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## HISTORY

Four thousand years of history are given to us in the Bible.

"The lives recorded in the Bible are authentic histories of actual individuals. From Adam down through successive generations to the times of the apostles we have a plain, unvarnished account of what actually occurred and the genuine experience of real characters.--Testimonies, Vol. 4, pp. 9-10

"The Bible is the most ancient and the most comprehensive history men possess. It came fresh from the fountain of eternal truth, and throughout the ages a divine hand has preserved its purity. It lights up the far-distant past where human research in vain seeks to penetrate. In God's Word alone do we behold the power that laid the foundations of the earth and that stretch out the heavens. Here only do we find an authentic account of the origin of nations. Here only is given a history of our race unsullied by human pride or prejudice."--Education, p. 173.

"In its wide range of style and subjects the Bible has something to interest every mind and appeal to every heart. In its pages are found history the most ancient; biography the truest to life; principles of government for the control of the state, for the regulation of the household--principles that human wisdom has never equaled.--Education, p. 125

"We are dependent upon the Bible for a knowledge of the early history of our world, of the creation of man, and of his fall. Remove the Word of God, and what can we expect than to be left to fables and conjectures, and to that enfeebling of the intellect which is the sure result of entertaining error. We need the authentic history of the origin of the earth, of the fall of the covering cherub, and of the introduction of sin into our world. Without the Bible, we should be bewildered by false theories. The mind would be subjected to the tyranny of superstition and falsehood. But having in our possession an authentic history of the beginning of our world, we need not hamper ourselves with human conjectures and unreliable theories.--Medical Ministry, p. 89.

"The greatest minds, if not guided by the word of God in their research become bewildered in their attempts to trace the relations of science and revelation. Because the Creator and His words are so far beyond their comprehension that they are unable to explain them by natural laws, they regard Bible history as unreliable. Those who doubt the reliability of the records of the Old and New Testament. will be led to go a step further, and doubt the existence of God; and then, having lost their anchor, they are left to beat upon the rocks of infidelity." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 113.

"Science, so-called, human reasoning and poetry, cannot be passed on as of equal authority with revelation; but it is Satan's studied purpose to exalt the maxims, traditions, and inventions of men to an equal authority with the Word of God; and, having accomplished this, to exalt the words of man to the place of supremacy." Review and Herald, November 20, 1894.