

Now "h" the general framework of Old Testament history. ~~That~~ It is rather vital that we have certain outstanding dates in mind just to have an idea ~~now~~ of the general structure of it. Many people think, of course, as 4000 B. C. as the date of the creation of the universe because that date occurs in many copies of the Authorized Version. Now I'm quite sure Archbishop Ussher never said any such thing as that because the Bible does not tell us how long after the creation of the universe Adam was created. It does not tell that, and so we cannot tell when the universe was created, in any viewpoint. But as to the creation of Adam, which Archbishop Ussher set the date as 4000 B. C. and many others from the ~~time~~ same ~~data~~ data he had have set other dates. The Jews today in their figures that they use today have a date several hundred years later. We have no precise Biblical information as to the date of Adam. So as to when Adam was created, we just have nothing on which to make a basis. The reason I put the date 3000 up here is ~~because~~ not from a viewpoint of the Bible so much as from the viewpoint of archeology. ~~Approximately~~ Approximately 3000 B. C. is one of the most important dates in history because it is the time when ~~history~~ history begins. You cannot have history without writing. You can ~~take~~ take materials and objects and try to decide what events were but you don't know people's names and you don't know any facts to speak of about their lives. All you know is certain ~~general~~ general facts about their civilization. Before you have writing and consequently ~~archeologists~~ archeologists call it prehistory before there is writing. Writing begins about 3000 B. C. So you can't have history before 3000 B. C. It is impossible unless we should that there was a writing before 3000 B. C. that was completely forgotten and then new writing discovered about 3000 B. C. About that year somebody in Mesopotamia began a system of writing and that system spread from there over Egypt and it spread over the other direction to China and from the original ideas developed in Mesopotamia came the general structure of the writing of every nation ~~that has had~~ writing since. It all came from that original basis about 3000 B. C. So

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