

ends of the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah. They are dates which are considered fixed today. Now any change in this period here would move them forward to that extent. Well, it is agreed today that all investigators back of the date which we today call 500 B. C. 221 years ~~xxx~~ earlier was the downfall of Israel; 186 years earlier was the downfall of Judah. That is agreed by all interpreters today. So you see the exact relationship of these dates is fixed by their relation to the great empires which conquered them. It is not dependent on any Biblical statement. It is dependent on our knowledge of the great empire of which we have ~~xxx~~ very close knowledge up to about 500. After that we have this period concerning which there is a good bit of uncertainty. Those are the two dates which are worth remembering as definite fixed pegs to which to relate the events.

Now, of course, you are all familiar after that about the date 4 B. C. which is considered to be the date of the birth of Christ. We date all events from the birth of Christ, but the monk in the fifth century A. D. who made the figuring is considered to be four years off in his figuring. What we call 1 A. D. ~~xxxxxxx~~ really should have been 5 A. D. So it is considered that Christ was born in 4 B. C. and the crucifixion and resurrection took place in either 29 or 30 A. D. Those, of course, are not Old Testament history dates but they are important to get the relationship. ~~Now we are here~~

Now we are here discussing "h" the general framework of Old Testament history. We have been discussing these key dates. Then I want to say just a word then about the general structure of the history of the Old Testament. We don't need to take any time on this because it is doubtless familiar to everyone, but I will mention it now. We have the Old Testament beginning with a history of the universe you might say, chapter 1. Just a sketchy mention of a few ~~things~~ important facts in the creation of the world, chapter 1 and part of chapter 2. Next we have the history of man before the ~~fall~~ flood reaching up to chapter 9. Then we have the history after the flood in ~~chapter 10~~ general