

synchronism with the kings in other reigns. Dr. Davis of Princeton Seminary, who died in 1926, held the theory that Jotham's reign ended entirely before the death of Uzziah, his father, and that Ahaz' reign overlapped Jotham's reign. Professor Albright of John Hopkins now has an entirely different theory which makes half of Jotham's reign in the reign of Uzziah and half of it come after that. There is no record of any relationship between Jotham and Pekah. In fact, as we notice the length of Pekah's reign, it is one of the most uncertainties of the Old Testament. The Bible says twenty years, but no one has yet worked out satisfactorily fitting out that figure of twenty years into ~~that~~ the details given. Now that may mean that the number 20 has been incorrectly preserved. That is a possibility. On the other hand it may simply mean that there are some factors which we simply don't know about which would make it perfectly clear to you then. It is pretty hard to make guesses on it in a thing like that. We just don't have enough historical data to be sure of it. We may ~~ex~~ discover some one of these days, but as yet we haven't. So it is a matter of the theory that can be made to fit the chronological details together and ~~many~~ of these theories are still only theories. It is a matter when you have a few facts that there are not enough to get a complete answer.

(Question) Well, that is the thing that is stressed. There is no particular stress on wars with Israel in the reign of Jotham. According to Dr. Albright's chronology, he runs Jotham's reign up to 735 and he has Pekah becoming king in 737. According to his chronology Jotham would reign two years into the period but hardly would be living when this particular event occurred.

Now this reign of Ahaz then is important in the history but particularly so because of its relationship to Isaiah. He was a wicked man, a man who sold out to a king of Assyria and thereby won a temporary protection from the near power but put his land in tremendous danger. It is that dagger which is the theme