judges established
19	1 Calendar
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2b-9, 16b-17, 19	Moses speaks
10-16a, 18, 20-25	God speaks
20	1-11 God spoke these words
12-17	Ten Commandments
18-26	Altar laws
21	1-27 Slaves, murder, injury
22	1-30 Property and duty
23	1-33 Ethics and aliens
24	1-14, 18a Covenant in blood
15-18	Mountain of glory
25	1-40 The Ark of the Covenant
26	1-37 Tabernacle plans
27	1-27 Altar laws
28	1-43 Priestly vestments
29	1-46 Ordination
30	1-38 Anointing and incense
31	1-18 Sabbath observance
32	1-35 The Golden Calf
33	1-23 Covenant renewal
34	1a, 2-4a, 4c-28 Stone tablets
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29-35	Moses' face radiant
35	1-35 Building supplies
36	1-38 Framing the tabernacle
37	1-29 Construction of furnishings
38	1-31 Altar and court
39	1-43 Jeweling the vestments
40	1-38 Consecrating the tabernacle

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2	1-16 Regulation of grain offerings
3	1-17 Regulation of peace offerings
4	1-35 Regulation of sin offerings
5	1-26 Requirements of sin offerings
6	1-23 Regulation of guilt offerings
7	1-38 Portions for the priesthood
8	1-36 Consecration of priests
9	1-25 Sacrifices of priests
10	1-20 Unworthy worship
11	1-47 Purification of animals
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14	1-57 Purification for skin diseases
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2	1-34 Camps, tribes, leaders
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13-28	The departures
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12	1-16 Mutiny among leaders
13	1-16, 21-22, 25-26, 32 Twelve spies
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14	1a, 2-3, 5-10, 26-38 Rebellion
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15	1-31 Offerings to God
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29	1-20, 28 Exhortations & punishments
21-27	Prophecies of exile
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31	1-13, 24-27 Book entrusted to Levites
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32	1-44 A song composed by Moses
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33	1 Ascription of blessing to Moses
2-27	Ancient blessing
34	1-6 Death and burial of Moses
7	Moses' vitality in old age
8-9	Israel mourns Moses
10-12	Moses was unique

**J** Materials in pink used the divine name Yahweh (Jehovah) for God and were written about 900 BCE by someone in King David's literary family, or by a member of the royal household. Other such documents would include Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon. Islam presents an ancient template for the literary activities of such leading households that almost certainly included female writers.

**E** Materials in green initially used the generic and more ancient word El or Eloh ("Allah" in Arabic) for God, and were written about 850 BCE in the separatist Northern Kingdom of Israel as a reply to J by Levitical priests. Whereas Abraham's persona remained supreme in the South, that of Moses dominated the North among the Levites who eventually edited J and E together into one document, the first hybrid evolution of the text.

**P** Priests in Aaron's line, defending their prerogatives as the temple establishment, reacted with a sophisticated theological document (shown in yellow) when the Levites moved as refugees to Jerusalem after the decimation of Israel by Assyria in 721BCE, producing a tightly edited version of JE as their entrée into the royal court and public acceptance. The P document was later integrated into the whole by "cut-and-paste" techniques. The prophet Ezekiel was associated with the tradition of Aaron's priests from the time of King Hezekiah and into exile in Babylonia.

**D** Deuteronomy, in blue, translates as the "Second Book of the Law," coming after the popular JE document, produced in Jerusalem by the Levites using the ancient Commandments (Bold) with new annotations (Italics) which they "found" in the temple during renovations by King Josiah, who they saw as a messiah figure, another David. After Judah too was defeated, its king tortured, and its temple desecrated, the main compiler of Deuteronomy, possibly Baruch, the secretary to the prophet Jeremiah, re-edited the document to the form in which we have it, reflecting expectations of a more eternal and universal fulfillment of God's Messianic promises, as later accepted also by Christians and Muslims. Baruch may have also produced Joshua, Judges, I & II Samuel (the Northern prophet/priest) and I and II Kings (monarchs North & South, good and bad).

**R** The Return from exile of the Jewish aristocracy, priesthood and civil service, to rejoin the farmers, Levites and others left behind required a unified vision to rebuild Jerusalem, the temple and a functioning state of Judah. Ezra, as "redactor" edited the four sets of documents above into one compendium, modeling on the success of JE, but with a brilliance that earned him the appellation "The Second Moses." His work, the most intricate masterpiece in world literature until now, was accepted so completely that for over two thousand years people took the compendium known as the Pentateuch to be by one author, namely Moses himself, who actually lived 500 years before there was a written form of Hebrew. Ezra's work, the Jewish Torah, as the foundation of that culture, and of hundreds of national cultures since then, now takes its place as a foundational cornerstone of our emerging world culture. The "documentary hypothesis" of the origins of the Pentateuch has become documentary evidence, so much greater than the sum of its parts, and entirely worthy of the appellation, "The Word of God."