

different, so much is so different that it is easy for a person to ~~xxxx~~ sort of think, "Oh, well it is just a lot of stories." Well, now when you read in the Bible about a certain thing and then you dig up from the ground something that just fits into it and the two fit together like when I noticed the new shoes on my feet that night, it is just what I call a general corroboration. It shows the background of it to be realistic. It shows that it fits into the general environment with which ~~xxx~~ what is touched upon in the Bible in that particular connection. So for instance if you find in Egypt somewhere ~~xxxx~~ proof that the Israelites built a city and part of the bricks that they put there ~~were part with brick a~~ were with straw and part without straw it would be a specific, exact corroboration of the account in Exodus 5. But if you have simply a city in Egypt from around this general time and you find those ~~two~~ two types of bricks in it and you have no proof the Israelites were there or that it is the city referred to in Exodus or anything like that, it shows you that such things did happen in Egypt at about that period. It gives you a general corroboration, a general background of the situation. If you find in the Bible frequent references of importance of a certain country and then you find that that country was ~~was xxx~~ one of the leading countries at that time. That is general corroboration. If you found for ~~instance~~ instance that a letter ^{gave} somebody ~~sent~~ to you a hundred years from now and they said it was written from a man in America in the year 1948 and if in this letter he said, "Oh, we must watch out. The people are building an army down in Chile and they may overrun the United States." If you read that you may say, that may happen fifty years from now, but at present nobody even thinks of it. It doesn't fit with the background and would be immediately thrown out and is not fit into the general situation. That is general corroboration. Of course, special corroboration we will have to leave until tomorrow.

Yesterday we began our introductory section, number 1, introduction, and we looked at certain features about history in general and ~~xxxx~~ about Old