

Cuneiform evidence from Mesopotamia began to give , began already in the last century to give us an idea of the framework of the history of the great empires there, and at point after point it was interesting to find relationships to the account in Kings and Chronicles of the lives of the history of the later Israelite Kingdom.

(3) from Egypt began to show the Egyptian background of various portions of the Pentateuch, and to be related to statements about Egypt in later portions of the O.T. Eventually, Palestinian material began to come in in increasing amount. City after city mentioned in Genesis was found to have actually existed in the second millennium B.C., while other cities prominent in later books of the O.T. but not mentioned in Genesis were often found to have no remains going back of a period much later than the time of the events ~~described in the Pentateuch~~. This ~~situation~~ situation is hard to reconcile with the ideal that the Pentateuch is made up of documents which were originated long after the events described. Quite naturally the attempt was made to cling to the old documentary theories while at the same time recognizing the newer evidence , but it is an attempt which does not work.

Among the many instances which might be suggested I would like to take time to refer to --no, instead of that, say--naturally, not all the evidence from archeology at first sight immediately fits in with statements in the O.T. Sometimes there is at first sight quite a discrepancy, and it is necessary to discover further material in order to know how the discrepancy is to be resolved. An interesting case of this related to the fifth chapter of the book of Daniel. (5 1/2)

(5 3/4)...in that chapter is very well known. It tells how Belshazzar the king of Babylon had a great feast and at this feast saw a hand writing something on the wall. He called his wise men to tell him what the meaning of the writing was, an incident which is quite--no, to tell him what the meaning of the writing was. He was so anxious to discover it that he was said that if anyone would explain to him the meaning of it, he would make him the third ruler in the kingdom, and give him,