

Thus the very memory of Belshazzar's name and power disappeared except for these references in this one chapter in the book of Daniel. The information has come to light and has shown the accuracy of the Biblical statements. What a striking fulfilment of I Peter 1:24,25!

It is interesting to go through the Bible noting instances of individuals, cities, and nations whose existence is evidenced through archeological discoveries. To my mind, it is even more striking to find instances in which the background of a Biblical story is illustrated by some archeological discovery in such a way as to demonstrate that the Biblical story shows a knowledge which would hardly be available to one who wrote long afterwards. Such instances indicate that the Bible was written at the time it claims to be and not many centuries later, as the Higher Critics maintain.

WHY LOT CHOSE THE JORDAN VALLEY

There is an interesting instance of this type in connection with the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Genesis. This chapter relates an incident which is well known to all who have ever attended an American Sunday School. After amassing a great deal of property in Egypt, Abram and Lot came up into Palestine and encamped between Bethel and Ai. Soon it developed that their flocks and herds were so large that there was great danger of strife between them.

It is easy to imagine what must have occurred next. Probably Abram's men came out at 5:30 one morning, as was their custom, and started to lead their flocks and herds to pasture. To their dismay they soon discovered that Lot's men had gone out half an hour earlier, and had already taken all the good pasture land within easy reach. It was necessary, therefore, to lead Abram's flocks and herds a long distance in order to find good pasture.