

rests upon. When you get back of 500 then you have much more material.

(Question) It is the Canon of Ptolemy. It's Ptolemy's Canon which is a statement which Ptolemy, a great Greek geographer and historian, made in which he figured up that date. It was largely ~~conjecture~~ conjecture. There was a very element of guess work, but this period is one of our darkest periods in all history, one of which we know comparatively little. It's interesting that according to Jewish tradition this period here on account of Jewish tradition is only about forty years in length instead of two hundred. Now of course we think that Jewish tradition is ~~utterly~~ utterly fantastic on that point. That is our idea ~~that~~ about that Jewish tradition. At the same time the fact that according to the Jewish ideas that was only forty years long. Certainly it fits in with the possibility that Ptolemy might be wrong; it might not be as long as two hundred.

(Question) Oh, yes; we fit Nehemiah. We say that ~~is~~ about 440 B. C. we say that ~~the~~ Nehemiah comes in and about 538 is when Zerrubabael came. And we figure in relation to 500 and not in relation to 300. The Jews figure only about 40 years from Nehemiah's time here to the time of Alexander the Great, about 330. That is the period that they say, I forget the exact number, about 46 or 47, is the number of years the Talibut says there were in between. It even speaks of people living in the time of Nehemiah here and living in this time. That is considered by all scholars today to be Jewish tradition which is not dependable. Of course, there is much of Jewish tradition that is not dependable and there is no reason why this all should ? 7-11 1/2 not be but any dates which Archbishop Ussher or anyone else aside from ? and two or three other men. Any date which any man makes or dates ~~of~~ before 500 B. C. assume that Ptolemy's Canon is correct. I don't think that anything will be gained out of our attempt to assist it wasn't, but I think it is good for us to keep in mind the possibility that it might sometime be discovered to be in error. Therefore when you say something happened in 721 B. C., what