

epistles , I find many helpful sections there . (Q) The new Isaiah ~~scroll~~ scroll. Well, let me say this. Before the scrolls were found, the earliest manuscript that we had of the Hebrew of Isaiah was the 10th Century AD. We had the LXX from the earliest mss of the LXX was maybe 250 AD. But our Hebrew was quite late . The mss. that we have of Isaiah comes from about the time of Christ, so it takes back the text a 1,000 years and it agrees almost identically with our present Hebrew text. Now there are a few cases, if you take them together , there are quite a lot of ~~little~~ little variations , but the reason for these is quite clearly be seen to me that is was a very poorly copied scroll. So that the little variations to it really add nothing to our understanding, but the fact that in all the ~~important~~ important things, it agrees with our present text, is a strong evidence for ~~reliability~~ reliability of these ~~things~~ of our Hebrew. (Q) In the RSV as it originally came out , there were about 20 cases where they changed the text of Isaiah on the basis of this one Isaiah scroll , but in almost every one of them, they have now changed it back again. It's coming to be recognized that these are clearly scribal & errors , but it's a good evidence of the dependability of the original but not for corrections. (Q) What do you think of the Numerical N.T. Ans.: Oh, I think that's a most wonderful thing, I got a ~~xxx~~ letter from a man who said if you'll take the N.T. , in the Greek and count every paragraph it has a number of verbs that are divisible by seven--all these ~~verbs~~ verbs prove that it is inspired . Well, I just opened my New Testament at random. I took a paragraph and counted it and found that the number of words were divisible by seven, but not the number of verbs, not the number of other speeches. Then I took a different one and I found here an occasional seven. I found that it was just about like you would take a telephone book . You'll