

a great part of the attack upon the Bible through history has come from good people reading into the Bible ~~was~~ something that is not there/.

We know absolutely nothing about Terah except what is stated in the Bible. The Bible states that he lived in Ur of Chaldees and ^{he} as/proceeded from ^{city} that/with his son to Haran, and that they stayed there until Terah died.

This says nothing whatever to suggest that Terah ever was a herdman. In fact the implication would be quite ~~opposite~~. Ur was a great cultured city. ~~It shows~~ Evidence shows that the civilization of Ur was almost as advanced at the time of Abraham as that of Babylon more than twelve hundred years later. Haran was many hundreds of miles from Ur, and probably not quite as advanced ^{the} a city as Ur, was very near it. It was ^a metropolis of that area in which it stood. Between these two were many other important cities which may well have been visited on the way between the two cities. Ur and Haran had ^a much in common and there probably was/certain amount of interchange of population between them. These latter facts we learn from archaeology rather ~~than~~ than from the Bible. The Bible simply says Abram left Ur of Chaldees to go to the land of Canaan and took his father with him, and they stopped in Haran and stayed there until Terah died.

Now, there is every bit of much reason to think that Terah may have been an important city official in Ur as to guess that he was a herdman(?)

~~It~~ It is possible that he was an important merchant in that city with representatives all over Mesopotamia. It is possible that he was a highly skilled scribe either in his profession. There is an old Jewish tradition that Terah was an idol maker and had a large shop in which idols were sold, and that God called Abram thus out of the heathen environment.