

As I walked down the street, I guess the blood just dropped down out of my brain because actually I lost consciousness, and when I came to I was walking along the street with a policeman on each side of me. And I said, I guess I didn't do anything very bad, I don't seem upset about it being with these policemen, but I don't quite know why I'm with them. They told me I had gone up to a man selling newspapers and said, Can you tell me where the 30th Street Station is and why am I going there? I believe the blood gradually came back into my head because as I walked along with them trying to figure things out they said, We are going to take you to the hospital to look you over. They took me to the hospital and laid me down on a bed, and gradually my things came back to me. I remember bying that pair of new shoes. I glanced down at my feet and there was the pair of new shoes! I thought, that sort of fits. I guess it's not my imagination after all. Then I said to the man, and he said, What do you do? Well, I said, I teach in a theological seminary in the heart of Philadelphia. I gave the same of the seminary and he phoned and he found that I indeed did, at least a person by my name did and I had not been there that particular day.

Then I said, You know I have a queer feeling that I'm supposed to go to dinner at the home of certain people in Germantown. I don't remember ever having had dinner at their house before but I have a feeling I'm expected to go there tonight to dinner. He said, We'll look into that, so he phoned the people and said, Yes you are expected there for dinner and they will drive right down to get you. Here were these few facts that fit with my recollection. I said, I guess it's all true. That is the way with archaeology, that what we know of history ~~is~~ it does not prove every statement in the Bible or anything of that kind. But it gives us indications here and there that that world of which we learn about in the OT corresponds to reality. That these are not fairy tales ~~but~~ they are not stories of imagination, but that there was a world there similar to that which is described in the OT. We have a partial picture there, we have a partial picture from what we learn from archaeology, and wherever we can truly fit the two together we find that they fit. So this is an evidence of the reliability of the sources.

Then, of course, one of the great evidences of it is found in fulfilled prophecy. We have evidence that the OT prophecy declares what would come later on. Not the whole history by any means but many important facts of what would occur later on, and if you will just read the accounts in Jude and 2 Peter, ~~you will see~~ of what will happen later on, which they describe as the last days and compare conditions throughout the world today and think even of our nation which was founded by godly people of such high ideals of loyalty to the teachings of God's Word, and see the things that are permitted in our nation today and nothing is thought of them, you see how He predicted that the world would not get better and better but that instead evil times would come upon us.

I taught in the heart of Phila. years ago for 8 years, I lived in the heart of Phila., and every evening I would take a walk 2 or 3 miles up and down different streets. I got exercise and enjoyed what I would see there and the thought never entered my mind of danger. I was surprised the other day in talking with a man and happening to recall that, and he said, You couldn't do that today. He said, You'd certainly be mugged before you'd gone a mile if you did that today. I don't know if it's quite as bad as he described but certainly things