

~~practices of the people around them, doing xxx superstitious practices~~
of the people around them, or falling into one of many ~~xxxxx~~ cults, and

There was a cult ~~of~~ with such strength that very few were able to resist it. A monument has been found a way over in Damascus in which they

celebrate ^{the coming of} this god of Tyre into that area and show his worship there.

Here was a missionary God M--- god, ^{Melkart} ~~Milch~~..., the god of Tyre, and great

Tyre was a commercial metropolis. Tyre and Sidon. And the people of

old ^{all} of the other nations looked up to Tyre and Sidon as the great centre,

and Omri the king of Israel who planned so skillfully from ^a the political viewpoint, made a marriage relation between his weak son Ahab and the

strong-willed daughter of the Sidonians, ~~the~~ Jezebel which he brought and

she became ~~the~~ the heiress, the wife of the ~~next~~ heir to the throne, eventually ^{and} the queen of the northern kingdom. But she brought with her great ^{she looked to the cultural land of Tyre & Sidon} ~~of~~ culture

~~of the land of Tyre and Sidon there,~~ and she brought her god with her and

she was anxiously-- that these poor benighted people down here should get away from their foolish belief ⁱⁿ of Jehovah and ^{should} come to the great cultural

advantages of following ^{Melkart} ~~Milch~~... the god of Tyre. The Bible does not

use the word ^{Melkart, the} ~~Milch~~. But we find this name ^{that we find} on the monument. It simply

uses the term Baal, ^a the master, which is the term ~~is~~ used of the earlier deities

in the Bible, ^{a term} ~~baal~~ which was applied even to the true God ^{some times} at that time,

before it came to be specialized on this one particular deity. But this ^{term}

word Baal ^{has it} was used for ^{Melkart;} ~~Milch~~ and ^{Melkart} and ~~Milch~~ ^a was the force

^{that} which it was very difficult to resist. It never reached the ^{mass} of the people,

but it would have reached them, if something had not been done to ~~the~~

~~the~~ south. stop ^{at} Professor Olmstead of the ~~late~~ University of Chicago in