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important at this time, and then they took the old literary and they revised them and edited them and they made the standard at this time, so Hammurabi's day is a day of standardization, a day of general improvement, not only in military affairs, but in the religious life and the literal life and many phases of the life of the people, and Babylon secured a prominence in people's minds in the time of Hammurabi so great that even though not so/long after Hammurabi's time the people were conquered by a group of invaders and fell into the position of a city of comparatively importance in a political way, yet the name of Babylon continued a great name right on through the next two thousand years, and it had a tremendous hold on the imagination of people because of its pre-eminence in literature and in scholarship, in commerce and in religion.

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at the end of the last hour of the summary of the history of Mesopotamia, and we noticed under c. Summary of History of Mesopotamia, we noticed No. 1, the prehistory, a very interesting field, because it is probably there that most of the elements of our civilization began, but there is a tremendous amount of conjecture in this field as there is in any/pre history, until you have actually writings here. there is a great deal on which it is necessary to guess, and consequently, while we know a great many facts about prehistory we cannot speak with any dogmatism in this field, and particularly about dates. The first time that we can feel at all right sure about dates is in No. 2, the Third Millennium B. C., the period about 3000 to 2000 B. C., the period when writing was first in use, and we have a great many written records from this period but not one of them states how many years before the birth of Christ it was written. In order to get their dates we have to add together the knowledge of the different periods all the way back from the time of Christ, and since there are certain periods in between of which our knowledge is quite slight even though we have rather full knowledge of the third millennium B. C., there are certain later periods which make it possible for there to be a difference of quite a distance in what the