

## Prophets 13.

are not inspired books. They are not books which are dependable for doctrine, and this also should be pointed out then, that the translators of our Authorized Version who took such great pains in giving us such a wonderful translation felt as Jerome felt when he made the Latin Vulgate, that the apocryphal books are after all not the inspired word of God—why bother much with them? And so, though they made a translation, they didn't take any pains with it, and the Authorized Version translation of the Apocrypha is a very, very poor translation. So when you find a big Bible that has got the Apocrypha in it, you have a very poor translation of the Apocrypha, but the revisers when they revised the Old and the New Testament about fifty years ago and made it, instead of in the English of four hundred years ago, brought it up to where now its the English of three hundred years ago, they took the pains in the Apocrypha to make a new and excellent translation, also not in modern English, in the language of three hundred years ago, but a good translation, far better than the translation which you find in the Authorized Version, and so it would be worth your while if you have a chance to pick up some time a copy of the Revised Version of the Apocrypha published as a little separate book, and there is material in it that is worth while for every Christian minister to be familiar with, but definitely not inspired or a source of Christian doctrine. Now, I think you'd better probably make this a definite to read these three. If you find any point in them that is not clear, if you don't understand them, I wish you would ask me about it. If there is something that is really unclear, we'll take it up in class but I don't think there is. I think by a glance at the context you will see exactly what the situation is and how definite the evidence is in these three papers that prophecy had ceased. Most books on the Canon also give a verse from Malachi and a verse from Zechariah as indications that it was said that prophecy was about to cease. I have not included those two verses in my outline here because I do not feel there is valid evidence. I think that it rests upon an interpretation which is highly questionable. One of them is the passage I read to you from Zechariah that when a man will prophesy his friends will thrust him through and say that he is telling lies. Well, it's interesting that/comes in one of the last books to be written in the Bible but to draw from that necessarily that that is an indication that/people realized prophecy was coming to an end it seems to me is going too far. Mr.—?

(Question from student) I Mabbabees 4:46, 9:27 and 14:41. I wish within the next week