

that bothered him, but that was not the main thing. The main thing that bothered him was that Jacob had taken these teraphim. Now, Jacob did not take these teraphim. In fact, Jacob did not even know if they had one, but Rachel had taken it, and so we find that Laban pursued Jacob three days' trip on the way to Palestine, and he had caught up with him, he had a big enough expedition with him that Jacob was very much afraid of- of what he might do to him. Now, Jacob had all these flocks and herd, and he must have had a lot of persons to take care of them. Laban came up by himself and started making trouble, and it would be very easy for Jacob to turn to a ~~coupe-l-q-douple~~ ~~---douple~~ ~~--douple~~ ~~--doup~~ couple of his workmen and say, throw this fellow out, but Laban evidently had a big enough force with him to terrify Jacob, and so even though Jacob thought it was a ridiculous accusation that I stole his household god, yet Jacob felt it necessary to prove that he had not done it, and so we read in verse 32 that Jacob said, "With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maid-servants' tents; but he found them not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. Now Rachel had taken the ~~ag~~ images, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban ~~g~~ searched all the tent, but found them not. And she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the images." How big, important were these ~~imges~~ images? Laban was so determined to find them. And then he went to all the expenses ~~to-~~ of bringing an expedition sufficient enough to terrify Jacob, and made Jacob ^{willing to} open everything and let him hunt for all through what he had, but when Jacob felt that Laban ~~rea-~~ had treated him pretty mean in the past, Jacob said, ~~N~~ anything that you find that is yours, you just take. Well, ~~they-~~ Laban had a big expedition which was an expensive ~~g~~ thing to chase Jacob this way in such an expedition, and he did in order to get ~~thi-~~ these images. Now in the Middle Ages people wondered why Laban went through all this