

Pentateuch 99 (cont.)

it. It is a fact that the human mind is remarkably obtuse and you will find it in history that the fact that a thing is in a book ~~er~~ but it may easily still not be recognized and noticed at all. So many great men fell into a non-observance of these things and so perhaps they started then reading it constantly in their services. You have exactly the same things in our churches today. So the argument from history is a strong argument as it sounds but when you see the detail of it you see they do not maintain the weight upon it. When you get the principles you get one step of it and then another and so. When you get up here and this seems very, very solid and well established and then it is quite customary to knock out the ones that are underneath it and to destroy the ones underneath and to leave this one up here that you are so well accustomed to and you do not pay any attention to the fact of the argument upon which it rested and has now to a large extent been knocked out of the way. There are many points where that is the the case and it is the case in this unity with the book of Deut. Once the idea of partition, of development and of different times has become well established, then you no longer need to have the book of Deut. a unit as a solid standing point from which you could look at JE and naturally you then apply the same methods to the book of Deut. that you have applied to the other and the result naturally is that it also gets divided up and so the earlier critics all help and many of the critics then look at Deut. as practically a unit and they took that position about it and they said they could be quite sure about it that this book was one found practically by Josiah and there in the temple it was put forth as the reform but then as time went on they found that this did not seem to agree and there was a difference in style between this and this and the general idea came to be that no one man wrote the book of Deut. but it was the product of the school of writing and they wrote over a period of generations and one would add this, another that, etc. What Josiah found is about 8 or 10 ch. of it and the rest is in addition made later as the time gradually increased and when you look at the unity, the