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and then the conservatives went on thoughtlessly to assume that where there was anything similar to a Biblical thing in Babylon that it is a proof of the truth of the Biblical thing, and it ran into a great danger which we always run into when we use a false argument to present the truth. Once a false argument is proven to be false people are less apt to believe the truth than if that particular argument had never been given, and in this case, about 1900, the argument was turned around and the claim was made that the religious ideas of the Old Testament are simply a development from Babylonian paganism. Now if that is the case we would naturally expect to find such a relationship with something so important in the Bible as the story of the fall, and so there has been found a seal, a Babylonian seal, which is said to be a picture of the fall of man. Now let me tell you what a seal is, if you don't know. It begins with a button. A person takes this button and he presses it on something to make a mark on it to show that it is actually his. If we make an official statement, if the seminary does, we have to impress the seal of the Seminary upon it. That, of course, has no special point nowadays, a signature is the best sort of an authentication today you could want but before people realized the uniqueness of individual signatures they felt that they had to have something that the man had that he could press on it and that guaranteed that it was his, and so in ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt seals were tremendously important and there were thousands of them; everyone had his own seal, and at his death his son might take over his seal and might use, and so these seals came to be used on through a period of time but there are thousands and thousands of different seals and they tried to make them rather complicated in order that they should be rather individual and represent the one's personal seal and among these thousands of seals one came to light that was said to be a picture of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil with Adam sitting on one side of it and Eve sitting on the other side of it and a serpent in back of Eve speaking into her ear and so that was said to be the origin of the Biblical story of