

1. **What is higher criticism?** From 19th century European rationalism, a study of biblical writings that determine their literary history/meaning and the purpose of the authors. **What is its role in understanding the Bible:** The role in understanding the Bible is to know the historical settings, as in the time, place it was written, the sources it came from, perhaps the events, of course the dates, and who wrote it, and customs that are implied. **Explain its negative characteristics,** “negative” is not really “negative.” It is a sense of one trying to denigrate the Bible through evaluating it as literature in a way to comprehend what is read.
2. **Who is Jean Astruc?** A scholar, one who discovered a difference in the Lord God’s title and the use of it. **What was his role in the development of higher criticism?** His role in the development of higher criticism was to pioneer the method, perhaps in part because there was also another scholar in the development of higher criticism. Which was the study of the Pentateuch, and the Old Testament.
3. **Who is Julius Wellhausen?** He was a scholar, a German born May 17, 1844. An aspect of the documentary hypotheses was associated with him. **What was his role in the development of higher criticism?** He was one that contributed to the history of the Pentateuch during the time of Islam. Also, he utilized the sources of the Pentateuch to change history of the Israelite’s religion. From free to institutional.

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4. **Explain the tenets of JEDP hypothesis.** It is a theory of the first five books of the Bible. That places emphasis on a particular part or feature of His name. We know He has different names, but different emphasis placed on those names of His character. **What positive value, if any, does it offer when interpreting the Old Testament?** Yes, the positive value is it continues to be part of the core foundation of documentary. When you begin to study the Old Testament, the scholars of today think that the theory they clung to can no longer be a consideration tenable. **If no positive value, explain.** Should someone in the class believe that it is “no positive value,” then perhaps

they are thinking that they are unable to defend the JEDP hypothesis theory.

5. **How does the documentary hypothesis explain the names of God?**

(J)Jahwist-Jahweh (Jehovah)

(E)Elohist-Elohim

(D)Deuteronomist-Deuteronomy

(P) Priestly-Priest

What Scripture is associated with each of His names in the Old Testament

Jahweh—Genesis 4:6-16

Elohim –Genesis 1:1 2:2 3:3

Deuteronomist—2 Kings 22:8

Priestly—Ezekiel to Ezra

6. **What should we look for to determine if Christian books are influenced by views of higher critics?** To determine if a Christian book is influenced by higher critics, is my examining the script written and is it in controversy of the scripture. The editor/author manuscript is written in theological purpose and the interpretations are in align with the time, dating, and setting of the author.