

on Joshua's disobedience to God's command. You remember that God had commanded Joshua that he was to completely blot out the Canaanites from the land and make no treaty with any of them. But when the Gibeonites came to Joshua, pretending to be from a long distance away, Joshua made a treaty with them. Then when he found out that they were actually in the midst of the land, of course, he was bound by the promise which he had given, and God later on punished the house of Saul for not having been faithful to the promise that had been made to the Gibeonites even though the promise should never have been made in the ~~first~~ first place.

Now I don't think everybody realizes just how far reaching were the effects many centuries later of this treaty ~~with~~ with the Gibeonites. The Gibeonites were right in the center of the land. ~~Gibeon~~ Gibeon is only a few miles north of Jerusalem. There is a high rocky hill country there which is comparatively narrow. *end of 9.*

that there would not have been as much as intercourse between the south and north of this area as there would have been if had it been one homogenous ~~people~~ people clear through. So Joshua's failure to obey God's command at this point had had effects even centuries afterward and contributed directly towards the disruption of the kingdom at the end of Solomon's reign.

Now we go on to number 5. Archeological light on Solomon. Excuse me.

Four is his wisdom. 4. The wisdom of Solomon. We have already mentioned a few features regarding his wisdom, his wisdom is described in the Bible as outstanding. It is described as something unique in ancient times. That ~~does~~ does not mean, of course, that Solomon was omniscient. It doesn't mean ~~that~~ that he ~~had~~ had the knowledge of God but it does mean that he was given a wisdom far beyond that of ordinary human beings. The illustrations we are given of his wisdom at the beginning of his reign ~~consist~~ consist to quite an extent in his judging among the people and deciding just ~~what~~ what was the truth in certain involved situations. The Bible goes on to tell how he spoke of natural science. He spoke