

forces which He had previously created rather than a new force which he created at that instant. That, of course, is a ~~matter~~ matter on which the Scripture does not state one way or the other, and one is perfectly free to interpret it either he chooses. (Question) Well, there were various kinds of altars, but a great many of them were sort of like this pulpit here, only that they would be flat on top, of course, and there might be a little rim ~~around~~ around the side. On that, of course, they would put the wood and the material to burn and above that they would put the animals to be sacrificed. So they would have the wood and the material to burn here on this stand, which often had a little side to keep ~~them~~ it from falling on to the people who were doing the sacrificing, and on that this fire would be and then the animals placed on the fire and the material burning and the smoke went up. If the stress became too great it would be quite natural for a split to come in the rim perhaps or perhaps in a larger part of it and this would be apt to come when the heat was rather great. Consequently there would be quite an accumulation of ashes underneath there. In such a case if you had that split the ashes would fall out. You can hardly think of ~~it~~ it here as a destruction here because he declares ~~that~~ ~~at~~ three hundred years later men's bones are going to be sacrificed on the altar. That would not be a real destruction but a temporary injury which could probably be repaired very easily. (Question) Of course, there is this about it. This altar here is built by Jeroboam up in Shechem and ~~has~~ it is evidently hidden away somewhere but is rather public because you could come right up and stand there and evidently there was a great crowd standing around. There is nothing here to tell us just what type of altar Jeroboam used. How familiar with the interior work ings of the temple he was, just how much he knew about the type used there we don't know. Consequently we ~~are~~ are without any great amount of evidence. (Question) I never heard of that. That might be very interesting. We might look into that when we come to it. In such a case it would or if it were the top that split, the rim, Just what particular model Jeroboam used for