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is this important archaeological fact in that connection, to know that the city of Ur was ^{an} important place as early as the time of Abraham; not only that, but the city of Ur was a very progressive and advanced city at that early time. In fact, the luxury of the houses--we wouldn't call it luxury, but compared to most ancient cities, the luxury of the houses of Ur at the time of Abraham is as advanced as that of Babylon in the time of Nebuchadnezzar fifteen hundred years later, which shows how progressive and advanced the civilization of Ur was at the time of Abraham, and so when God calls Abraham to go out from Ur into a land that God would show him, it was just the same to him as if someone would call one to go out from the most advanced cities of this country into the heart of Africa. It was going out into the wild and unknown west to Abraham.

Now these excavations at Ur carried on jointly by the British Museum and the University Museum of Pennsylvania, many very interesting discoveries, some of which we will note in a very different connection, and the material found divided between the two museums, so some of the finest things from Ur you can actually see in the University Museum in Philadelphia and of the others that are in the British Museum you can see replicas here. Now in 1927 Professor , whose book here we mentioned, carried on excavation in northern Mesopotamia, which is much further north than Nineveh, and there he excavated a town which was destroyed about 1400 B. C., the town of Nuzi, and at this town was found a large group of tablets which are among the most interesting tablets that have been found anywhere because it is a civilization related to that of Haran, the place out of which Abraham stopped for quite a time and where Jacob stayed for quite a while, and they throw light on many of the questions of the Pentateuch. Of course, there are many other important excavations. It would take us a month or two to look briefly at them, but I think for our purpose here it is more valuable to go on to see a summary of the history of Mesopotamia, the history as learned from excavated material. Yes? (Student) Yes. Quite a bit. At Nuzi there have been a number of discoveries extremely important in relation to the life of Abraham and of Jacob. We take them up, of