

that is filled with ~~s~~ poisoned serpents, very difficult to travel through. It took him nearly three weeks to make the trip from Jerusalem way down to the Red Sea and then around the Dead Sea and then South on to that very rough and ~~k~~ difficult country waydown there to Aquaba. Why would Solomon build his navy of ships down there ? Well, the people of ~~R~~ Ophir if you just ~~to~~ got the gold from them and brought it up ~~the~~ here, ~~God~~ Gold is very expensive. It would ~~ix~~ be well worth the cost of bringing the gold up here and putting it on donkeys and camels and carrying it overland up to Jerusalem. That ~~was~~ would be worthwhile , but how would you get the gold. We have, at least we used to have, a great part of the gold of the world buried inKentucky. ~~Is~~ that gold buried in Kentucky because the nations of the world love the U.S. so much that they all wanted to send their gold over ~~the~~ here so we could bury it in Kentucky. No, the way it came was that we sent American manufactured goods to those countriesin exchange for that gold, and it would be reasonable to think that Solomon would have to send something to Ophir in exchange for this gold and the ~~nat~~ natural thought would be of course the very fine textiles which would were produced in Judah at ~~at~~ that time. But you take those textiles and carry them overland on donkeys and camels on this long trip through the desert down there to Eziongeber would seem to be a very expensive proceeding. It would be much simpler to go up about 30 miles down to the Mediterranean Sea, and of course much of Judah would be nearer the Mediterranean Sea by far than Jerusalem. And you get to the Mediterranean Sea, put them on boats, and make the tripdown the Mediterranean Sea there, there ~~to~~ the Suez, and while there was no canal there in those days it was just a short _____overland