

Chapel - 4/29/58 - Dr. MacRae

Well, I'm sure we'll find they were a small, insignificant tribe as the Bible does in II Kings of the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians - II Kings 7:6 speaks of it on the same level as if somebody were to speak today of a treaty of alliance between the British and the Cherokee Indians. That was this British scholar's idea of the Hittites in 1940.<sup>??</sup>

But in 1906 Professorx Hugo \_\_\_\_\_, University of Berlin went to \_\_\_\_\_ (1.) in Asia Minor and excavated there and at that city - the name of which means "ruling village" in modern Turkish - Professor \_\_\_\_\_, pushed around in his wheelchair, directed the excavators as to where to dig and there was found "Silvertown" XXXXXXXXX in the translation of the word - the great capital of the ancient Hittites. And there ~~was~~ were found the records of the ancient Hittite Empire showing that the Hittites had ranked as an empire on equal terms with Egypt and with Babylonia. At one time their armies sacked the city of Babylon. The Hittites actually at one time made a treaty with the Egyptian Empire on equal terms and this treaty contained the earliest extradition clause known to history. And the treaty was found here in Asia Minor and another copy of it in Egyptian hieroglyphics was later found on the high rock far south in southern Egypt - showing that the Hittites were as great an empire as described here.

But through the ages we've known of the greatness of the Egyptians and the greatness of the Babylonians while the Hittites had been only a name mentioned in the Bible and other places until now these records have come to light within these last sixty years. And today instead of anybody doubting that the Hittites are anything but a Biblical legendary title, today you find scholars in Germany, France, England, and in the United States devoting their whole time to studying the language, the history and the literature of the ancient Hittites. Until one of them retired a few years ago, there were two professors in Yale University who were giving the greater part of their time to the study of the ancient Hittites. They disappeared from history. In the case of Sargon a reference to this great Assyrian conqueror was used to date a passage in the Bible. XIn the year that Sargon did this - the Lord spoke to Isaiah. God's Word coming to an obscure man in a little country on the outpost of civilization remembered through the ages and the great Assyrian king remembered only because he was used to date the coming of the Word of God. Now this archaeological material I believe is very interesting today and helpful and the Lord has given to us I believe in these days when the higher crit-