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p. 291 Footnote 24 That P was originally a purely narrative work, as some scholars have held, seems unlikely; the goal was the setting up of a cult according to Priestly ideal and this presupposes legislation. There is much repetition and inconsistency in P, and this led G. von Rad to seek two strands in the work. This view has not found wide-spread acceptance. See his Die Priesterschrift im Hexateuch, 1934.

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p. 292 Footnote 25 The preservation of so much material from JE and D about the holy places of Israel is believed by some scholars to have had the purpose (at the time of the editing of the final Pentateuch) of preventing the Samaritans from starting a new cult-center of their own. In the fully edited Pentateuch the central sanctuary is portrayed as alone legitimate for the people established in Palestine and in possession of Jerusalem.