

in and presented if they are necessary in order to understand it. If they are necessary background they are brought in only to this extent, and so if you are interested in the history of Israel, if you are interested in the history of Chemistry, or if you are interested in the history of creation, if you are interested in any particular subject, which is not the subject of the Bible, you may find a great deal that is vital in the Bible about that subject, but you will not find a full history. You will only find certain sections of that history and if you take those sections and think over the whole thing you are going to be misled and you will get an entirely wrong idea. Everything that the Bible says about any one of these fields is correct and true for the Bible is ^{inspired} ~~part~~ of God and free from error, but the Bible makes no attempt to give us a complete picture of any one of these fields. It of course does not give us a complete picture of God's relationship with manking. That would be impossible. That would take thousands and thousands of volumes, but it does give us a complete picture of God's relations with manking in this sense, that it takes enough of the essential and vital facts in this relationship. Enough of the important turning points of events connected with this relationship that we can get a true picture of the matter as a whole. And you know that in many cases, phases and factors of it we don't know about it, we simply haven't enough revealed. We couldn't have in one book or in a hundred books, but we know that we get a true picture of this, true in proportion, in relationship. As we put the things together we get a ~~type/picture~~ correct understanding of this and in all other fields we get an understanding only to the extent that we have the material dealing with it and not beyond, and that is extremely important in the interpretation of the Bible or in any field, you've got to realize that fact but it doesn't attempt to give us a complete geology, a complete chemistry, nor even a complete history of the world, nor a complete history of Israel. Those are comparatively incidental and in some of those fields we have a little material, in some of them we have a great deal of material,