

look at the wonderful evidence of the truth of Scripture. Later now people can go back to some of those statements that were made without consideration and say, Look at the absurd attitude these people take. Well people take the opposite attitude now. So when you have evidence today, this evidence has gone through people who don't want to find it, and who believe the opposite yet in spite of themselves they bring in this evidence.

Then a new attempt is made to try to push aside the evidence and then the Lord brings something else to sight. But the facts that have been discovered don't get the attention that they should get because the publishers and the great professors are so largely filled with this Wellhausen idea.

QUESTION: I am trying to find the dividing line between what you would accept and what you would not accept. For example take something like the book of Judges—Now I presume we don't know who the author of that is and we don't know how those particular stories came down or came to be put into writing. Is there any problem with different parts of the Judges being by different authors and put together, that sort of thing?

REPLY: I don't know who wrote the Judges. Different parts of it were doubtless written at the time of the events. Then somebody combined them together. It is obvious if you study the book even a little, that it does not give you a straightforward picture of events but it tells you what happened in one part of the land, and in another part, and what happened in a certain thing. These various events that occurred, the Lord has caused the account of these events to be preserved and the lessons in all of them for us. But to construct a chronology from them, God did not give it to us for that purpose.

I would say that there is no statement in it which is not correct, but of course there is a difference between correctness and precision. If you say, How far is San Francisco from here? Someone would say 3000 miles. Well if it is 2792 miles it is -- 3000 is a good general statement for it. But you say that not precise enough. I don't want that. It is 2972 miles. If it is what are you measuring from? The center of San Francisco? Or from the border to the border? How are you doing it. It is probably not exactly 2972. It depends how you go and what route you take. You get it down to, well people say there is a contradiction in the Bible where it tells us that Solomon's sea was 10 cubits across and 30 cubits around, and some have tried to answer that by saying that the side of it had a certain length which made the difference so that it because all pi is not exactly 3. Well I say it is 1/10th across and 3/10th around. And it's a good round figure. It was not the Lord's purpose to tell us exactly what pi is. But that is a correct statement of pi in terms of 10s.

Now if you want to say what it is in terms of one's, alright it should be 31 around if it's 10. But 31 isn't correct. It would have to be 31 and a 7th. But it isn't exactly a 7th. Alright to get 31 and 4/10th. Yes, but your next 2 figures would be 16. It's a 6th more. Well you get that and you haven't got it. You could go on for hundreds of decimals and still you would not have it. So with anything of measurements the question is how precise do you have to get it. Well if it is your purpose to give it within several hundred decimals, or the precision of fractions of an inch from here to San Francisco, that is one thing. But you can give a general idea that is correct, and not meant to have a greater idea of precision than what the Lord has given us. It was not His purpose to tell us exactly the size of pi. You can never get exact precision and it is not the purpose in most writings.