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THE BIBLE ITS OWN WITNESS.

The Bible is its own witness. It is the oldest book in the world. Of all the relics of antiquity that have come to us, some ancient writings of the Bible are the most ancient. Westminster Abbey, grey with the lapse of ages, where men with immortal names lie in their silent tombs, is comparatively modern. Rome is enriched with ruined buildings which stood in their pride and glory about 1,000 years before the first stone of Westminster Abbey was laid: and yet they may be called modern. Go to the banks of the Nile: there are pyramids that were standing as they now are many centuries before the city of Rome was built on the banks of the Tiber, and they too are modern. Go to the banks of the Euphrates: there lie, in fragments of blasted masonry, remains of the city of Babylon—perhaps vitrified fragments of the tower of Babel itself. These are specimens of antiquity worn and mutilated by the lapse of time. All that was once connected with them is gone. The hands that built them, the pride and beauty of their cities, the crowds that thronged their streets, the tombs where they lay, all are gone! But the Bible is far more ancient than those crumbling monuments. When the Pyramids were gazed upon as new buildings, Moses penned his Pentateuch. David wrote his Psalms probably two centuries before Homer wrote his Iliad. When Rome was but rising as a village, Isaiah was denouncing the corruptions of Jewish kings, and predicting their downfall; when Alexander the Great set out for Eastern conquests, the Jewish nation had existed for 1,000 years; when he entered Jerusalem, the Jews had in their sacred archives all