

the trip last month, but you couldn't go beyond it. Somebody says, How do you think he came? Somebody says, Of course he came by train; he loves to sleep on upper berth -- I used to when they had upper berth. So of course he came by train. Somebody else says, No he had too much work to do; he came by plane. Somebody else says, Well, he loves sea trips. I think he took a boat around Cape Horn. Somebody else says, He loves walking; I think he walked across.

You could argue till dooms-day by which way I came, but my statement would not have said, and that's the way with so many arguments about the Bible. They take something there and make a jump from it that isn't in the statement and then say, This is what the Bible teaches and then somebody finds evidence that isn't the fact and it injures faith in the Word of God. Let's read it carefully and stick to what we find there.

But it's amazing when we do this, when we see exactly what is there how many little things we find that we never noticed before that really are there and they may not teach us science, or they may not teach us new facts about history, but they will open our eyes to possibilities and when those things are discovered we find the Bible wasn't out of date but it was ahead of date and it had a suggestion of it already there. I've come across so many interesting illustrations of this type, that it just ~~XXXXXX~~ thrills me every time I come across a new one.

I think we'll have time before we throw this open to questions to mention two interesting illustrations. One of them relates to history, and one to psychology. The one relating to history refers to the 5th ch. of Daniel, and that's a chapter which I'm sure everyone in this group is very familiar with. So I'm only going to draw your attention to a few special statements in it as we note the general progress of events in this chapter.

The ch. begins with "Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords and drank wine before the thousand. Then it goes on and tells us in v. 5 how when they were having this great feast the fingers of a man's hand came out and wrote on the wall in the king's palace. The king wondered what this was. In fact, he became quite excited about it. So in v.7 the king told the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the sooth-sayers and the king said, Whosoever shall read this writing and show me the interpretation shall be clothed with scarlet and have a chain of gold about his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. But the wise men couldn't tell him what it said. So the king was quite disturbed about this, and then the queen came in as we are told in v. 10, and spoke to the king. Personally I think this was the king's mother rather than the queen -- I can't prove it though, we don't know. But the word queen, I believe, could be the king's mother or it could be the queen. But she told him about events before he became king and that he wouldn't know. My guess is that she is the queen-mother. Anyway she came in and said to him, The king Nebuchadnezzar your father, had a man who was very active when he was king. She said, this man whose name is Daniel and is now living in retirement, was able to solve a hard problem, and if you will have him brought I believe he can give you the answer.