

The Bible does not tell us the exact date ~~of~~ when things occurred in ancient times. I heard someone tell once about an excavation which they knew showed buildings which were built 2700 B.C. because they found a coin there that had the date right on it--2700 B.C. Well, we all see how absurd that is, but the idea of numbering years, one after the other, as we do, is something that only came into being in the 5th century A.D. And the Roman Empire ⁱⁿ is not done. The Empire ^{of the Seleucids in 312 B.C. began} is delusive ^{any} in 1203 B.C. with numbers ^{after the Seleucids came} in them and dates when Lucius came to Babylon with a certain number of people who numbered them ^{from} in that month.

But the introduction of our Christian era was made by a monk in the 5th century A.D. who figured back into the first good job ^{anybody a pretty} he got within ^{first or six} the first 500 years of the actual date of the birth of Christ. We've taken those number and it is a wonderfully useful thing. So you say to anybody now, "What year is it?" and right away they answer 1962. But if I say to any one of you, What year was your grandfather married? You would not know. The chances are you would have a hard time to find out. And the chances are that we would find that the difference in the year when the great grandfathers ^{of some of us were married and others} son and the great grandfather ^{of others} himself might be as much as fifty years' difference. We would have no realization of the difference. Some dates we remember and others we just don't have much idea. In Ancient times that ~~precise~~ ^{alany} idea of dates of precise dating ^{of wrong} was not present except when you were contracting business matters and in those cases you dated ^{the} with the rule of some ruler or something ^{from} was quite sufficient. like that. And so God would have told in the Bible--He could have said, in 4000 B.C. Adam was created, but He did not choose to do so and we do not have the date ^a in the Bible for ^{an} Adam's exact chronology. We just don't have it. We don't know when Adam was created. Somebody says to me, Well, I believe the first man came, ^{at about} but I don't 900,000 B.C. I say that ^{seems} is pretty far back, but I'm not ready to judge in this field and I don't know. Somebody else says I think about 25,000 B.C. Well, I think that's pretty late. My guess is that it was earlier, but I don't know. The Bible does not tell us when man was created.