

This Jewish tradition is late and shows nothing, proves nothing, of course. We simply do not know ~~anything~~ anything about Terah's background or occupation. Of two hundred guesses that might be made probably the least likely is that he was a herdsman.

Then as to Abram being a herdsman who was confined to a small area, we know nothing ~~about~~ about Abraham except what the Bible says. The Bible that when ~~he~~ he was in says God called him ~~out of~~ Ur of Chaldees, that great advanced sophisticated city, one of the most sophisticated and highly cultured of the day. It says that he went to Haran and lived there many years. There it says that he went into Palestine and Canaan, and from Canaan he went down to Egypt. He was an important enough man to deal with the great pharaoh of Egypt. When he left Egypt he acquired had great flocks and herds, in Genesis, which he took with him into Palestine. He thus became the owner of great herds. There is no evidence that Abram ever himself was what would be called herdsman.

In chapter 14 we read that Abraham led out ^{the} young men born ~~in~~ in his house, trained young men born in his house over three hundred of them, an establishment that had three hundred skilled, trained men able to attack the rearguard of a great army to rescue, able to pursue an army for hundreds of miles and there far to the north to attack the rearguard and rescue from them all the people and the booty that ~~they have~~ had been taken captive, and to present enough force that the great rulers of Mesopotamia in charge did not think it necessary to take the entire force and turn back and make a further attack. He was a very wealthy and important man. To call him herdsman who travelled in a small area is simply utterly contrary to the Biblical picture.