

Now I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you how Satan has stirred up ungodly men to try to destroy the force of this marvelous evidence here. The island city of Tyre after it was conquered by Alexander was reestablished and continued as a city. It is mentioned in the book of Acts. Paul was there at one time. Today there is a small fishing village there. I've walked out on this causeway to the city. The sand is silted up over it. It's a little wider than it was but it's quite obviously an artificial thing even to this day, and there are no ruins of ancient Tyre at all. Sidon, the other great Phoenician city there, there have been excavations and much has been discovered of ancient Sidon, but no ruins from ancient Tyre before 300 B.C. have been discovered at all because they are all under this causeway out there going under == out to the island.

But Satan stirs up people in a blind hatred of the Word of God to try to twist things to try to destroy the force of the evidences of God's truth. So in this case somebody started the idea the Greeks were entirely wrong when they called that place on the ~~island~~ mainland Paleotyrus or Old Tyre as the Greeks called it in ancient time. It was well known that that was where the city of Tyre was before Nebuchadnezzar conquered it. They began 60 or 70 yrs. ago saying, No there never was any Tyre on the mainland; Tyre has always been on this island. And today you can look in dozens of books and find that statement made. "Tyre has always been on the island; there never was any Tyre on the mainland; the Greeks were completely wrong when they called that place Old Tyre on the mainland." And the evidence they give for ~~that~~ that statement is the fact that in the cuneiform inscriptions which were discovered c. 70 yrs. ago, the inscriptions of the kings of Assyria, there are many mentions of Tyre and it always speaks of it as in the midst of the sea. "Tyre the great city in the midst of the sea." So they say, These inscriptions from the Assyrian kings several hundred years before the time of Alexander the Great prove that Tyre always was on the island. Well, these people who have said this and have placed these statements in so many scholarly books today have not bothered to look at the original inscriptions and see the actual situation.

I had this brought up to me a few years ago. They claimed that this prophecy did not amount to anything because there never was any such city on the mainland there. So I got these cuneiform inscriptions ~~XXX~~ I studied the Babylonian writings and cuneiform inscriptions in Berlin for 2 and 1/2 years so I had sufficient foundation to go right to the original sources. There I found indeed it said, "Tyre the city in the midst of the sea." That sounds as if they were right, as if it must be on an island, doesn't it? But then I looked a little further and I found that the other great city of ancient Phoenicia, Sidon, every time they referred to it they also said, "Sidon, the city in the midst