

of Jerusalem, in the restoration of the temple by Zerubbabel with other letters which we now use, although up to that time the Samaritan and Hebrew characters were the same." What has Jerome being saying up to this point? What has he been talking about? Mr. Tow, what would you think? What has he said about it? How many letters did he say were in the alphabet, Mr. KIM? How many did he say Mr. Field? Now Mr. Field is getting a little ahead of us. That is our main subject under our consideration. The earliest in Daniel--the Hebrews have 24 books in the O.T. Now we have thus far read, in the preface to Kings, that he says the Hebrew alphabet has 22 letters in it and he has not as yet, in what I have read, drawn any conclusions from that--I said about 400 and today I said 391 and would that be about 400--9 years earlier but we don't have to bother with 9 years. Some people would know that it was 91 but not know if it was 191 or 291 or 591 and if you know the 91 it is nice but to know that it is approx. 400 that is better. Thus far I have read your his statement that there are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet and now he continues and he says that five of these are double letters--What would he mean by a double letter? He goes on to explain--e.g. caph, pe, nun, mem, and tsade were at the beginning and in the middle of a word they are written one way and at the end another way. What would he mean by that Mr. Bates? What does he say about these five letters? How are they doubled? Well, is that true, do you know? How many think that Jerome is right in that statement? A good many think he is right, I see. Maybe Mr. Agepetus could illustrate on the blackboard--you said that you thought he was right--illustrate on the blackboard what you think he means. What on earth does he mean when he says "double letters"--they have illustrated to us what he means by double letters--by double letters he means the letters which have two ways of being written. Are there in double letters in English, Mr. Jones? You mean that every letter in English is just written one way? We have capitals, we have small, script capitals, script small--every letter in English has four different ways of being written--some ways they are very similar and some ways they are very different. Why on earth would anyone ever think that that letter and that letter and that letter would be the same letter--they are utterly different; they are much more different than the Hebrew two letters--much more. There are four different ways of writing the same letter in English, we don't realize it because we are so familiar with it but in the Heb. they wrote the letters exactly the same except that the modern Jews have invented a script form which was quite different from the printed form, but Jerome says that five of these letters have two ways of writing and he calls it double letters; a very peculiar way to say it--double letters