

so they discussed and they said, Well, for about two thousand dollars they would allow them to excavate and see what found in the

So he only had about two thousand dollars altogether so and he said instead of that/they discused the matter he argued about it and he spent half the time in excavating court and the other half in quarelling and eventually the court appointed a septer to go out and even made a payment of 35 dollars for the rights and the payment was made in the hill./but it took many , many days. Now Babylonia in contrast to that is an excavators paradox. It is as different as anything can be. There in the time of Jeremiah there was a in Euphrates River and along into the great cities which stood there for as long as twenty-five hundred years. Cities which were great centers of commerce and trade and teeming life and how did did this ever happen that the cities would become a desolation, a dry land . Today you go to Mesopotamia and you will find city after city full of teeming life, great centers of life and commerce. Because it is one of the most fertile lands in the world and is a great bacground for the But they are at a new area. And the old cities there are just mounds in the desert. There are no people around. You'd have to hawl your water in to Why? Well in hundreds of years after the time of Jeremiah, the rivers there far north of Mesopotamia there the rivers grow away from the old path and they made a new channel down to the sea and a result the old channel was left desolate and bare and there was no water there so there was nothing to produce crops or the cities to live on, so the people had to move away and build new cities for new quarters to live in . And what human being could know that that would happen in Mesopotamia, not in Palestine, not in Mesopotamia, and as a result of what happened that , the old cities would be left just great, big mounds of deselate, where the desert excavator can go with nothing to worry about not even visitors. And he can settle down there and work and dig and bring to light a great amount of important information of about the life of . Now I want to give you two or three very striking instances of predictions which were made in