

But I want to mention the case of an entire city, and an entire nation, the nation of the Hittites. The Hittites were long thought to be a nation only mentioned in the Scripture, with no other evidence anywhere, about them. You know, we find them mentioned in the book of Genesis where Abraham bargained with two of the sons of Beth for a burial place for his wife; we find them mentioned in Exodus, where it says God will drive certain great nations out of Palestine before the Israelites; we find them mentioned in II Samuel, where Uriah the Hittite was a mercenary soldier in David's army; but the most striking reference to the Hittites is much less known, in II Kings 7:6, "For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us". The kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians right on the same level. Why, in 1904 a British scholar said in a private conversation, "I don't believe there ever was such a people as the Hittites. If it should be proven that there was such a people, I am sure we will find they were just a small and insignificant tribe. And to speak of the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians as this verse does, on the same level, is as if you were to speak of a treaty of alliance between the British Empire and the Cherokee Indians". That is the way it looked to this British scholar in 1904.

But it was only two years later, in 1906, that Prof. Baker, of the University of Berlin, went to _____ in Asia Minor and excavated, and there at _____ he found the remains of _____, the capital of the ancient Hittite empire, and there they found acres of the foundations of palaces and temples and most important of all, they found an archive of the later Hittite Empire. They found there proof, not merely that the Hittite empire could rank on equal terms with the Egyptians, but they found that it did. They found that for 150 years the Hittites and the Egyptians fought