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build much of a life on the question: which do you prefer? You've got ~~xxx~~ to have some evidence as to what is truly factual, and if we believe there is a God, and if we believe that God spoke, then we have not a myth in Genesis 3 but a factual account of how sin came into the world, and it explains the situation we are in today, and it shows us our need of some way ~~f~~ of salvation from it. And how wonderful it was that right there in Genesis 3 God promised the deliverance; that He said there that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. He predicted the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; even gave a little hint, not a clear statement, but a little hint of the virgin birth: the seed of the woman; you never speak of the seed of a woman; ordinarily it's the term used of a man. but there He said, "the seed of the woman will bruise the serpent's head." Just a little hint of the miraculous way in which God was going to bring Jesus Christ into the world, and bruise the serpent's head, and provide salvation~~for~~ for man, and make it possible that the ruined Colosseum would again be put on the way toward eternal life that God had prepared for them that love Him.

And so, Hebrews ~~tells us~~ tells us, "God spoke." God spoke in past times in many different ways. He spoke at various times. And we can be sure there were those who said God had spoken to them, to whom He hadn't spoken. Jeremiah said, "There are false prophets among the people." But he said, "I am God's true prophet," And there were people who thought Jeremiah was the true prophet, and there were people who thought the others were the true prophets. It was difficult to know which were the words that God had really spoken. And so God provided inspiration. God caused that the Holy Spirit would keep the writers of the Scripture from error. And that doesn't mean you can poke pick out a word and you can squeeze that word and get the last bit of possible meaning out of it, and that that is what God has given us. God has not given us that sort of book. He's given us a book in words. And words are not points; words are areas. And I think that is very important to have in mind. The Bible is not a set of mathematical formulae. The Bible is the account of