

down to South Arabia and ~~xxx~~ all kinds of fantastic stories like that, of which we have no trace of any sort anywhere in the Bible. They were invented in the ~~B~~ Middle Ages. They throw no light on the ~~see~~ scriptural statements. We have no evidence from Jewish sources, from any early period, aside from what we find in the <sup>B</sup>~~X~~ Bible. Is there any ~~evided~~ evidence aside from the scriptural statements in the Bible about the greatness of ~~x~~ Solomon, about ~~the-existence-of~~ his very existence in fact. Some of the later kings ~~of~~ Palestine, we have their names on ancient monuments which have been excavated in recent years and have definite archaeological evidence, their ~~xxx~~ claims ~~abet~~ about their exploits, their claims about the Babylonian and Assyrian kings who conquered them. But regarding Solomon we have not as yet ~~a~~ found any ancient record made by him. We have no contemporary mention of his name that has yet been found. In 1929 when I was on the train going from Berlin overland to Constantinop~~e~~ and then heading down by water there to Palestine. There came out over the radio a report with a date line ~~α-Gari-~~ Cairo, a report that there had been discovered in Palestine the tomb of the daughter of Pharaoh, the wife of Solomon, and that in that tomb had been found papirai giving records of the life and greatness of Solomon. This was given out over the radio all over Europe, and then it was found that it was just a joke which had been reported in Cairo and made up, just another joke and somebody got a hold of it and thought it was a true ~~x~~ story and it had gone out over the radio. That kind of evidence has not as yet ~~been~~ come to light about Solomon at all. Now if you or I were in God's place and we faced this situation and we ~~found~~ in the Old Test~~am~~ent a great king described as a great, glorious power~~ful~~ wise leader and referred to by Christ, as Solomon is in the New Testament, and we found p~~eo~~ple like H.G.Wells denying it