

another . The water from the river was used for irrigating the land . Tremendous crops were growing in that area. How could anybody say that a situation could say of these cities as in 43 "Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby." ~~Am~~ Now, before the land of Israel was resettled and rebuilt, as so much ~~x~~ has been done in the last several years, some people might have thought that this would fit the land of Israel because much of it appeared like a desert. And when I first visited Palestine back in ~~1929~~ 1929 there was many a place where you would go up on a hill and look out and it would just look like a desolation. You would not see any sign of settlement. That's the way a certain section looked to Professor Wm. F. Albright, professor of Archaeology in John Hopkins ~~Universe~~ University. He was in 1921 director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, and in that year he ~~decided~~ decided to excavate a little hill the name Tel a Phul, which means Hill of Beans. And this hill, he thought this mound probably covered the remains of the palace of King Saul, Gibeah of Benjamin , which occurs rather prominently in the books of Judges and I Samuel in the Old Testament. He wanted to make an excavation there in order to find out whether his expectation was ~~x~~ correct and see what could be learned about those times. So he went out to the hill and he took some workmen with him. And he went ~~x~~ up to the top of the hill and looked out over the country, desolate and bare and not many trees visible , hardly a house was \_\_\_\_\_ and he started in there to dig, and he said it was almost as if he saw the waves of the sea coming in on him. His men ~~begin~~ began to dig and they hadn't been digging 15 minutes before they saw coming out of caves in the ground and houses built of earth which you didn't ~~k~~ notice because they were so similar in appearance to the ground from which they were built. You saw coming ~~mf~~ out of them dozens of people and they flocked