

Abraham was in Egypt and yet there is no mention of ~~horses~~ horses! Look further on and you find Joseph with horsemen. You find Pharaoh and his horsemen were going about the Israelites. Solomon sent to Egypt to get horses. Egypt the great land of the horse. Yet no mention of horses here! Dr. Wilson pointed out that between the time of Abraham and the time of ~~M~~ Joseph, Egypt was conquered by a foreign power which was able to conquer Egypt because they had a lightening weapon -- the horse, and with their chariots drawn with the horse the Hyksos were able to rush in and destroy the Egyptian force and took over Egypt and held it for c. 150 years. When the Egyptians finally won their freedom, they saw to it that they never again were without this particular instrument to protect themselves against another attack!

And Egypt became known as the great land of the horse, but they put up no monuments to celebrate the driving out of the Hyksos. They were so ashamed they'd ever been conquered by a foreign group they did not even mention that in their records. It's only in certain records of certain tombs of the nobles (boasting of what they had done) that we got the facts about this.

But in the Bible we see many mentions of the horse in connection with Egypt and this case of Abraham, if it was written when the higher critics say --~~then~~ at the time of the later Israelite kings it would have been absolutely inconceivable that they would mention all these other types of property--sheep, oxen, she-asses, men servants, maid servants-- and never mention horses! Absolutely inconceivable!

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It shows Moses had the record passed from Abraham of the exact facts, and he put it down exactly as it was. The Holy Spirit kept it from error. I listened to Dr. Robert Dick Wilson tell that and I thought it was a tremendous evidence of the accuracy of the Bible. I used to tell it whenever I'd speak about the Bible. Then one day when I was at the U. of Berlin, I picked up a book by an Englishman, prof. of Egyptology in Liverpool University, a lecturer at Oxford U. In this book Egypt and the OT he said "in regard to Abraham's cattle-- you notice cattle are mentioned in this same verse-- often quoted as Egyptian local color, it should be pointed out that cattle was not introduced into Egypt until a century after this period."

See how utterly wrong the Bible is? We thought that was wonderful about the mention of horses. Wonderful! Just fits with the situation. But why put in the cattle? I went right to the Encyclopedia Britannica and looked up "cattle." I found that cattle was absolutely unknown in Egypt til the 5th cent. B.C. Thousands of years after this! Well, weren't they trusted. Didn't the higher criticism (show itself) right on this?

When I find a problem in the Bible, I put it on the shelf. I say, I'm glad I know about this problem. It alerts me to. I keep my eyes open. But I know the Bible is God's Word. It's true. If I keep my eyes open the probabilities are that God will show me the answer to this problem. Maybe right away. Maybe a long time off. I'm not going to claim to know what I don't know. I'm going to keep as a problem un