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INTRODUCTION

Imagine digging—not with a shovel, but with a paintbrush, carefully brushing away layers of sandy dirt collected over thousands of years. In this roped-off area, you have found a tiny handful of artifacts—chips of pottery, a bead, something like a coin. Then your tool is suddenly stopped by a hard surface, a surface that grows larger with every stroke.

You start to suspect it is clay. Then your skilled eye notices that it has been worked by human hands. You catch the barest glimmer of a mark, a simple line. You force yourself to work slowly, carefully. There is writing on this object, which you now see is a tablet. As you continue to brush away the accumulation of time, you find the tablet is filled with writing. A diplomatic message? A business receipt? A love song? You hold in your hands a connection with people who lived centuries before. Two points of world history come together in a dusty square of desert.

From our earliest days, mankind has felt a need to preserve history. Proud kings proclaimed their exploits to leave a glorious legacy. Awed believers recorded the working of God. Rulers carefully preserved their laws to leave their subjects without excuse. Folktales and fables were passed down from generation to generation. Our story—our creativity, our pride, our gratitude—is something we want to keep, remember, and share.

From letters chiseled into monuments, nearly rubbed away by centuries of rain and wind, to the archive of a modern government website, written historical records give us connections to other times, faraway places, and real people. The first-person writings of our ancestors turn stiff portraits and stone statues into real people who did the same things we do. Because of recorded history, we can go to the foot of Mount Sinai, witness a naval battle of ancient Egypt, watch a Persian prince banquet with his grandfather, follow a physician to the bedside of a dying patient, and hear hymns echo from the lofty ceilings of medieval cathedrals.

When God created people, He gave us not only the desire but the ability to record the past, to know it, and to learn from it. When you read the boasts of an ancient emperor, join in a song that has stood the test of time, and listen to your grandmother's stories of her childhood, you are drawing on the treasures of mankind's past. Those who dig up, write down, translate, transcribe, and pass on history have made it possible for each of us to have our own memorable moments of discovery.

The selections of *In Their Words* were carefully chosen to bring a new light to your understanding of history. The authors of these letters, poems, speeches, diaries, hymns, and stories are not telling you about the past. They are telling you about their present. This is your chance to meet them there and to broaden what you know about the world and what God has done in it. Each one of us has a place in His story. Learning about theirs will strengthen you as you discover yours.