

## The Four Sources of Pentatuch Authorship

- **Jawist** (or Yahwist, from Yahweh) - describes God as *Yahweh*, starting in Gen 2:4, it includes much of [Genesis](#) and parts of [Exodus](#) and [Numbers](#). It is dated around 850 B.C.
- **Elohist** (from Elohim) - primarily describes God as *El* or *Elohim*. Starting with Gen 15, it covers material similar to "J". It is dated around 750 B.C. (J and E are said to be difficult to distinguish).
- **Deuteronomy** - a different source (or author) is associated with [Deuteronomy](#) alone, and is usually dated around 621 B.C.
- **Priestly** - this encompasses writings scattered from Gen 1 through the notice of Moses' death at the end of Deuteronomy. It is supposedly dated around 500 B.C.