

but the Old Testament gave a record of events dating back of that time thousands of years, and it was easy then, a little over one hundred years ago, for people to say "all this came into existence through these different documents and these different ideas of human beings, different philosophies and different concepts around which myths and legends grew together and eventually produced the Old Testament as we have it". We are in an entirely different situation today. The discoveries of archaeology have thrown light upon statement after statement in the Word of God. One hundred years ago there were many cities named in the Old Testament of which we knew nothing aside from their mention in the Old Testament.

An outstanding one is the case of Nineveh. One hundred and ten years ago there were those who said they did not believe there ever had been actually such a great city as described in the Bible under the name of Nineveh. You read in the Bible of Nineveh as the capital of the Assyrian Empire, and the most striking reference to it you will find in the book of Jonah, where you read that Nineveh was a city of three days' journey, a city so large it would take three days to walk around it. And one hundred years ago there were those who said "if there had been in ancient times a city like Nineveh, a city so great, we would at least know where it was", but no body knew where the city of Nineveh had been. And then just about one hundred and ten years ago, the French vice-consul went across the river Tigris, and there he dug into a great series of mounds in the desert, and digging into those mounds he found evidence of houses buried under them. He decided there had been a great city there, but he did not know what the city was. And then Sir Henry L (he was not "Sir" then), a young Englishman who had encouraged _____ in the excavation, secured money to himself begin some work in Nineveh, and when he had been digging for some time and had been finding remains of houses and houses but nothing more He was in the tenement