

other. Drachma is what it says. In 1931 an excavation was carried on in Be'er Sheva in Southern Palestine, and there a house was excavated which was burned at the time of the later Persian kingdom. There's a burnt layer that separates it, so there is no question what was found there was from that period, the very period described in Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah. There they found a lot of coins. They found coins of the very type of the Attic drachma from that very period! Showing us what historical scholars had never known before that the drachma of Athens at that time through commerce, long before the time of Athenian political greatness, had penetrated over here and was used over here in Palestine at that time. And the Bible as it ~~says~~ stands preserved the memory of that fact.

When we see a statement in the Bible that seems unreal to us, that doesn't fit with our knowledge of history, or our knowledge of science, just wait a little until we learn a little more, until we catch up to where we understand the Biblical statements. The Bible doesn't give us a full account of history or science. That's not its purpose. But it is God's purpose to show us we can depend upon it and what it says is reliable. If we can trust it in earthly things how much more can we trust it in heavenly things. When it shows us the sin that does so easily beset us, we can see we are headed for eternal destruction if we continue and something isn't done about it. And nobody can tell you aside from the Bible what to do about it. There's no way to find out.

I talked to a young woman in Chicago once who told me, she had just had a course of examinations by a psycho-analyst, and she said it was the most miserable experience I ever had in my life because he went right into my mind and took all the nice things I'd done, all the nice generous acts I'd done and she showed me how there was