

that 40 is a round number and it doesn't necessarily mean ~~it~~ exactly 40. There might 35, there might be 45. It seems to me very unlikely that he would say 42 if he meant 41 or 42. But if he said 40 I would say that it is a round number. The inspiration then to my mind is that it keeps it from error. It doesn't mean that it gives us a complete and full and detailed picture of everything possibly involved. That I do not think is meant by inspiration. The same thing applies to its dealing with all sorts of subjects. The question is just how much did the Lord ~~so~~ intend to reveal to us. How fully did He intend to give this to us? I do not think that the Bible is like a picture of the earth taken from way up in the sky with such a wonderful camera that the more you use a microscope on it the more truth you get out of it. I think the Bible is a presentation of the great and deep truths of God and there is far more in it than any human being can get out of it, but I believe that there are things in it which are definitely given and other things which it is not God's intention to give us. He doesn't give us anything wrong but it is a question as to how far we can go in getting truth in a certain direction. So I think it is entirely wrong as a general thing to make the approach to the Bible, "What does the Bible tell us about such a subject?" I think the right approach is "What does the Bible tell us?" Or rather you might say, "Does the Bible tell us about a particular subject?" "Does it tell us and give us information or is it one of the things that it does not tell us about?" The same thing would apply to arrangement. Personally it seems to me extremely likely that the fact that Psalm 22, 23, and 24 come in that order is a part of God's definite plan and is a picture of the crucifixion of Christ very wonderfully described in Psalm 22; the life of the believer in Christ wonderfully described in Psalm 23; then the return of Christ so wonderfully described in Psalm 24. But the fact that these three are in this order doesn't seem to mean to me necessarily that the order of some other ~~truths~~ three psalms have a meaning for it, that the relation of 21 to 22 has necessarily a meaning or 24 to 25. Some things are in a certain order simply because you have to put one after the other or one before. You can't put them side by side. One has to follow the other in a printed book. It may make no difference which came first. Therefore