

Not one smallest part of a letter. It translates jot and tittle. It means the very smallest thing. Well that contradicts the facts if you take it strictly literal.

Because there are cases where you know a word has disappeared from the original. We find in the account of the kings that time after time it says there is a formula used: So and so was so many years old. He was a son of of so many years in his reign. We translate he was so many years when he began to reign, and he reigned so many years in Jerusalem. We find that over and over. And we find exactly the same phrase in connection with Saul, where it says "And Saul was years, a son of years in his reigning. Which would mean one year. And he reigned years two in Jerusalem, and it translates that phrase: literally it says: Saul was one year old when he became king, and he reigned two years.

KJV has rendered it, And Saul reigned ~~y~~ ~~oney~~ year in Jerusalem, and when he had reigned ~~two~~ years in Jerusalem he went ahead and did so and so. Putting it that way you just pass over it. You don't notice any problem, but it's exactly the same phrase that is on at least 6 or 7 other kings of history in translating it that such a king was so many years when he began to reign and he reigned so many years.

It is perfectly obvious that happened. At the end of the line a break occurred at a very early time. So he said when he began to reign Saul was aged years--and then it broke. And he reigned king in Jerusalem years ~~x~~ two--and then it broke. So we know that Saul whether he reigned 20 years, 32 years, or 42 years in Jerusalem we don't know which. We have no way to know which. Our faith is not affected by knowing which. We know the original. Scripture there is correct. There is no contradiction to any fact. But there was a fact which was in the original we do not know.

I think we are better off to show our ignorance in cases like this where there has come a break, than to try to slide it over in some way like the KJV did in that case. There are not a great many of those. The ~~m~~ amazing thing is that there are so few with the copies and copies and copies. The vital thing is that we can know that whatever we can legitimately draw from the Scripture is true.

When Jesus said, Not one jot or one tittle shall pass from the law till all be fulfilled, he did not mean that every little tiny point of every letter would remain exactly so through all ages. But what he meant was that the tiniest bit of meaning in what God has given to us in His word is thoroughly dependable and will be fulfilled.

We'll ~~not~~ now take a 10 min. break and then continue.

I heard of a man once who heard that the Bible gave the answer to every problem. He did not know what he ought to do. So he said, I'll just open the Bible and see what it says. So he opened it and read: Judas went and hanged himself. He said, That's not very helpful, let's try again. He opened it again and it said, Go thou and do likewise. He thought, Let's try a third time. So he