

of the Judges. It was not written for the Israelites simply for them in the period of the kings. It was not simply written to encourage the Israelites in the exile. It was not simply ~~it~~ written to them ~~it~~ how they were to live after they went back to their land in the strange conditions that followed the exile. It was not simply written for the Christians in the early days of Christianity or in the Middle Ages or in the very confused days we have today. It was written for all these purposes and all these periods, and consequently God's word is all of it of value to all believers at all times, but some of it is of far greater ~~importance~~ relevance at one particular time than at another particular time. And there are doubtless verses in the Scripture or sections in the Script. which may seem to us to have no meaning, no importance today, and may not have much direct relevance for us today but which 10 yrs from now might be of tremendous importance to the life of any one of us. And consequently if we don't understand something in the Script. it doesn't mean we have to necessarily devote the next 2 yrs. to <sup>try to</sup> learn exactly what that particular vs. means or to become tremendously discouraged because we don't know what a particular vs. means. God may have a grt. meaning or a blessing in it for us at a later time, that we are not yet ready to understand or He may have a great blessing for ~~it~~ His people in it at a later time that they won't see now because <sup>the</sup> conditions are not such as ~~it~~ to open our eyes to it, or there might have been a grt. blessing for them at some time in the past that does not apply so much to us. And so I feel that it is tremendously important that we go to the Script. realizing that all of the Script. is of tremendous importance for us, and we should study the whole Scripture and not be satisfied with any small section of it. And we should study some of it intensively, and all of it extensively, and we should not feel we have to know what every part of it means, but ~~it~~ go through it all and you'll learn to understand it and then you go through it again and you see much that you didn't see before because your eyes have been opened as you have ~~gone~~ gone through and you have learned much and in the light of that you ~~have seen~~ <sup>see other things</sup> that you didn't see when you went through before, and you have experiences that open your ~~it~~ eyes to much that you didn't see before. Well now this vs. is a vs. that I don't ~~it~~ think knows the meaning of today. There are various ideas regarding it. It is even possible