

Parrot, Andre, Abram and His Times. trans by J.H.Farley(Fortress Press:Phila)1962, trans., 1968

p. 102 ftn.18 R. de Vaux, in RB, 56(1949), 17-36; H. H. Rowley, Recent Discovery, pp. 32-36; R. J. Tournay, 'Nuzi,' in DBS (1959), cols. 663-74; H. Cazelles, "Patriarches," in DBS, Vol. 7, (1961), col. 138; O. Eissfeldt, Der Beutel der Lebendigen (Berlin: Akademie-Verlag, 1960), with an exhaustive bibliography (pp. 5-7) and the utilization of texts published in 1958 by E. R. Lachermann.

ftn. 19 This is one of the reasons, among others, why some scholars, C. H. Gordon for instance, lower the date of the patriarchal period, supra, Chap. 7, no.1.

p. 103 One important legislative provision in the Nuzi texts concerns a type of adoption. . . This type of adoption is precisely what took place in the case of Abraham, who certainly "adopted" Eliezer of Damascus. Eliezer became the heir of Abraham's possessions (Gen. 15.2-3), as in the Nuzi documents.

ftn. 20 For an overall view of the subject, cf. E. M. Cassin, L'Adoption à Nuzi (Paris, 1938)

p.103 A second biblical episode has also been clarified by the Nuzi texts, namely, the intervention of Sarai. Sari, having borne no child to her husband, authorized him to obtain his progeny from her servant Hagar (Gen. 16.1-2). The same example
p.104 is found at Nuzi: . . . The concubine and her children could not be mistreated, and at Nuzi it was explicitly stated that the wife must not drive them away (which indicates that this sometimes happened)! . . .

p.105 . . . when Abraham had sent his servant to Upper Mesopotamia to seek a wife for his son Isaac, Laban, the brother of Rebekah, the chosen fiancée, took a much greater part in the negotiations than Bethuel, the father. Rebekah, after having been consulted, indicated to her brother and mother her willingness to go (Gen. 24.58-59).²⁵
A similar practice is found at Nuzi, where a young girl declares before witnesses:
"With my consent, my brother has given me as wife . . ." ²⁶

ftn. 25 However, one could wonder if Bethuel were not dead

ftn. 26 Tournay, "Nuzi," in DBS, col. 665; R. H. Pfeiffer and E. A. Speiser, "One Hundred New Selected Nuzi Texts," AASOR, 16 (1935-36), No. 55, p. 105.

. . . Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a plate of lentils (Gen. 25.31-34), and at Nuzi we find mention of a certain Tupki-tilla who ceded his right of inheritance in return for three sheep.