

died. Yet when we have so little recollection about these facts about our own immediate forefathers, how can we expect that we will be able to note the exact dates about ~~wh~~ all these events in the Bible. It is interesting and valuable to try to figure it out as well as we can, and every bit of information we can get of that type is extremely important, but we should remember that ^{our} ~~the~~ dates that we arrive at are conclusions after a lot of investigation rather than a foundation matter of the Bible.

I was interested in talking with a man in the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago three years ago to have him tell me how Dr. ^{7-2 1/2} Free[?] from Wheaton College had been in there and had been interested in archeology and had gotten some materials ~~at the~~ to display at the college about archeology. This man said to me, "It seems strange for someone from a college like Wheaton to be interested in archeology. Wheaton is one of these old, conservative places, ~~but~~ I wouldn't be surprised if they have a statue of Archbishop Ussher over the doorway." Well, that is the idea which people who don't know much about Christianity have about Christianity that Archbishop is sort of ~~xxx~~ a patron saint and that anything that he said we think is right and that anything he said is wrong. Both of which conclusions ^{are entirely} ~~is~~ wrong! Archbishop Ussher was a brilliant mind and a splendid consecrated Christian who did the best he could with the facts available to fulfill an extremely difficult and complicated task to make a chronology of the Old Testament. At many points ~~the~~ conclusions he reached are extremely helpful, but they all have to be re-examined in the light of new knowledge and new investigations and many of those dates we simply cannot be sure of with our present knowledge or perhaps with any knowledge that will be available to us until the return of Christ. So this matter of chronology is one in which we are interested in but we can't expect, that is, we must not say ~~any~~ it is anything against the accuracy of the Bible if we have uncertainty ^{about} ~~against~~ the precise chronology of many periods and about many events.