

was editor, he had a ~~st~~ headline ~~that revolution~~ A Revolution in the Chronology in the Near East. He told them how new evidence showed them ~~that~~ Hammarabi had not lived at about 2000 B. C. but ~~that~~ about 1700 B. C. He was all alone in moving Hammarabi up 300 years at that time but by this time practically all scholars agree with him on the basis of evidence just discovered before the war moved the date up that way. Dates back as early as that are subject still to a good deal of uncertainty. The dates of the kings of Israel and Judah are subject to a good deal of uncertainty. It is foolish to make a strong stand on defending the Biblical chronology. Such detail are not contained in the Bible, but it is interesting and valuable to take the facts as we have them and to try to learn as much as we can about the probable ^{to} chronology. It is necessary to make a sort of framework in order to get the relation of things in our minds--what came before and what after. And for that framework we might just as well accept the dates that are accepted by all scholars today, these main dates as to throw them aside and adopt some other system.

I mentioned that 1000 B. C. was approximately at the time of David. There is some uncertainty as to the exact time, but it would be quite near that. It certainly couldn't be far from it. Now there are two dates I want to bring to you on which all scholars I believe agree. Someone might put it one year earlier or later but that would be the furthest anyone would differ. That is the date 721 and the date 586. Now you will find books that say 722 or 587. You won't find any book that says 720 or 585. If there is any different it is one ~~larger~~ number larger and, of course, if it happened in that winter as to which date ~~specifically~~ the question might be just where are you going to start your year anyway. If you say, for instance, that Jerusalem was captured in 586 B. C. was it January 586 or was it December 587? It might be just a month or two that makes the difference. The difference is not a difference worth mentioning. 587 or 6 or 722 or 1. This date is the date of the capture of Samaria. This is the date of the downfall of Jerusalem. Those are