

universities and theological seminaries of England and of America and even into their S.S. In His infinite wisdom he ordained that another movement should begin only a little later and should grow to be a tremendous force and should contain within it the very facts that would show the error of such a criticism and the matchless dependability of the true Word of God.

This movement is the movement of archaeology. It results in the enlargement of our understanding of the facts of ancient history to the point where the Bible no longer stands alone but has contact with many other sources of our knowledge of the ancient world. For many years I have studied developments in this field. Tonight I shall try to present a few of the facts it has brought to light. It was less than a century and a quarter ago that there were people who seriously questioned the statement in the Bible about the city of Ninevah. The Bible says that Ninevah was the great capital of the ancient Assyrian empire. The book of Jonah calls Ninevah a city of three days, a city so large it would take three days to walk about it. There were people who said, If there ever had been such a great city, the -- a city as large as Berlin, or Paris, or New York of our day, we would have at least have some idea as to where it was. But a century and a quarter ago everything of the ancient cities of Babylon and Ninevah that remained above the ground could have been put on this platform, and would hardly have reached to the ceiling. Nobody even knew with certainty where the city of Ninevah had been. Then a young Englishman crossed the Tigris River near Mosul in Northern Iraq. There he dug into the ground and found the remains of many of the temples and palaces. The line of a wall about 60 miles in length was discovered, showing an area fully as great as that which is described by the book