

Ackerman, James S., On Teaching the Bible as Literature. (Bloomington, Indiana University Press, London) 1967

p. 113-114 note # 7 One should not picture Abraham as a nomadic bedouin who rode camels far into the desert. It has been recently found that the camel was not domesticated until the end of the twelfth century. Thus the description in Genesis of the patriarchs riding on camels represents the assumption of a later age that camels had always been available for long journeys. (See W. F. Albright, The Archaeology of Palestine Baltimore: Penguin paperback, 1956 , pp. 206-208.)

p. 60 The servant sets out, his baggage full of expensive gifts for the prospective in-laws. Camels had not yet been domesticated; thus their mention in this narrative is anachronistic.

((The above note #7 on page 113-114 is given as confirmation of this statement made concerning the material in Gen. 24))