

Prior to Schliemann's excavations there were those who thought that the Trojan war was entirely imaginary. Schliemann's discovery of the walled city of Troy with the evidence of a considerable siege, and of a terrible destruction put an end to such ideas. ~~It was~~ The Iliad spoke of the greatness of Mycenae and also of the king of Pylos. Large rooms were visible at Mycenae although no one knew much about them. It was ~~at~~ No present ruins were at all visible at Pylos. Excavation has shown strongly fortified cities at both of these places, and has fit with the picture that Homer gives of the greatness of the supremacy of the king of Mycenae, and of the greatness of Pylos.

The excavations ~~by~~ <sup>of</sup> Schliemann and the subsequent excavations by others have also revealed a fair amount about the life of the people, showing types of armor, arrangement of buildings, and other matters of this sort. The reading of Linear B tablets has also thrown considerable light on the period, bringing evidence of the existence of many names similar to those of Achilles, Hector, <sup>after</sup> Agamemnon, and so on, and showing the importance of the palace at Mycenae and at Pylos. Unfortunately the tablets have not thrown nearly so much light on the culture of the time as might be wished, since most of them are fragmentary and consist <sup>simply</sup> ~~mostly~~ of notations or records about details of the organization, listing hundreds of servants, listing the amount of taxes received from different communities and individuals, even giving the names of animals. However, such fragmentary notations, while interesting, and particularly important for the study of philology, do not tell a great deal about the actual life of the people. No literary ~~works~~ accounts have been found.

In the case of the Bible it is very different. Evidence has been found at point after point in connection ~~with~~ with events in the ~~book of Genesis~~ books of Genesis and Exodus, showing confirming ~~evidence~~ the accuracy of their background, and no one can any longer say, as suppose, as Wellhausen and his associates did, that we have here only the imaginings of people of the time many centuries later.

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Linear B  
be in  
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first) Agamemnon,  
mention?