

is often very difficult to be sure what its real bearing is. In archeology, as in every other science it is not so much the first discovery that is vital as the ultimate conclusions which are reached.

Often results of excavation are widely publicized as soon as something startling is found, even though there is little idea yet of the true bearing of the discovery. Later on, after scholars have studied the material from various angles and have reached conclusions as to what it really means, the results are printed in scientific publications which are hardly seen outside of the profession, and the ideas which are circulated among the public and among our educated classes in general are the results simply of the first general publicity.

Since the rise of modern archeology, point after point in the Bible which previously stood absolutely alone, has come to have other information and evidence relating to it. It is a mistake to jump to sweeping conclusions from this evidence; it is equally wrong to fail to draw from it its true importance, which is very great indeed. At point after point the accuracy of the Biblical statements is supported by new archeological discoveries, ^{and} they are shown to give an accurate and dependable record of events in Biblical times. It will be our attempt in these columns, from time to time, not only to keep up with the newer discoveries in the field of archeology, and with some of the newer researches which are published, but also to point out some of the established results of archeology and the great help which they bring to our understanding of the dependability of the Word of God. God is the Author of the Bible. He is also the Creator of the universe, and the Director of history. What He