

from chapter 10 for a very brief period and then we confine ourselves to the history of a sealed family, the family of Abraham. From Genesis ~~11~~ 11 on we are confined in our history with the family of Abraham. Genesis is about Abraham and his family. Then we get to Exodus we have the descendants of Abraham described on through the rest of the Old Testament. We have the people as a unit until we get to the death of Saul when the kingdom is divided. Then we have the history parallel of the ~~two kingdoms~~ until the downfall of the northern kingdom and the downfall of the southern kingdom and then the going into exile. Then we have the return from exile and we have just a little bit of the beginning after ~~wards~~ <sup>the return,</sup> and then Old Testament history ends. And from that period on there is nothing in the Old Testament given about the history. That, of course, is the general, brief, enlarged structure of Old Testament history. Probably next year when we take up Old Testament history we will begin our history where the beginning and go right through Genesis and straight on through. But this year I have decided to do the same thing that I did two years ago--to split in the middle and to start right here and go on from here. The reason I did that was because it is later on that we have no contacts with archeological material and perhaps it amazes us to get some important principles of the relations of our history with the material from other sources. So I thought it was useful to take that first and then go back and take the ~~other~~ other part. I would not *end of 8*

Rx II. The history of Israel from about 970 to about 800. Now the reason I said "about 970" is because a pretty good estimate as to the death of Solomon in the year 971. A pretty good estimate. Now if you want on your papers here where you tell about Solomon, where you have his death, you can put on this column here, 971 opposite death of Solomon, because that is a pretty good estimate accepted by ~~many~~ many investigators of the time of the death of Solomon. It is by no means certain, but it is a fairly good approximate date. So we look now at that period after the ~~death of~~ accession of Solomon, 971.