

The OT in the Life of the Believer

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We now look at Roman Numeral IX - The Rebellion of Korah and the Rubenites 16:1-40. As we look at this we immediately are conscious of a problem. We do not know when the rebellion occurred. We know that it was after the sending of the spies, and we know that it was before the final march through the plains of Moab, but ~~at~~ just when it happened in that interval we have no way of knowing. It would seem that it was ^{probably} not immediately after the sending of the spies, because of the fact that after that we have another chapter with particular arrangements and regulations given. ~~That~~ would suggest that there is a time lapse but it wouldn't prove that it was of any great extent.

I think it is very important in studying the Bible to recognize that there are many things which the Bible makes absolutely clear. Upon them we can safely take our stand. But there are a great many things which the Bible does not tell us. There are many points on which ~~we~~ we simply do not know the answer. There has been much argument by Christian people as to what day of the week was the crucifixion of Christ. We have a considerable amount of evidence in the Scripture about it. Everybody knows that it happened not earlier than Wed. and not later than Friday. But suppose we push the question back a little farther. What day of the week was Christ ~~born~~ born on. I've never heard of any churches splitting over this. I've never heard of any great arguments or discussion. The fact is we just have absolutely no idea. We do not know what day of the week he was born on. For that matter ~~we~~ we don't know what month it was. We do not know the date in the year. I believe we do exactly right in setting aside a particular day in order that once a year there be a time when we give particular time to remembering the birth or to our Lord, even though of course we should always give some attention to it. But you have a particular period in which it is especially noted is a very useful thing. But we do not know when it happened. Now we are given a specific date for most of the events during the first year or two after going out of Egypt. Then we know that the final march took place quite a brief time before the entrance into the land of Canaan. But inbetween that we are told there is a period of 38 years.