

it can be shown that these facts agree with the Bible as it stands and that they disagree with the theories of the Bible as rearranged by the Higher Criticism.

In the Old Testament we have accounts of events running back hundreds of years before 500 B.C. Great cities are described in the Old Testament, which were absolutely unknown to us about a century ago. The Old Testament refers to great conquerors which were otherwise unknown to us. Whole nations, mentioned in the Old Testament, were otherwise completely unknown a little over a century ago. Today, as a result of archaeological discovery, this situation is now completely changed.

An interesting illustration relates to the nation known as the Hittites. The Hittites are mentioned in Genesis, <sup>where</sup> it is stated that Abraham purchased a burial place for his wife from two of the sons of Heth. They are mentioned in Exodus, where God promised that He would drive them out from Palestine to make room for the Israelites. They are mentioned along in II Samuel, where we find that David had a mercenary soldier in his army, Uriah the Hittite. But the most striking reference to the Hittites is one which is much less familiar than any of these; it is found in II Kings 7:6 where we read: "for the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even a noise of a great host; and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us." Not long ago ridicule was poured upon this verse. In 1904 a British scholar, in a private conversation, made the statement that he did not believe that such a people as the Hittites ever actually existed.