

and other things a little bit, astronomy a little more. It touches upon history much more, but it doesn't attempt to give a full history. Some of the most important historical events aren't mentioned in the Bible because not vital in the story of God's relationship to man which is the purpose of the Bible. But we have these little hints.

I came across a very interesting one just lately. Some of you may be familiar with the fact that within the last few years scientists have noticed a shift toward the red ~~x~~ end of the spectrum in the pictures they got with their telescopes of distant galaxies. From it scientists came to the conclusion of the ^{expanding} expanding universe. They tell us now that every galaxy in the universe is flying away from every other galaxy at a tremendous speed. They say that it is as if you had one of these little balloons that has a picture on the outside, and you blow up the balloon and as you blow it up every part of the picture gets further away from every other part of the picture. If you had strings inside the balloon with knots on them they also as you blew it up would get further, ever one from every other part. They say that's the way the universe is expanding. That's the present scientific theory. The Bible doesn't give us that theory, but the Bible suggests it, and it fits. I was so interested lately to note that there are about 8 times where the prophets in the OT speak of God as the One who stretches out the heavens. In one case this is in the tense called the perfect -- it shows something has happened -- he has stretched out the heavens. But in all the other cases it is in the participle showing continuous action. God is the one who is stretching out the heavens. You could not learn about the expanding universe from that, but you