

And when I came into the graduate work, I began to feel an entirely different attitude towards it. Nothing is cut and dried in it as in the undergraduate work. Here is the History taken, which is the usual attitude of the undergraduate, then in the graduate work: here is a great mass of facts, what is the facts that are important and how do they ~~fit~~ fit together to make up your history and therefore it ~~is~~ ^{will be} a very interesting and a very valuable thing to take the American history of ten years ago and the ones that will be used ten years from now and put them next to each other and see what they say, and then go back to the facts and check on them and see which is proven true. It is not a matter of presupposition, it is a matter of whether you deal fairly with the facts, but you can easily be led by a presupposition to deal unfairly with facts and to ignore those which are vital, therefore we check the facts ^{to see which are presupposition} ~~that we presuppose~~ and which of course is the correct one, so that history has a great element of interpretation. You must gather the facts and then you must see what the facts are and you must examine them and see their relationship to one another and you must see which of them are vital in understanding the things with which you are attempting to seek. Now the Bible is not a history of the world in the sense that it tries to tell us all about the world, it is not a history of the world in the sense, in that it tries to tell us everything that is important about the world. It certainly is not a history of Israel in that sense at all. It is a history of God's dealings with mankind. It is a history of how God established a universe in order to be a place on which he would put man. It is a history of how man fell into sin and ^{broke} ~~that~~ relation with God and it is a history of how God went about restoring these relations. It is a history of God's relation to the universe and God's relation with man, and therefore that which we see clearly depicted and picture thru it the progress of this very vital subject and those matters that are vital in this connection 8 1/2 and matters which are not directly related to this great central theme of Biblical history are brought