

on in Mesopotamia and in Egypt, although their technique was still largely that of a Treasure Hunt. In Palestine no excavation had been conducted anywhere as yet except at Jerusalem. It was still possible to deal with O.T. study as if there were no source available for reconstruction of ancient Oriental ~~h~~ history except for the O.T. Then, however, results from the study of these various fields began to come to life. A whole new world opened up before our eyes, we began to know about great movements that we had never previously existed as far as modern knowledge was concerned. Kingdoms stood and fell, mighty armies marched across the scene, mighty conquerors stood their time and then disappeared. Various civilizations came to be known by their pottery, by the style of their, type of their art ~~of~~ work, by the form of their architecture. A Whole new world came before us and in ~~h~~ this ancient Orient, the O.T. takes its place. It contains innumerable references to individuals and to cultural elements which were otherwise completely unknown to us but which now stand out, some of them quite clearly, others still rather vaguely, as a result of the new evidence which has come to light. Inevitably, the ~~the~~ increase of factual knowledge and the ability to bring it in relation to the O.T. is having a tremendous effect upon the relation, the understanding of the book and the attitude toward the Wellhausen theory.

As early as 1922, Professor Rudolph Kittel, then ~~he~~ generally considered as the foremost Biblical ~~historian~~ of Germany, publicly declared that he felt very doubtful about the conclusions of the Wellhausen school, because of the weakness of their foundation and because of the steadily widening discrepancies ~~w~~ between them and the data from ~~the~~ ancient Orient. ~~A~~ Scholars who were in a position to make first-hand study of this ~~archeological~~ and factual material naturally began attempting to relate it to the O.T. and more and more it was found that its results did not fit with the beautiful structure of the Wellhausen theory. At point after point individuals began to attempt to twist and to change that theory to fit with the new discoveries. As a