

new tower of Babel which has been reared up. Then after a little while you look, and the word of God is going right on, and this particular system has disappeared.

So far as logic is concerned, that is true of higher criticism. The ground upon which the higher criticism was built up, has disappeared as new discoveries have been made. The trouble is, most of the world doesn't know it, so the higher criticism still stands and is taught in most of our institutions of learning as the truth as to how the Bible came into existence. It began, you know, about 150 years ago, when they began to work out that beautiful system of taking the Pentateuch and dividing it up into the "E" and "D" and "P" documents, and "all of them were written long after the time of Moses", and "some of them much later than others", and "they contradict each other" or "they tell the same story from different aspects", and when you get through, there is "just a lot of folklore and it is not in any sense a dependable representation of God's ideas". This theory has been used to destroy the faith of person after person where it has been taught as "the result of scholarship".

Now however since this theory came into existence and began to be so widely taught, God in His providence caused another movement to come into existence, the movement of archaeological discovery, and it is remarkable to see how at point after point archaeological discovery has proven the higher criticism to be false. At point after point the archaeological discovery fits with the Word of God as it stands, and does not fit with the ~~theory~~ higher criticism and its theories. One hundred years ago, or say one hundred and ten years ago, the Old Testament stood almost alone; we had nothing else on the times with which it deals. All ancient history as known to us one hundred years ago began at about 500 B.C., except for the Bible. Previous to that we had a few statements in some of the Greek writers, which were filled with myth and legend and no one considered them historical, and that was all. History began at about 500 B.C., aside from the Bible;