

Well, there is a myth in the O.T. that a woman came down from Arabia to see the wisdom of a great figure who actually was a petty kinglet who was over a semi-barbarous people subject to Hiram of Tyre. It utterly destroys the force of what ~~and~~ <sup>Christ</sup> says--either He was an ignorant man using illustrations that He knew little about or He was the Lord of Glory, the Son of God referring to actual facts and when He refers to the O.T. as fact it shows that He accepts the O.T. as true and reliable historically. Of course other statements of the Apostles <sup>and of Himself</sup> show that they accept the O.T. as God's Word-- a Lamp to our feet and a light unto our path. We cannot logically believe in Christ as Lord and Saviour and not believe in all the rest of the Bible as God's Word and Revelation to us--dependable and free from error in the original languages. That being the case then, it becomes a matter of interest to know just what these facts are about Solomon. We could say 20 years ago--we could say this much today--"No ancient inscription has been found put up during Solomon's reign." Nothing has been found <sup>on</sup> which <sup>it</sup> said, "I am Solomon, the great king," or "I am doing this in relation to King Solomon". We have nothing like that that has been found so specific that clearly points definitely and directly to Solomon--at least to the statements here mentioned about Solomon. Then if WE have no evidence about Solomon, then you say he is just a myth. Then if you say that, they might have the right to say it, but they have no right to insist that you believe it. You believe that this is God's Word. God's Word tells you that Solomon was a great and powerful ruler-- a man of wisdom such as <sup>rarely</sup> ~~never~~ has been attained by any other man in the world's history. That is what the Bible says--you believe that this is God's Word --you must accept it. But way someone come along with evidence pointing in the opposite direction. I meet a man down here on the street and he looks to me to be quite an outstanding fellow. And I ~~ask~~ ~~ask~~ him if he would mind watching my suitcase for a moment while I run off and do an errand. A little later someone says to me, "Why did you ask that man to watch that suitcase. Don't you know he is one of the greatest thugs in Canada? Don't you know that he spent 20 years in prison for robbery?" Well, I don't let him take my suitcase again. I immediately lose all confidence in him. But supposing I come along there and here is a man and here is a man whom I have know for years and I know that he is reliable--with whom I have made numerous