

Hebrew peoples are an unbelievably skillful people in national and ethnic development. The development of the sacrificial system of the Old Testament is not one of documents but one of revelation. It came as the Lord was pleased to make His will known.

Harrison, chapter 8, has a nice discussion on these lines. He prevents us from thinking that anything in the earlier documents (books) must be late to accommodate the theory of development. If we simply took the sacrificial references as they came it would make life a lot easier.

(3) The Development of Religious Institutions

There is probably an overlap here in the notes and it should likely be thought through and done differently but for the moment...what you see is what you get. We will skeletonize the institutions and hurry on to the next segment of material.

(a) The institution of asylum

This must be seen in harmonistic reading of the following accounts:

Exodus 21:13-14 (J-E)

Deuteronomy 19:1-19 (D)

Numbers 35:9-24 (P)

You will note the more explicit detail of the nature of the crime in Numbers. Certainly we think more information is needed than is given in Exodus 21 and the detailed concepts of Numbers as the Israelites prepared to enter the land as well as the post-entrance of Deuteronomy are adequate representations of the progress of truth. But in critical analysis the material of Deuteronomy must precede that of Numbers in order to keep the plot moving.

(b) Slavery

The developmental passages that treat the matter are these: