

early ages and thus the Higher Criticism developed beginning with the work of Astruc in 1753 continuing through the developments in France and Germany of the next century coming to in the work of Welhausen in 1873 and from that time spreading out through Germany, France, England, and America until it has come to be widely accepted even in so-called Christian institutions and it is taught in many schools as the established results of scholarly studies. Yet, during this very same period when this Higher Criticism was spreading, God brought into existence a new movement, the movement of archaeology. God caused that the excavators spade should open evidences of ancient history, should give us a new understanding of the early history of the race until now recorded history goes back twice as far as it did 150 years ago. We today know many details about the history of events going back just as far back of 500 B.C. as history goes this side of it and that is as far back as history can ever go, because we have the beginning of writing about 3000 B.C., and before you have writing, it is not history, but per-history and is very difficult to interpret with any certainty. But back to 3000 B.C. now, we have a great deal of writing that has been found and many buildings and objects of different types which the writing helps us to understand and explain and from it we can reconstruct a very large section of history and in this history we find many of the events and of the incidents and of the places mentioned in the Bible, taking their proper places in this history. It is no longer possible to take the statements of the Bible and simply rearrange them in any way that one is inclined to do. There is too much solid objective evidence to the accuracy of the historical statements for this any longer to be possible.