

That method has large been given up today as far as most writings are concerned except the Bible. They even applied this method even to modern writings--a great German writing--Faust and picked it all apart which was absurd. The theory had no foundation, and later proved Goede wrote the whole thing. It was all written as he was a young man--the prologue at least and even though there might be an occasional element of truth therein yet it has little basis for the argument. But the critics still work on the Bible with this method and held on to by the higher critics. Now the authorship of Moses is denied for the Pentateuch. Now many Christians are not even aware of this criticism which is sweeping so insiduously throughout the Christian world. It has a tremendous effect indirectly on everyone that reads the Bible or even hears about it. Seminarys all over accept this higher criticism as well as the colleges over the world and these blind leaders of the blind are leading just thousands into the pitfall of disbelief because of this weapon which Satan is using so successfully. It would be good to study the foundation on which all this higher criticism was laid but we don't have time for that now.

Record # 20 **Ancient history went back to just about 500 years before Christ and ancient history way back of that is something which we don't have many facts thereon.

According to the 9th ed. of Ency. Brit. writing began in 800 B.C. That is what we used to think but now we have found out that Ancient History but twice as far as 590 B.C.--3,000 B.C. This was when writing first began--before this we call it pre-history. Of course this has much imagination connected therewith in pre-history. We knew little about this 110 years ago except in the Bible which stood alone--it was then that higher criticism really developed.

Tell about the incident about the 5th chapter of Daniel. Nebuchadrezzar was one of the greatest monarchs of his day and it might be easy to say someone just made up all these stories but they had no foundation. This book the critics claimed was not written at the court of King of Babylon but written 400 years later at the time of Maccabees, and herein describes the events that happened at that time--the critics are practically unanimous on this point.

But with archaeological evidence we find that what is written there is true. Tell about the 5th chapter of Daniel. Daniel is made the 3rd ruler in the land--showed there were two other rulers in the land at the time. We have found records that give us the last records before Babylon fell and the story of Nebonidus. The seeming contradiction and then how God's Word stood the test.

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