

That is rather important to keep in mind. I think it is important not only for the history but for prophecy. When people get into the study of prophecy it is too easy to think that because a thing is mentioned it necessarily comes afterwards. It may, but it may not. The situation may be like this here except we are dealing with a different subject and consequently it does not necessarily come after.

Then just a few brief remarks on the matter of the chronology. We have already noticed the difficulty of chronology that they did not have a system in ~~ancient~~ ancient times in any country of considering events from years 1, 2, 3, 4 and up to several hundred. No ~~xxxx~~ <sup>such</sup> system was used in ~~xxxx~~ any country prior to 312 B. C. Consequently the systems of mentioning time are rather involved often and often not very good. They are often about as clear as our system in this country of giving weights and measures and lengths. They are not worked out with any clear and simple and reasonable basis.