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~~were not~~ broken through with a battering ram, nor were the people starved into submission and the walls left standing. Their condition ^{of the walls showed} ~~made it clear~~ that they had fallen outward suddenly, in a great cataclysm. There the stones lie ^{to-day} ~~in~~ mute evidence of the great divine intervention described in the Book of Joshua. How could discoveries go further, to show the accuracy and dependability of the Word of God?

During the past two winters excavation has commenced on another mound, about two kilometers distant from Old Testament Jericho, containing the remains of the city of Jericho of the time of Christ. Although results are ^{still} ~~necessarily~~ somewhat tentative, ~~as early as this~~ it ~~seems~~ is fairly certain that a portion of King Herod's ^{winter} ~~summer~~ palace has been uncovered. ~~At~~ ^{There is} ~~any~~ ~~rate~~ evidence ~~is present~~ of the sophistication and luxury of this outpost of Roman life in Palestine. Herod, we remember, spent a number of years of his early life in Rome, ~~and~~ ~~was~~ Perhaps he brought Roman architects all the way to Palestine to build his luxurious palace overseeing the Jordan valley. As its ~~forms~~ features come to life we see again an illustration of the way that human glory disappears, while God's Word abides.

Extremely interesting is the new light shed on the times of Solomon by the excavations ~~of the past thirty~~ between 1925 and 1938. A few years ago no evidence remained, aside from the Biblical statements, of the greatness of King Solomon. Naturally unbelievers scoffed at it, declaring that the Biblical statements were grossly exaggerated. Now evidence has come to light, at Armageddon and elsewhere in Palestine, and further south at the shores of the eastern branch of the Red Sea, of the great building activities of Solomon. This evidence proves him to have ^{been far more} ~~possessed~~ powers ^{ful than} ~~far beyond that~~ of any other ancient Palestinian ruler, and also to have utilized scientific knowledge ~~and~~ unparalleled in ancient times. Modern engineering principles, rediscovered ~~in~~ within the past century, were employed by Solomon a thousand years before the