

its unparalleled unity. We will look at one more; The way it keeps up to date with scientific concepts and ideas. Take almost any book of ancient times and you will find passages in it which are absurd and fantastic in view of increasing knowledge. No such thing is found in the Bible. The only way in which it is possible to claim that the Bible is scientifically out of date is either to take new scientific theories that have not been thoroughly studied yet and show that they contradict the Bible, or it is to take figurative statements such as occur in the Bible and in any other book and to try to take them in a literal way in which they were never intended to be taken. Other books from ancient times, even the writings of great Christian leaders of early times contain statements which from the viewpoint of Science are verily absurdities. This is never true of God's Word.

Now to look briefly at the extensive field of external evidences of the Word of God. I would like to confine our attention in this aspect to two of these. The first is the evidences from archaeology. The external evidence for the Bible that we find in the field of archaeology is particularly a matter of discoveries in the last hundred and twenty years. One hundred and twenty years ago when the higher Criticism of the Bible was beginning to get well under way it was easy to take the Bible and divide it up theoretically into many little documents and claim that these had been written at various times and then work up a beautiful theory as to how these had gradually come together to form the book as we have it today. It was easy to do this because there was no external evidence with which to connect the statements of the Bible. 120 years ago, ancient history ran back only to about 500 B.C. Back of that time, we knew nothing except for a few statements of some of the Greek writers and these were largely considered to be mainly myths and legends. However, there was one book, the Old Testament which told us of history running back hundreds of years prior to 500 B.C. It told us of great kingdoms, the very name of which had disappeared from history. It told of mighty conquerors who were otherwise completely unknown, great cities were described in its pages of