

There is one thing that you will read in all liberal books on the passing down of the Scriptures. They will all say to you, they will say this is the way it was. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. They'll put it, you know, letter by letter, ~~ahmah~~ with no breaks between words. Now that is absolutely false. We have early Greek manuscripts that have no breaks between words, but our early Semitic manuscripts all have breaks between words, either a space, or a line, or a dot, but some kind of a break between words, in the early Semitic language. But the break between sentences and between paragraphs, may be a late invention. You may have to use your own judgment for the breaks between sentences and paragraphs. And the verse divisions, while in most cases, pretty good, are in some cases very bad. So you cannot build upon the verses. It is the general meaning of the passage that you have to determine, and if somebody says in the early part of the chapter it is all this way, well, I would say, that is a pretty all right thing, but what we mean when we say it is, is that the previous system is wrong. In this case, there is no reason to ~~break any~~ make any break in this chapter. You look at it. It goes along in one unit. Same subject. Same discussion. No reason for a break, and we find God speaking ~~n~~ all the way up to here.

(Question:) Yes, that's what we are coming to. In fact, you might say, we are about to leap a hurdle, and instead of stopping in front of it and making a jump, by starting four verses back, and in order to get going to get over the verse, and now Mr. Worsten, calls our ~~ahmah~~ attention to the verse, and that is the point we are getting to. That is the point we are interested in, is verse 16. And I'm working toward it. That is the real problem. That is the most important thing in the whole chapter, is verse 16. And if you don't get through it today, I'll give you an assignment to write a discussion on who is speaking in verse 16. In fact, I may do that anyway. But we could at least introduce the problem today. Verse 13 is definitely God speaking. No question. Verse 12, there is no question about speaking. ~~13~~ there is no question about speaking. 14 may be Isaiah. There is nothing to prove it isn't Isaiah, but there is nothing to prove that it isn't God. We had God in the previous two verses. Verse 15 is certainly God. I wouldn't say that I could be as dogmatic on 15 as I can be on 12 and 13, but I think that on 15 we can speak with a considerable degree of positiveness