

and widely known during that period, but in Homer's day writing had disappeared after the Dorian migration, and the fact of it was forgotten. We know from these records that the great overlord was called the " " " warnocks(?) and he was supreme, and the was a rather minor official under the w. But Homer preserves no recollection of the w?

Agamemnon, the great king, is merely one who has among others who has a supremacy but who has to urge them and persuade them; he can hardly order them. We find in the tablets which have been found, about 2000 of them, at Pylos, and quite a number at Mycenae, we find in these tablets an economy which was worked out to the smallest ~~degree~~ detail, listing the servants, listing even the cows and the pigs, and showing in full detail how everything was autocratically controlled, utterly different from the individualistic society that is described in Homer.

Oral tradition, oral ~~tradition~~ tradition has preserved a few great events, a few great things, but has forgotten the ordinary things of life, the things we don't bothr bother to write about, and then when they gradually change we forget all about them. It has forgotten them. So that if the Pentateuch is written down some centuries after the time of the patriarchs, we can expect oral tradition on the analogy (?) (not clear) of Homer to preserve a few special things, and to forget many other things, more ~~m~~ important often, than those it remembers. And actually ~~archaeology~~ archaeology shows us at point after point after point after point that ~~there~~ there is an accuracy in the background and in the situation~~s~~ as described in the Pentateuch that goes far beyond anything that we have in Homer. So that I would say, ~~either~~ let's either draw the lines clear back to ~~next to~~ the time of the Moses and say that/things were written down when they occurred, and they are given accurately, as the archaeological evidence suggests, or let's follow Wellhausen and say they represent the imagination of a ~~later~~ later time, but let's make our dotted line much thinner than it is made in these charts. Now, in concluding, I just want to call your attention to one other analogy.