

Another interesting illustration of the accuracy of the new light on the accuracy of Genesis as a background of Genesis, related to the separation of Lot and Abram. The account tells us how as they stood at the place where they were encamped, between Bethel and Ai, when Abram suggested that it was best that they separate on account of the great number, the possession, of the difficulty of having their herdsmen live amicably together, Lot lifted up his eyes and saw the plain of Jordan which was well-watered everywhere, like the land of Egypt as thou comest into Zoar. And then Lot chose this wonderful land of Jordan and journeyed down there, leaving Abram the less attractive hill country. As I stood this summer near the, at the site of ancient Ai, looked down into the Jordan Valley, there was visible before me nothing but a desolate region with practically no evidence of habitation in it. ON the other hand the hill country, in which Abram remained was a region of many pastures, even today towns dotted point after point, and there are pastures, sheep and goats, it is thickly populated with, even though the land is not properly developed to any great extent, it is rather thickly populated and a very attractive section of the Middle, of the Near East. It is simply unthinkable that anyone in Palestine today would write a story of selfish Lot choosing the Jordan Valley and unselfish Abram choosing the backbone of the hills in which he remained during most of the rest of his life. ~~Ø~~ It is clear that this same situation was present even as early as the time of the Israelite Conquest. It is inconceivable that the document should be written, as the <sup>Wellhausen</sup> theory would require it, at the time of the later Israelite kingdom, and would put in such a detail as this without at least giving us an explanation, giving us a fuller explanation of it.

Beginning in 1924 researches of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem have brought to light as many as 40 or 50 tells down in the Jordan Valley, which are the remains of ancient towns, down in that valley which could not possibly