

Samaria wouldn't necessarily mean that this is the actual reign began but that is the capital of the area over which he reigned. Although Pekah did begin his reign over that section in Samaria because in verse 25 it says that he smote him in Samaria in a palace of the king's house. It wasn't in Jezreel that he was smitten. It was in Samaria. Now this theory that he was across the Jordan before is a theory that may be proven. I know of no evidence for it whatever.

(Question) That Menahim who stayed at Bethel when the king of Syria came against him. Menahim gave Pul a thousand talents of silver. We find that statement there and then at the beginning of his reign, we find the kingdom conquered by this same Pul, the kingdom of Israel, conquered and the king of Syria --it is over in chapter 17. In chapter 17 we find that the king of Syria conquered Samaria and this is verified in records in some of the Syrian records and as to the length of the reign of the kings in Syria. So the records of Syria and this together is the source of this.

(Question) Whether ~~xxx~~ to take this III as I have now of Israel and Judah for this next period or to take it instead as ~~xxx~~ new light from Mesopotamia and study something about that period. Either way you take it you have to presuppose something of the other so I was debating this morning which of the two to take first and I decided to take the cities of Israel first. So the relation of the period as we go into it is more clear a little later. But that is the reason for the chronological difference.

(Question) So that this man Pekah then was a usurper a ~~xxxxx~~ man who the Bible ~~xxxxxxx~~ says reigned twenty years although it is hard to fit that into the evidence we have. Most Bible dictionaries say he reigned ten years in trans-Jordan and ten years in Samaria but Albright in his recent articles thinks his reign was only six years altogether instead of twenty. He is the first one I knew of who wanted to cut him down like that. But we don't know the exact chronology of this period. I think that is the safest thing to say on the whole matter. We haven't enough evidence to conclude it exactly. But in the light of the