

More important than these etymological legends are those whose purpose is to explain the regulations of religious ceremonial.

The Passover

The Twelve Stones in the Jordan - explain passage of the Jordan

Origin of circumcision & of the Sabbath

Why we do not eat the muscle of the thigh

Why do they anoint the holy stone of Bethel and deliver the tithes there?

Why do we not sacrifice a child at Jeruel as Jahveh commands, but in its stead a ram, Gen. 22

Why do our people "limp," that is, perform a certain dance, at the festival in Penueh? 32.32?

p. 33,34 Almost everywhere in Genesis where a certain place is named, and at least wherever God appears at a definite place, it is based on such a legend

p. 34 Geological and Other Legends

Whence comes the Dead Sea with its dreadful desert? . . . Whence comes the pillar of salt yonder with its resemblance to a woman?

All these aetiological legends,

p.124 "Jahvist" and "Elohists" Collectors, Not Authors

p. 125 " . . .whether their composers are not to be called collectors rather than authors.

That the latter view is the correct one is shown by