

for may six hundred years. We may have a Babylonian record that overlaps this by fifty years and goes on for another period. Pretty definite information most of the space from 500 back to 2000. Between 2000 and 3000 we have a great deal of information but there are periods regarding which our information is quite scanty when you get back there. There are a few men who on the basis of the Biblical statements maintain that this period here is actually not a period of 1700 years but only a little over a hundred years. Now you can see the tremendous difference it makes in Biblical prophecy when Daniel predicts 70 weeks. If those 70 weeks consist of 490 years and if those years run from about 550 or 600 right straight up to this period of this length it makes one idea if this period of 50 years shorter it comes to an entirely different place. It makes quite a difference from the viewpoint from exact interpretation of some of those prophetic statements. Aside from that it makes little difference to us today what the length of this period is, but it is well that we are familiar with the facts that though it is accepted by all scholars and one should not, I believe, cast it aside ~~xxxx~~ unless you get some pretty good evidence and there is no evidence at present available to cast it aside. There is also very little evidence available at present for holding it. It is a dark period in history, very dark. Back of that ~~xxxx~~ our knowledge is much brighter. So that our dates in ancient times ~~xxxx~~ have a large element of uncertainty about them as to their exact date but as to their relation to one another they can be fairly clear. So when we give exact dates back there in many cases they are very ~~definite~~ definite; in other cases they are based on insufficient evidence. Dr. Albright of John Hopkins University made a statement fifteen years ago that many people think that Amraphel in Genesis 15 is Hammarabi. He said he cannot possibly be Hammarabi because Abraham lived in about the seventeenth century B. C. and Hammarabi --every book written twelve years ago dated him between 2100 and 2000 B. C. Then about ten years ago in the bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research of which Dr. Albright