

disagreement between them on its details. There was no longer unanimity on the details, although many of them hold solidly to the general principles of the theory. The reason for the changes that have taken place has been the progress in archaeology. We have learned something of the background of the history of the times.

We have found more and more that the facts of archaeology fit with the Bible as given, and if they don't fit with the Bible=== and that they don't fit with the Bible as reconstructed by the critics. Yet they still hold to the general features of the Wellhausen theory, and it is taught as established fact. It is the greatest force, I believe, that Satan is using to injure belief in the Word of God.

Archaeology has at point after point brought evidence to us. Often at points where we would not necessarily have expected it. I'd like out of the many that might be mentioned, I'd like to mention a few interesting ones to you tonight.

One of them relates to Gen. 36. There we read how JACOB had been with his uncle Laban for many years. He had worked for a number of years in order to get Leah as his wife and then he worked another seven years to get Rachel for his wife. Then Laban wanted him to continue working longer. He worked for quite a number of more years under an arrangement whereby he would get certain of the flocks and herds as pay for his work, depending on the color of those who were born, the particular stripes and arrangement of them.

Jacob thought he had a very clever way to influence their birth. I think he was rather mistaken in some of his theories but we read that God blessed Jacob and caused that more and more of them would be born with these features that would make them Jacob's property. Laban changed the situation many times, but the Lord kept working in such a way that more and more of Laban's property came to be what Jacob had earned from him. So the time came when Jacob felt he must return back home., and see how his father was doing and his brother and see how the situation was. But he didn't think that Laban would let him go and take the property he had earned.

So he started ~~from where~~ when Laban was away--a three day's journey away from there. And he made a stop. And with all these flocks and herds Jacob had he must have had a quite a large group of people with him to take care of these flocks and herds, but he started out, and when Laban came back he was upset because he had not had a chance to say good-bye to his daughter's, Jacob's wives, he had not had a chance to say good-bye to his grandchildren, but he seemed most of all to have been upset by the fact that Rachel had stolen his teraphim, or household gods. So Laban pursued after Jacob. He'd had a three-days start so he had to go quite a distance, and when he got near him Jacob was terrified.

With the force Jacob had, Laban must have had quite a substantial number of people with him and it must have cost him a good bit of money to pay for an expedition like that. Laban was strong enough that Jacob had no thought of trying to resist him, and Laban, while he was concerned about these things, he was most