

excavations in Babylon. A writing which tells of what they found in Babylon and I couldn't say what it is and it is altogether possible they might find evidence there. Something like that might be of value for the enemy to carry on and you would find the walls very definitely even though you might have to quote from the <sup>part about walls and the gate.</sup> ~~law~~. This word ~~glass~~ <sup>brass</sup> here I don't like.

It could mean copper and brass is an alloy of copper but brass is what we generally think of as rather weak. You take copper-zinc and make brass--40% of copper and 60% of zinc and then you can make a nice alloy. Then if you will take 1/2 of 1% of tin and mix with and you have then bronze and not brass and it is 2 1/2 times as strong as it would be without that 1/2 part of tin. That tin- makes the great difference in the strenght, etc. It is a tiny bit of tin and if you put it in, then you get the strong alloy. If strong gates, I would think bronze would be more likely than brass and yet the general way to say it would be just copper. Brass in Old English may have covered them all but in modern English it doesnot give a very good impression. It is actually a ~~copper-pe-~~ bronze penny and it is not a copper penny.

Ques. It is possible the gates were made from this and also possible they were made of lumber.

Ques. I don't think it means the seat of authority but I think it means the obstacle. He says, "I will give thee ~~the~~ treasures of darkness and the hidden riches of secret places."

You read of the King of Assyria when they conquered ~~Edom~~ <sup>Edom</sup> and they came into the treasure house of the King of ~~Edom~~ <sup>Edom</sup> and there was the secret house never entered by enemies in 1500 years and they brought out millions of dollars worth of gold and precious stones and they carried them away to Assyria. You read of Celucus, the successor of Alexander the Great and how he went into one of the capital cities in Persia and he went in and took out siiply millions of dollars worth of treasure. He carried it off and it gave him the treasure with which he built up his great empire and when he speaks of giving Cyrus the treasures of darkness, he means the treasures hidden away in dark places and most people don't know how to get at them. I think what he means is that Cyrus is going to come into the treasurehouse of the king of Babylon and take out these great treasures which are hidden away. It would be as the men in the army went into the German places and took out their hidden things. One capt. brought over a million dollars worth of jewelry here and hid them away. Cyrus found some and I have no doubt but what it refers to the treasures of the king of Babylong taken out from ~~the~~ hiding. It might prove that the gates are of brass but I don't believe it proves it either. Great protection cannot keep out Cyrus from the place and it was going to help for Jacob's sake and for Israel's sake. God has put all of this in his hands and he has done it for the sake of letting the Israelites go.