

end of the year in which he died. They call that the accession year of the new king, and they would begin the new year, his first year would be the first new years after that time. In different countries new years has been at different times.

One of Prof. Irvin's students studied up these methods of chronology and wrote a book on the Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings. Prof. Irvin who is no conservative regarding the Old Testament history, he takes a very liberal attitude in general, he said in the introduction he wrote to the book, he said, These numbers which formerly excited only derision, have been found now to be most remarkably accurate. When we think that they were copied and recopied and recopied during all the years before the invention of printing, ~~before the MSS were out~~ as the MSS wore out, and yet that they have been preserved so exactly, it is really marvellous.

God has not only given us His Word. He has preserved His Word. He has in His Word the answers to the problems of human life. He gives us the information that we need in order that our lives may be what He wants them to be. God controls all things. He works all things. But God did not want to make a bunch of robots, -- press a button and go this way, press a button and go that way. Sometimes when I face a problem I wish he had made me that way! But He didn't. He wanted beings who could think and could make their own decisions on matters and could live with him through all eternity. When you do that there is a danger they will turn against Him. Man has turned against God. Man has gone into sin. He deserves eternal punishment for his sin, yet God in his marvellous mercy sent the Lord Jesus Christ to give His life on Calvary's cross that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish but have eternal life.

Oh may God enable us each one to receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour. To trust Him. To know that He can give us safety through all eternity if we put our trust in Him. After we do, after we are saved, how we need His leading in all the affairs of life. He wants us to meditate on His Word, to feed on it, to know that there is the truth that we need if our lives are to accomplish what He desires them to do.

Oh may God enable us to realize that this book is God's inerrant Word and we can trust it, not the particular words merely, not that there is anything magical about the sound of these words. Someone used to hear a great preacher and she said, Oh how I love to hear him say that beautiful word Mesopotamia. I'm just so thrilled whenever I hear him say it! It isn't the sound of the words. It's the meaning of the through God has put there for us. Oh may God enable us ~~to~~ each one to make sure we are saved thru Christ, and may He give us a faith and trust in the Word of God which is a light to our feet, a lamp to our path. May He enable us to follow as He leads. Let us pray O God our Father we thank you for Jesus Christ our Saviour. We thank you for the infallible inerrant Word of God. We pray that thru the conference this week that Word may be spread and people with doubts and difficulties may see the answers you have given to them, and faith increase and confidence greater in your holy Word. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.