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It is easy to think of someone in Palestine on a clear night at looking up the sky, and see the great number of these stars, and thinking that this presented such a tremendous number that it was almost an unbelievable promise that his seed would be as numerous as the stars. Yet, the many ~~xxx~~ readers of Genesis must have felt that this was not a great promise at all. Before the time of Abraham, Egyptian students and Babylonian astronomers had have studied the stars, ~~have~~ named the constellations, had figured out the methods of . . . and any one of them must have known that the total numbers that can be seen on a clear night would not exceed six thousands, can be seen with a ~~an xxx~~ naked eye at any time would not exceed six thousands. The telescope was not invented until many thousands years later. There was no way for a human being to know that there are more ~~star~~ stars which were invisible to the naked eye. To anyone who thought that all the stars that could be seen with a naked eye were all that existed, promised to Abraham, would not seem like a very great promise. Now that our telescope has shown that with ~~xxx~~ in our galaxy alone there are over _____ stars, and that there are possibly billions, and perhaps billions of other galaxies, many of which may be larger than our own, we now see how tremendous the promise to Abraham must have been. Thus here the ~~for~~ reference to cosmology which implies, which contains within it, a ~~xxxx~~ knowledge far beyond what the ordinary human being of that day would have had, and shows the Divine authorship, the Divine knowledge of the one who spoke to Abraham and gave him, and used a figure full meaning of which would become ~~appz~~ apparent thousands of years later.