

The people when they become old often associate younger people with them as ~~queen~~<sup>king</sup>. They may step out as queen, but they are more apt to keep the name and dignity and yet give the other person the dignity and expect the other person to work. Under these circumstances some people would date it according to the older ruler, and some people according to the younger ruler. They might overlap. Remember <sup>Uzziah</sup> that King ~~Ahaz~~ was stricken with leprosy when he was a comparatively young man and he was put off in refinement in the building and his son did the ruling. Now a year in Uzziah's reign might be the fortieth year in Uzziah's reign ~~and~~ <sup>or</sup> it might be perhaps the fifteenth year of Jothan's ~~year~~ reign. Jothan was actually reigning while Uzziah was still living and was known as king.

We know there were such overlappings in other countries round about. We have clear evidence there must have been in some cases in Israel and Judah. So there is another possibility of a difficulty in determining the exact year sometimes. To somebody at the time it would seem simple. Why this is such and such a year of this man's reign; such and such a year of this ~~man's~~ ~~reign~~ one; use whichever system you prefer. Later on someone finds a difficulty to fit it together. So in this chart you make in your chronological statements you will note occasionally certain difficulties and some of these difficulties doubtless <sup>are</sup> due to the causes I have named. We can see what the probable cause of them is, but we may not be able to figure out the exact situation. We see why we can't tell exactly what the year is sometimes. Now we may get further light and be able to tell exactly sometimes. Today various men have studied these figures and tried to figure out exactly, and have reached certain conclusions; but these conclusions are far from being final.

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Well, now to continue with our present situation, we'll go on to see the two kingdoms of Omri. I put the name Omri here in the outline because while he is one of the lesser known kings, he is one of the most important kings. Most historians say that he is one of the most very important kings in the history of Israel, yet some of you may not know how to spell his name.

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