

a place in the northern Mesopotamia, made by a group of people that is related to these people in the region of Haran to which Jacob went and we have a number of things from them that throw light upon the Bible. I think one ~~very~~ interesting instance is the light they throw on the interesting instance that took place in the life of Jacob. This is an instance which is described in Genesis 31. There in Genesis 31 we read there about the coming of, leaving of Jacob, leaving of Haran, ~~///~~ he found that Laban had cheated him, Laban changed his wages ten times but God had not allowed him to hurt him, and ~~Jacob--~~ Jacob worked very hard up there, and shown great ability in what he did, and he said, the Lord did not Jacob to suffer to hurt him, but Jacob had a mass of considerable amount of property. Of course, Laban had seen that a lot of his property had been his before, and naturally was rather irritated at Jacob, and Jacob decided that the safe thing is to leave while Laban was away on a trip, and so we read in chapter 31 how Jacob started back for Palestine, and as he started back, Rachel and Leah came with him, and they agreed with him thoroughly in the situation, a Verse 14 in chapter 31 says, "And Rachel and Leah ~~asked~~ <sup>answered</sup> and said unto him, Is there yet any portion ~~of~~ <sup>or</sup> inheritance for us in our father's house? Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money." They were irritated by their father for the way ~~they were~~ <sup>he had</sup> treated their husband, and here we find in verse 19, "And Laban went to shear his sheep: ~~and-Rg~~ ~~abd--~~ and Rachel had stolen the images that were her father's." Now, the Hebrew word here translated 'images' is a word teraphim. Teraphim that were her father's. And Jacob stole away ~~up~~ unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled." And so Jacob took his wife and his children and all his property that he had earned, and he went up and started back for Palestine, and Laban got home, and Laban found that they had all gone. And Laban, It seemed, did not feel so badly about the fact that they had gone without saying him goodbye, but that was not the main issue, he did not ~~feel~~ <sup>had</sup> feel so badly about the fact that they had gone gone and taken all this property that Jacob earned during ~~his~~ this time,

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