

which had existed there for ~~thous~~ thousands of years, and it was exactly the same way 500 hundred years after ~~§~~ Jeremiah wrote. It was the same way for some time after that, and these had been written in Hebrew and translated into Greek, and widely distributed and the situation in Babylon just didn't fit the prediction that Jeremiah ~~h~~ made. Babylonia had been over-run with enemies time and ~~ix~~ time again, and the cities re-established their greatness after a while, Why should people stop living there, why should they become a dry land, a desolation, a ~~st~~ wilderness, a land~~th~~ in which no man dwells neither doth any son of man pass thereby. Something happened which I'm sure Jeremiah could never possibly have dreamed of. Far up there in the mountains north of Mesopotamia, those rivers broke through ~~into-the-battle~~ from one valley into the next, and made a change in the configuration so that they came out upon the flat plains at a different place, and the result is that today if you go to Babylonia , if you go to Mesopotamia you ~~would~~ we will find the ~~x~~ Tigris and the Euphrates Rivers coming down there through the country and beside those rivers you will find great cities where the water is used for irrigation and there is a great deal of commerce going back and forth upon the rivers between the cities but the rivers ~~is~~ is any way ~~far~~ from 20 to 30 miles away from its former channel, and most of that country is just as flat ~~xx~~ as can be , but as you go across it you will come to the place where there is the place of the old bed of the river absolutely empty and there beside it, there are those hills covered with sand, marking the remains of the ancient cities which existed in Jeremiah's day, and which today are the desolation , a dry land, and a wilderness. Is it any wonder that the the archaeologists will ~~wt~~ tell you that Mesopotamia is the excavater's paradise. You have to haul your water maybe twenty miles to an excavation, but it is nothing to haveing the inconveniences that you havein Palestine, where you have all this trouble about getting the right to excavate , maybe a main road goes near where a thousand of tourists come trouping up each day to