

after summer, to know what the other side thinks, spend lots of time arguing over points, when the whole foundation being wrong, there's nothing gained in arguing over little points that rest upon a false foundation. I would say to know a little bit about it, to know the basic viewpoint of the other side is very important for all of us, but when it comes to going beyond that, there are much better ways to spend your time. I would say that, but I would want to assure you of this about this. That, when you study this particular problem now, you are not merely dealing with the differences between the liberal and the conservative, but you are also examining principles which will be vital for the correct interpretation of things, so that while it is good to know the answer to the liberal view, that's not all you are doing in this part. You are definitely preparing yourself to be better able to interpret ~~the~~ the book. Now, ~~this~~ this problem which I want you to look at is the problem I have already mentioned to you. It is the problem between the first and second interpretations of the book. But the basic principles of it will be very vital in determining our situation between the second and third, which probably interests most of you much more. And the principles are very similar and very basic, and that is why it is specially important that you get a good idea on this. Now, at this point on it, you know how we have noticed from ch.8, A.E. is the figure described in ch.8. All commentaries agree on that. In ch.11, my guess is that you will come to the conclusion that verse after verse up to 20, here is spent spotlighting, you might say, Persia, Alexander the Great, kings of the Ptoelmies and the Seleucids, lead up to A.E., and then you start in and have as much on A.E. as on all the previous kings together, perhaps, at least you have a good bit of them. It's spotlighting him. In ch.8 and 11. The Jews are being specifically prepared for A.E. I think we all agree on that. Practically everybody from any viewpoint. But now we spotlight A.E. And, the first six chapters are to prepare the people to stand for God in ~~the~~ persecution, and that his first purpose is to prepare them for A.E.'s persecution, though it is also of value for all persecutions that every come. Is this the purpose of the whole book, as the modernists say? Is the whole book related