

in this desert place and just think of the space and weight it would be to take this long trip overseas--to carry these textiles in exchange for the gold over this land route would be a rather foolish undertaking. ^{# of men} Everyone knows that water transportation would be a whole lot cheaper and much more handy. Ill. of us transporting something by rail to a land-locked portion of U.S. in contrast to sending something to San Francisco. Well, Dr. Gluick in 1934 started to learn something about this. He went down to the Arabah--in the wilderness there he found something amazing--he found a lot of ~~wholes~~ there which appeared to have had fires built in them--he found charcoal lying about and so forth. He saw where copper and iron had been dug out of those holes. There were some iron mines and many copper mines. Here one had his copper and iron. But why would he exchange this for gold which was much more expensive. In Duet. 8:9 it even mentions iron and copper as being found in Palestine. This statement has often been denied in the Bible but here Dr. Gluick proved that the Bible was correct. He went on down and near the shore of the Red Sea he found an artificial mound.--could this be Ezion Geber. He came back to U.S. for funds and in '38-'40 he excavated. He found that this city was seemingly built in about the worst place conceivable--there was no water around but from a mile and a half to two miles around there was good water. Was Solomon really so ~~wise~~ wise? (Illustration of Andrew Carnegie who wanted something done that was ridiculous just cause he had money to spend--was Solomon doing something similar?) They had not dug far when they noticed this terrific wind blowing down through that area. The dust flew up and went into their eyes and nose--and yet on either side one could go 100 yards and find perfect calmness in the air. The main thing in the city was a large clump of bulidings in the center of this wind and holes or flues were put in the walls of the bulidings and made so they could be regulated--the great principle of the blast furnace used today was used here by King Solomon some 3,000 years ago.--he was using scientific principles that many thought were just found out today. The Bible doesn't tell us about Solomon's refining the metal, etc. The Bible deals with the relationship of God to His people.--these other things are told incidentally, but the things that are told are true and we can depend upon what it says.