

I 102 The Bible student is interested in Biblical Archaeology for a third reason, ^{edu}

~~Biblical Archaeology to the Bible student is the question of elucidation of the text. The~~

Old Testament is written in a language which ^{became a dead language as far as common speech is concerned,} ~~many~~ centuries ago, ~~to be spoken as it~~

~~was spoken then. Its exact understanding depends upon the knowledge of the precise meaning~~

~~of the words.~~ ^{A complete} ~~and~~ ^{of it is contained} Where these deal with material objects which are no longer used, it is

often difficult to understand exactly what is meant. ^{Our problem is} ~~It is greatly simplified~~ when we find

some of these object ^{still} ~~actually~~ in existence. ^{Moreover,} As we come to know the ~~the~~ historical situations

in which the prophets spoke, or to understand the meaning of their allusions to ^{or} contempor-

ary situations which ^{they did not stop to} ~~naturally did not bother to describe,~~ ^{our} it makes it far easier to

understand the Bible. ^{ing of is increased as an aid to interpretation,} Thus, ~~from this viewpoint,~~ Biblical archaeology has a very positive

~~helpful~~ value to the Bible student. ^{Fourth} ~~The~~ ^{widely} ~~A~~ ^{import,} ~~third~~ reason, less known but of tremendous ~~sign~~

~~port for the interest of Biblical archaeology to the Bible student, is the question of deri-~~

~~vations.~~ Those who do not believe that the Bible is a revelation from God have before them

the problem of accounting for the origin of the ideas and stories contained in it. Within

^{past fifty years various scholars have advanced the} ~~the last half-century, there has arisen a strong movement which has been widely publicized,~~ ^{which}

~~to claim that the ideas and teachings, and stories of the Bible are to a very large extent~~