

And Wellhausen said you can't learn anything about the times of Abraham or Moses from the Pentateuch, only about the later times when these documents were written, and Anderson shows a dotted line to show how tradition came down from the earlier times. That's because of archaeology because we have found so many things that were known in that earlier time and forgotten about and then we find them here and we have no way of imagining how anyone in David's time could possibly have known it, unless he had something that was written at the earlier time. Consequently this dotted line which is put in is really dynamite underneath the view.

Now professor H. H. Rowley of England who was recently president of the World Baptist Alliance - Prof. Rowley is one of the strongest defenders of this pentateuchal theory and has written many books on the subject. But in one of his recent books he made this statement, He said, We are not tied to the Graf-Wellhausen theory. He said we are ready to abandon it if any time if someone will show us something that is better. Well, I think it's better to say Moses wrote it. I think it's better to say these are facts from the time they were originally given. But Rowley doesn't even consider that. You've got to present a human theory showing how this came into existence by a purely human process - a better one than Wellhausen had, and when you do he says he'll gladly give that up.

Some of these books will say, There is considerable evidence now making us wonder about this, but we should go slow about giving up these theories, because after all it was the G-W theory that got rid of the idea of verbal inspiration. I even read that in one of these books. We owe much to it for getting rid of the idea of verbal inspiration (they say). So now let's go slow about giving it up. Well if it's not true it certainly should not be held. All these men will claim they want the truth, but they take as their starting point that God did not write the Bible.

This archaeological evidence is the thing that is undercutting all this and it has a tremendous part in this development. I'm always interested in noticing these things that have come to light that are indications of how the facts stated in God's Word fit with the situation in the time when they were written and don't fit with later situations.

I think I'll call your attention now to a very -- the very interesting story in Genesis about Jacob which is a very interesting illustration of how this occurred. This is a story that you are all familiar with - the story in Gen. 31 - 32. You remember how we read there how Jacob left his father in law Laban in order to return to the land of Israel. When Jacob decided to leave he had acquired a great amount of Laban's property. He had honestly earned it through the years; it belonged to him. Yet he was afraid that if he took this property and started out with it, he was afraid Laban would seize the property and take it from him. because he knew Laban's crooked character. So Jacob decided to start when Laban was away from home. Jacob took his ~~wif~~ wives and children, and his herds and started out and Laban was three days trip away from home, so that when Laban got back Jacob had already gone a long way. There is a very interesting statement telling about how they started out in which it says that Rachel