

nobody ~~and~~ had any idea exactly where they were. We had whole nations mentioned which nobody knew exactly if they had even existed unless you took it upon the word simply of the Old Testament. It ~~was~~ ^{stood} absolutely alone in those regards. During this last hundred years there ~~has been~~ have been dug from the ground a tremendous amount of material, some of it objects the people used, some of it walls of houses they lived in and objects in these houses, other parts of it consisting of tablets or papyrus roles on which they wrote down ~~these~~ various matters. Nobody sat down and ~~sat down~~ ~~and~~ and said, "Now I know that the people of 1948 are going to be interested in what I think and what has happened here so I'm going to tell them about it." They didn't do that. Usually they sat down and wrote a letter to their friend and we have the letter. Or they sat down and wrote a contract for work, or a king put up a big monument in order that his people would know he was the greatest king that ever lived and whether what he said was true or not we are not sure ~~but~~ until we have checked it by other source. But that is the sort of written material we have from archeology. You cannot say archeology says and then have something that is one hundred per cent better. Archeology is a great mass of material which has to be studied and the value of it which is of tremendous importance for the increase of our knowledge of ancient history. Many periods of ancient history are better known to us way back 500 B. C. than a great many periods since that time because the period since that time you have comparatively original material. In the middle ages they wrote on paper and the paper disappears in a short time, and nothing lasts ~~which~~ ~~that~~ except that which is copied and recopied. While in the ancient times nothing that was written was written on imperishable material or comparatively durable materials which we have this very day. So that as compared ~~as~~ with one hundred years ago we have a whole new ^{3-13²}

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