

went to Padan Aram. Now here are the two statements. Why did Jacob go to Padan Aram? One document says, that ~~mm~~ Rebekkah sent him to Padan-Aram so that Esau wouldn't kill him, and the other document says, Isaac sent him to Padan-Aram in order that he ~~mmhd~~ would get a wife from up there, at Padan-Aram instead of one of the Canaanites. And here ~~pm~~ the critics say you have two contradictory accounts. You have one element in common. Jacob went to Padan-Aram, but when they account for it, each one of them accounts for it, in line with his own background, his own situation. One of them says, he did it in order to escape Esau. The other one knows nothing about any deception. The other document doesn't have any knowledge of any such thing as Esau being angry. He has him go in order to get a wife, there. And this is exactly the way the critical books will talk about this. The one knows nothing of this. The other one knows nothing about that. The one document knows nothing about any rule that they are to take a wife from their own country. The other document knows nothing of any anger at Esau, or any deception. That's exactly the way, the critical books will look at it. But (7 $\frac{1}{2}$) how very human and true is the account here? Was Rebekkah telling a lie to Jacob, ~~mm~~ or was she telling a lie to Isaac? It is not necessary to think here that she told a lie to either one. Rebekkah didn't want her son killed, by Esau. She didn't want that. Also Rebekkah didn't want another daughter in law brought in from these Canaanite people. She thought one of her own relatives would probably be more bearable. And so she took the motives ~~(q/~~ that she thought would influence each one of them. She ~~mmmm~~ went to Jacob and she said to Jacob, get out of Esau's way for a few days, and Jacob knew that he had wronged Esau. He knew that Esau had a perfect right to be angry for what he had done. He knew that it wouldn't be a bit strange if Esau would be sore and nearly kill him, even though Esau would regret it a little later. Esau doubtless struck him many times in the past and was sorry later, and came to him and apologized him, but ~~as he mmhd~~ if he killed him apology wouldn't happen. It was worth while to get away for a little while in a situation like this. And ~~thmm mm~~ Jacob was moved by this. Now Rebekkah came to Jacob and she said Jacob, if you stay around here, I'm afraid you'll ~~mm~~ marry one of these women, these Canaanite women, and I don't like that. I wish you would go up to Padan-Aram, and see if some of my relatives up there wouldn't teach you better. She had sense enough to know that if Jacob, like most young fellows, well now, what's there so attractive about these women around here. Let's look at them a little more. I hadn't been