

2. Unity of themes:

Central concepts are found harmonized throughout the work and the various accounts are held together or made cogent by these. A great theme is that of Divine Deliverance and it may be seen in each of the following accounts:

- the fall
- Cain and Abel
- Noahic judgment
- Selection of Abraham
- Deliverance of Jacob
- Release of Israel from Egypt
- Wilderness events (wanderings)
- Life of Moses.

Deliverance is apparent in all of these but the unity of themes is plain when you see the following being demonstrated in these accounts as the means or steps in the procedure:

- man's failure and loss
- God's concern
- action by Divine economy
- reluctance of recipients to understand
- necessary rebuke of love
- position of reassurance

So that although the accounts are of different matters, the material included and the methods of presentation follow a pattern best described as unity

3. Unity in expression or common framework

Note how the Pentateuch tends to follow careful and discernible lines in presenting material. An illustration that is more obvious than some is that of the timing of events. Note:

- Israel's life and time in Egypt
- the times of the wanderings
- the timing of events in the life of Moses
- the structuring of patriarchal lives
- daily events from Sinai and the flight from Egypt
- development of set dates and practices for the year.