

facts. Shishak protected Jeroboam in Egypt from Solomon. Now Jeroboam has come back and has the northern half of the kingdom, and now the Bible tells us that Shishak comes up and conquers the southern half of the kingdom. Well, it is easy enough to say the reason he came up was to help his friend in the northern half of the kingdom and therefore he attacked the southern. That is a very easy, natural hypothesis, but all historical hypotheses must be kept somewhat on a shelf of uncertainty until you get specific facts about the matter, and that is a very good policy concerning doctrine, regarding prophecy, regarding anything derived from the Bible. Make all the hypotheses you can; fit the thing together whether there are good suggestions ~~as to~~ or explanations of them, the more the better, but label them as hypotheses and do not become dogmatic about them until you have a lot of evidence pointing to their accuracy. The more hypotheses you make, the better position you have to see the bearing of different facts that you come across, but when you find a few facts that fit in, don't become dogmatic about them and be sure it is true. Wait until you have a pretty good accumulation of facts to support any hypothesis whether it be in history, in theology, in philosophy or whatever field. We must separate facts that we can stand on and hypotheses that are necessary and important but which must be verified more and more. So in this case, this is a very good hypothesis that people made ~~form~~ from the study of the Bible, and <sup>in</sup> any Bible history written up to a few years ago, you will find it stated as a fact. Shishak came up to help Jeroboam. Well, it is not stated as a fact in the Scriptures. Alas, too many of our people get their ideas of Scripture teaching from what people say the Bible teaches instead of seeing what is actually it does say. It gives these facts we have mentioned, Shishak protected Jeroboam in Egypt. Jeroboam came from Egypt, became king of the northern kingdom. Shishak attacked the southern kingdom and conquered it.

~~Is it a fact that Israel this is a~~ Those are the facts. But is this reconstruction of the history as to why he came? Well, about sixty years ago there was discovered in Egypt about four hundred miles south of the Mediterranean