

The Mispah benediction becomes much more meaningful to us when we see why Laban and Jacob gave it! (Laughter) But you read on a short distance further, you find that when Jacob got to Bethel he said, Take all the false gods that any of you have and bury them here, and he got rid of all the false gods any one had in his whole outfit, and I'm sure that meant the end of his household gods, and he never used them in the mean way Rachel had in mind when she stole them.

That this story could have been invented in the time of the later Israelite kingdom as Wellhausen believed is impossible! If it was they certainly would have explained it. But in the day when it happened they just put it down and did not bother to explain it because everybody knows about it. That's the great difficulty with history. You come to write a history of a period, and you take the records people make, they don't explain the common things of life. Everyone knows them. Then when conditions change, they forget about them and they are gone. So Anderson puts his little dotted line there and does not realize that that little dotted line is a bit of dynamite underneath your whole G-W theory. Now if any of you were puzzled about this before, you might have to reac archaeological tomes to get the answers to it. But now that this new ~~xxxxxx~~ edition of the NSRB has come out all you have to do is to turn to the foot of the page and read the footnote that I wrote on this page here.

Yesterday we were looking at this attack that is being made on the Word of God. I don't think that those of you who are constantly reading the Word of God and dealing with Christian people often realize what the great influence is among the mass of American people and particularly the educated class. Because you find unbelief and denial of the Word about everywhere you turn these days. It's not so much what is said as the influence and general attitude.

I was interested in looking into the book that Dr. Rudolph Pletch who became quite famous about 20 years ago for his book WHY JOHNNY CAN'T READ, and more recently he has written on the ART OF READABLE WRITING and the ART OF CLEAR THINKING which have got a great many valuable suggestions in them. But in the couse of these ~~in~~ discussions on these points where he had some very excellent ideas he siezes a number of opportunities to attack the idea that there are any absolute values, or that there is anything in life beyond what we can see or touch. One of his statements was that someone had for the first time seen a locomotive, and it went racing down the track, and they said, Where's the horse? And he said, There isn't any horse. Well, he said, A horse must be hidden inside the locomotive. So they opened it up and showed him no horse, the locomotive went right through without a horse. Then the man said, there must be an invisible horse inside it. His inference was, We talk about God and the world. We don't see Him. He said, People should quite talking about an invisible horse and try to study the machinery and see just what makes it go. That