

to work up some kind of a theory and such a theory does not fit with the wonderful standards of the book. That a man should advance such standards as that in a ~~far~~ fraudulent way is just inconceivable. Now the critics, of course, say that this is just written at this time. It is now just discovered ~~in~~ <sup>and</sup> these laws are just carried through. We notice, however, that Hezekiah to a lesser extent carried through the same reforms so it is necessary to say that Hezekiah never did any such thing. The imagine of a later age is attributed those things to Hezekiah. The theory once it is started goes on and on like a snowball and it takes more and more out in order to twist things in conformity with this which is the foundation of the higher criticism of the country. We won't have time to go into that now but it is vital that you have in mind its relation to the Old Testament history at this point. Josiah did not say, "What a wonderful book this is. Let's do what it says." Josiah said, "Great wrath has come upon our nation because we have not hearkened unto the words of this book to do them." He recognized it as an old book, a book which was ~~xxxx~~ the law of the nation but which had been disregarded and lost and now was found. During the ~~reign~~ reign, like the reign of Menesseeh, a reign of such wickedness, it is easy indeed to see how the book of the law could have been lost and largely forgotten but people <sup>recalled</sup> ~~because~~ there was ~~xxxx~~ such a thing and it was immediately accepted.

(Question--Mr. Jester) About fifty years. I think they used it quite a while.

(Question) They say that the Samaritans didn't get it until two centuries later. That is true, if the Samaritans had it, naturally ~~they~~ it was very early. We have no record of anybody who visited the Samaritans at that time. The Bible doesn't say that the Samaritans were given the law, but it does say that a priest who was familiar with it was sent to teach them and that would seem to imply that they were given it at that time even though it is not an actual Scriptural statement.

Well, now this is a very important matter about the ~~dis~~ discovery of the