

We are glad indeed to note that Jacob made no use of the household gods. He never sank so low as to take advantage of the theft which Rachel had performed. Instead we find that at Shechem he buried them.

Thus these clay tablets discovered at Nuzi throw a wonderfully interesting and informing light upon the correct understanding of this narrative in Genesis, and at the same time give strong evidence of the fact that the narrative was written near the time of the event when it would have been clear to everyone, rather than long after, when the meaning of this important feature would have been forgotten.