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I imagene most of you are familiar with the light that arghaeology throws on the story of Daniel's ...l... That is not our subject this morning, but if you are familiar with it, you realize the fact that three times in that chapter the reference is made to somebody being made the third ruler in the kingdom. And nobody knew until recently what that meant. People said that the thapter was not true. I won't go into the deatils of it now. Most of you have heard them, I expect, and those who haven't will sometime. But the thing that bring out when I speak on that chapter is not only the way that archaeology has proven God's Word accurate in it, but the way that that phrase repeated three times in the chapter gave a clear bit of a historical fact absolutely unknown until its rediscovery in recent years. A fact which gives us the explanation of the chapter, and which also gives us a very vital explanaion of an important fact of history. The Bible is God's Word to tell us about Christ, to tell us how we may be saved. That is its purpose. But the Bible touches on history, xx as in the chapter and many others. It touches on chemistry. It touches on geology. It touches on all important matters. Naturally. Because it is dealing with God's relation with people living in the world, and where it touches on these things it touches on them truly. And there are many interesting bits of matters which are discovered by various scientists, and many hints doubtless of matters yet to be discovered. I don't say we can build up any one of theses sciences simply by studying the Bible, because that's not the purpose of the Bible. And there is a great deal dealing with all of them which it does not touch upon. But where it touches it, it is accurate, and it gives us many many hints which can be most valuable to us in any field of study. Now, this morning I want to call your attention to certain hints which the Bible gives, gives very clearly which have been cast aside and ignored, by science, completely pushed aside, and then rediscovered, and which science now is stressing tremendously, and building a great deal upon, but