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 scorpions/snakes were as he went through that area. Well Gleuck went down there and searched around and sure enough at the N. end of the Guld of Akkaba he found a Tell a mound which was evidently a place which had been a town in ancient times. But from this time it was an 11 days trip overland through that very difficult country to get to Jerusalem. Well it might be worth it to go way down there to get the gold from OPHIR and bring it overland, but I don't think the people of OPHIR gave Solomon their gold simply because they loved him. It is much more likely that he traded something for it, and in Jerusalem and in Judea they were making very fine textiles at that time. But to carry all of these overland on donkeyback clear down there to Ezion Geber would be tremendously expensive. How much simpler was just to carry it down to the Med., put it in boats, take it to Suez, carry it that little distance across, and put it in other boats there and go down to OPHIR and trade it for the gold. How much more sensible that would seem. What wisdom did Solomon have? Well, Gleuck came back to this country, raised money for an excavation. When they excavated Ezion Geber he found it was not like most ancient cities. It was not something that grew up. He found it was built according to a definite plan. It was very well built according to a definite plan. It was not like Boston where they say the cows used to go and then the streets they just followed the old cow paths. It was more like Washington, D. C. where a French architect laid out a perfect system with centers, streets radiating in all directions and an absolutely perfect system for a city that used horses and buggys, but a terrible city for one that uses automobiles as they do today. But it was a city built according to a definite plan. Well that's the way Ezion Geber was. As you saw how well it was built you could easily see the power of Solomon, this great monarch in Jerusalem who could send workmen to build a city so far away from there -- through 11 days trip overland to that difficult country he sent the experts, the skilled men and the necessary materials and build this city down there. It showed his power. But it did not show such wisdom. How much wiser if he had gone down the other way it would seem. See it seemed until Prof. Gleuck began to examine the country on the way. There in this area stretching south to the dead sea he found many places and more as he got toward its southern part, places where there were tunnels dug into the side of the cliff.