

where we have a specific corroboration in this case ~~of~~ not of a particular statement but a specific name ~~that~~ in the Bible showing the accuracy of the preservation and of course of the original at this particular point. That would be an instance of specific or special corroboration. There are a good many other interesting features about this matter of this name Sargon which we may look at at a later time. I think at this present we won't say any more about Sargon or give you any other illustration now of specific corroboration. We have a great number that might be given but rather say a little about the difficulties of special corroboration. There are many people who have the impression that you can take the Bible and take every statement in the Bible and then that archeology has a corroboration, a proof that that statement is specifically true. Now I remember hearing of an evangelist. I got a letter from a man in Canada who said that this very widely known evangelist had been there holding meetings and gave some lectures on archeology and that he made the statement that all but five verses in ~~the~~ the Old Testament had been corroborated by archeology. Now I hope that the man who wrote me had misunderstood the speaker because if you start in reading in many, many places in the Old Testament it is perfectly clear that archeology couldn't possibly corroborate or have anything to do with the accuracy of the statement. Then Job answered and said, 'Even today is my complaint bitter. My stroke is heavier than my groanings!' Just looking at that at random. How would archeology corroborate that statement? How ~~it~~ would it throw any light on it one way or another unless you were to discover a statement by one of Job's friends who had described it. That could have happened, but aside from such a thing as that, how would you ever have corroboration of that? I just open again at random. Psalm 48, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness." How would archeology corroborate that statement? Over across the page, "Hearken, Oh daughter, and consider and incline thine ear, forget also thy own people and thy father's