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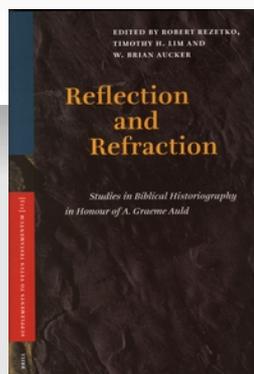
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The idea that a tenth century Yahwist created the narrative structure of the Pentateuch (or Hexateuch) starting w

ending with Israel's entrance into the Promised Land, or that he even inherited this structure in an oral form, has a dubious assumption. Archaeological, socio-historical and literary reasons no longer allow one to locate the edition of the 'Pentateuchal narrative' at the beginning of Israelite monarchy. This chapter focuses on the question of the origin of the Pentateuch. This question may also be formulated in the following way: when were all the so-called major themes of the Pentateuch first introduced the first time. The chapter opens new perspectives on the formation of the book of Numbers.

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