

Saul reigned over Israel. So he went to this little hill, went up on this desolate hill, nobody living there now, just a little mound standing there alone, and he stood on the hill and looked around. Way over there is Jerusalem, but he looked around in this area where there is hardly a village, just an empty, barren section as he described it. It looked desolate, it looked parched, you would think hardly anybody would live in it. Well, Dr. Albright hired a few men to begin digging into the mound. He knew that the mound was owned by somebody, but the easiest way to find out who owned it was to begin digging and see what would happen (Laughter). He went to the mound and he looked out and he says he saw all that country round there, flat and desolate, hardly a sign of water,- and he began digging. And when these men began digging, they had hardly more than begun, when it seemed out of the ground around there, coming out of caves in the earth, and out of houses of earth that you could hardly see as you looked at the landscape, great multitudes of people came out and they converged on the hill, saying "What are you doing to our hill?" And he found that the hill was owned by an organization which had a large number of shares, about 50 shares, maybe, and each share might have three or four owners who owned the share together. And these people came crowding up,- "What are you doing with our hill?" Well, he told them he would like to excavate it. But they said, it is our hill; you can't excavate it without our permission. Well, he said, suppose I fire these men and hire some of you, will that make a difference? Oh, that will help some, but you have to pay us rent. Well, how much rent should I pay? Well, they figured the amount to be about \$2,000 for the right to dig there; and he had about \$1500 for the whole expense of the digging, so he could hardly pay them \$2,000 for rent. So knowing arabic well, and having plenty of time on his hands he let the thing go to the courts, and in the courts they dickered back and