

tioned in Genesis. It is interesting that we now have methods worked out, of pottery study, whereby you can go to the remains of an ancient city and even without excavating it you can study the remains on the edge of the ruins of the city, you can study the bits of pottery there, and an expert can date within half a century, very often, the exact period when that city was occupied. You have all these cities mentioned in the book of Genesis, and the evidence is found there that they actually were occupied at the time of Abraham. In every single case except one, and that is the mention of a city in a great wide valley where there are many houses today and it would be very hard to make a search. But it is a place which has such streams, and such a good situation for a town, that it would be inconceivable that there would not be a town at that place. But in every other one of them, they have found actual evidence of a city there, while on the other hand there are many cities named later on in the Bible of which we have definite evidence that they were not in existence at the time of Abraham.

Now in the story of Abraham, a very interesting verse to a person who is interested in human culture is the 16th verse of the 12th chapter. In that chapter we have the account of Abram, and Lot, and Sarah going down into Egypt; and there in Egypt Abram became very wealthy, and here is a list of his wealth. As you look at the list of his wealth which he had, it is interesting not merely to see what is included, but also to see what is omitted. If any time within the last thirty years some one had written a story of a person coming over here to the United States and becoming wealthy here, I am sure one thing they would name that he had would be automobiles, because one is owned by at least one in every five people in the United States, perhaps less: but in Europe it would be one to every 70 or 80 people, and there is such a contrast, that one of the signs of America's greater prosperity would be the possession of automobiles. You would hardly think of a story of one coming here and becoming wealthy and