

Mesopotamia, there, we have found the clay tablets, and we know a great deal about the kind of culture up there. It is not at all possible that we might sometime discover the clay tablets, from the very family, into which Jacob went up there. It is not at all impossible. However, it is an area that has been fought over repeatedly. Many an army has fought there in the course of the centuries. There had been many a great upheaval there, and it is often hard to find the place, where ancient sites are. There is a tremendous amount of excavation that might be done there. We may never discover actual ~~ammann~~ evidence, direct evidence, that Jacob did it there, but we have from that place, enough material from that area, to know about the habits and customs of the people there, during this period in the middle of the second millennium B.C. A great part of the knowledge which we have from it, comes from the tablets that were discovered at Nuzi, the town on the - east of this, but of the same general culture, as was found here. I have just been reading a good many of these tablets. There have been several thousand of them that have been excavated, and brought to different un- museums. I guess maybe 1500 to 2000 covered up to this time. I don't know whether many more will be or not, because after all, there is a great deal of repetition, and the most interesting ones have been picked up. It is very interesting, how as you read these tablets, often on the third or fourth time of reading, one will find something, you hadn't noticed before, because you note the connection with some one, other, that brings out a very interesting point. And so we know a good deal bit more about the exile, ~~about~~ ^{related} the Bible, even already from the tablets that have been read and studied a good bit. However, we know a great deal about the life of that area up there, and the most striking instance, in which throws light on the Biblical account is in the matter of the Terephim. I don't think I discussed that in this class last semester did I? We'll leave this ~~on that~~ until next time.

Another matter from ~~this passage~~ ^{these tablets}, however, I did mention last fall, and I merely recall your attention to it again. And that is, that in these tablets, there is shown a system of round (5) in which the land supposedly belongs to the , and cannot be sold. In Nuzi, the people were clever enough to get around this, by having themselves adopted, by a man. The wealthy man was made of the people and lived over the people, and then when they couldn't pay and were actually bankrupt, and didn't pay it, he would say, well now, you have a good piece of land over there, and they'd say yes, but that belongs to the ~~clan~~ crown. I pay the crown so much a year regularly, and I get the use of it. And