

to turn in very heavy taxes to Jerusalem which he used for great building projects. He built not only the great temple of the Lord ~~xxx~~, the temple which was recognized as superior to ~~xxxx~~ any other temple ever built subsequently in Jerusalem. He not only built the temple of the Lord. He built a great and wonderful palace for himself, and other very splendid buildings around Jerusalem. The Bible tells us that many cities which were in a condition of devastation when David had become king which Solomon took over and rebuilt and built up in very lavish ~~xxxx~~ style. So we find in the accounts of ~~David~~ Solomon accounts of him as a great ~~builder~~ builder, as a man who had the resources and the power to make a very glorious and attractive rule for himself. The glory of his kingdom is presented in the Old Testament as superior to anything else ever seen in Palestine before or since that time. We will not in this class go into the study of the details of the economic and political arrangement of Solomon's kingdom. We have many statements about them, many suggestion about them in the Bible. These suggestions are ~~probably~~ far from complete. The Bible makes no attempt to enable us to know the full details of this situation politically, economically, industrially ~~and~~ of Solomon's kingdom. It tries to give enough to give us a realization of what how powerful he was and how great his kingdom was. That is the purpose of the ~~statement~~ statement here. If we should gather new evidence and information about the time, we might be able to take these ~~statements~~ statements and fit them in with the other statements and work out a great many details of the political, industrial, and economic situation there. As it is we just have hints here and there. Scholars have tried to take these few hints and build up a complete picture, but the pictures ~~they~~ they build differ quite a bit one from the other because there are a great many places regarding which the details are not filled in. It is somewhat like Marco Polo's great visit to China. When he came back from China, he told about the great things that he had seen in China and described them. One thing that Marco Polo described in China which had impressed him tremendously was the fact that they used