

differing in a few places from the English. Instead of saying drahams of gold it says dereks of gold. But that leaves out the M. KJV left out the K - DRKM; Derek leaves out the M --DRKM. Well the natural thing to think of was with those letters would be drashma, which was the common Athenian coin.

But Athens is way over there in Greece! That was a long trip from Palestine in those days. The translators of the KJV, and the translators of the Revised Version could not quite believe that people used the Athenian coin, the drashma, over there in Palestine in the days of the Persian Empire. So one group of translators left out the K, and the other left out the M. Recently in Athens there was found an inscription made by some Phoenecian sailors from about that time that refers to the Athenian draschma, and uses exactly the word that we find in these places. That's what we would expect from these letters. But in 1931, there was an excavation made at a city called Beth Zur in southern Palestine, and there they found a place that had been destroyed in the time of the latest Persian empire, and there they found under the burnt(?) first (?) level they found coins that were copied after the Athenian drachma, and they found the proof that the drachma was in use at that early time.

You can trust the statements in the Bible. If you don't understand them there is a possibility perhaps of an error of transmission. You can see whether some MSS have a different rendering. You can see what the evidence is. But when you get evidence all in and see what is there, you can trust it. It is without error.

I think most of you are familiar with the account in Gen. 14--the account --Gen. 13, the account of how Abraham and Lot had a disagreement. We read how both of them had great numbers of ~~fx~~ flocks and herds. And we read there was strife between the herds men of Abraham's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. I can imagine the situation. They were camped(v.3) between Bethel and Ai. One morning at 5:30 Abraham's men went out to lead their cattle and sheep out to pasture land, and they found ~~xx~~ that all the good pasture land near them had already been taken. So they had to go for an hour or more to get beyond the great numbers of cattle that Lot's herdsmen had ~~ax~~ in order that they could get to a place where they could take care of theirs.

Then they had to leave early to come back. So the next day--because Lot's men had gone out at 5:00. So the next day Abraham's men went out at 4:30. When Lot's men came at 5:00 they found Abraham's men had all the good places, and they had to go further. So the next day they went at 4:00. And pretty soon there would be nothing left of the night, and we read there was strife between them. And Abraham came to Lot and said, Let there be no strife between them(us) is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself. If thou wilt take the left hand, I will go to the right. If thou depart to the right, I will go to the left.