

gators admit to have been one of the cities which Solomon devoted to housing of his horses. Only a very rich Emperor could afford this. At the same time one important element in the knowledge of Canaanite religion was demolished. Furthermore, during the past few years Professor Andrae, a very noted German Archeologist, has made a careful study of the building of houses in the ancient world. He has published a book in which he has proven that the so-called massabas found so commonly in ancient Palestine and alleged to have been objects of Canaanitish worship, were actually part of the houses put there to hold up the upper story.

What was known of Canaanitish worship a few years ago, rested only on these few archeological discoveries and also on statements in the accounts of Roman travelers through Syria at the time of Christ, or later, mentioning the religion of the people as they noticed it. Between the time of Moses and the time of Christ these people had had over a thousand years of contact with the Hebrew and their religion may have been greatly influenced by it. Also their land had been over-run by conquering Egyptians, Babylonians, Assyrians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans. Members of all these races had settled in the territory. To take the little that can be gathered from the accounts of these travelers of the religion of this territory, after all these changes during a period of over 1,500 years, and claim that from it we can re-construct the religion of the Canaanites before the coming of the Hebrews, is nothing short of fantastic.

This was the situation a few years ago. No one dreamed that he would ever actually have contemporary accounts of the religion of the