

very far down into the ground before they found the foundations of a building and they the walls of the building and they were different from anything that she was familiar with from times and they began to wonder, "Was this perhaps the place where Saul had been when he was a boy in Tarsus, or was this something, perhaps, from a period 2000 years before Paul, in the very early days in that area, and they were wondering about this and as they wondered there was a group of natives standing on the side there looking on and watching what was happening and an elderly woman began gesticulating and talking excitedly and waving her arms and pointing and they wondered what she was so interested in, what she was talking about to the younger folks around her and one of them went over, wondering what it was about, and heard her say in the modern Turkish dialect, "Why, that's the school where I went to school when I was a girl and that was burned down when I was eight years old," and it had been burned down and left and covered over with sand and abandoned, and now when you found the remains of it here were some walls, "Was that from the time of Saul? Was that from the time of 2000 B. C.? What time was it from?" Well, of course, with more study--this was just the first observation--with more study it would have been very easy to see there were types of brick in the building, types of construction for which came from modern times and which we in ancient times, but to tell exactly when, one way to do would be to find other places, those that could be dated, that were similar, and say it must have been about the same time. Where you find three buildings, buried one above the other, you know that the one on the bottom was made there before the one on the top. You know that, and so you know the relative order, but you don't know the length of time and any date previous to 3000 B. C. is a guess and it is useful to make guesses in order to--here's something. You say, "This is 4000 B. C." Well, it might be 3400 and it might be 5000, you can't tell, but you say 4000. Then here is another one which is quite clearly later than that. Well, you make it 3800. Here's one that is earlier, you make it 4200; even if those dates are all wrong