

down, it would take so many books that perhaps the whole world could not contain them all. When we read in Isaiah that Sennacherib's army was destroyed in Palestine, and Sennacherib found it ~~necessary~~ necessary to go back to Ninevah without conquering Hezekiah as he planned to do, then we read that Sennacherib returned to Ninevah and dwelt there, <sup>he was</sup> and/worshipping in the temple of his god, his son assassinated him. The average reader doubtless would get the impression from this that it was comparatively soon after Sennacherib returned to Ninevah that he was assassinated. Archaeological evidence fits remarkably with the accuracy of the biblical statement that Sennacherib lost his army in ~~the~~ Palestine ~~the~~ through a great catastrophe and had to return to Ninevah without conquering Palestine. However, it does show that there was a period of about 20 years between the return and the time when he was assassinated. When the Bible mentions two things in a row, it does not necessarily mean that one came immediately after the other. This is only a common sense. If I were to make a statement that Edison was born... that Woodrow Wilson was born in Stanton, Virginia, and he died in Washington D.C., it would not mean that he died immediately following his birth. There was a long period in between. Unless we say that something comes immediately after the other, we have no reason to assume that this is the case.

As a matter of fact, a careful study of Genesis leads us without any <sup>the</sup> knowledge of/time when God created the heaven and the earth, we have a no way of saying whether it was ten thousand years ago or ten million years ago or ten billions ago or many times as far as back. There are three reasons for our complete ignorance on this point. The first of these ... as we go back to say that the first of these is that it is easy to demonstrate that geneologies in the Old Testament are not complete. It was not God's ~~intention~~ intention