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J and E: A Closer Look at Two Sources

Directions: Use the chapters from Richard Elliott Friedman's *Who Wrote the Bible?* to answer the questions below in the space provided.

1. What evidence convinced the 'three investigators' the author mentions that there were two different creation stories in Genesis?
2. Who was the third investigator mentioned by the author, and what was his contribution to the Documentary Theory?
3. What was the third source discovered by scholars? What source was it initially confused with, and why?
4. Below is a table with two columns. In one column, list the unique words/phrases/details used by the J source in the flood narrative. In the other, do the same for the P source.

| J | P |
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5. What is the interesting theological question raised by the J source's portrayal of God as 'regretting' making mankind?

