

I was interested in hearing Professor James Montgomery, now retired, for many years professor in the University of Pennsylvania, professor of Semitic languages, particularly of Hebrew and of Biblical studies. He has written a commentary on Daniel in the international ~~politicized~~ critical commentary series and he ten years ago had the commentary on I and II Kings, but on account of the war it was not published. I hope it will be published soon because he did a tremendous amount of work on it, and it would contain a great deal of very valuable material. In addition to this that Montgomery is a liberal, he is extremely unlike Moffitt in this regard. He is extremely careful with facts. He may not get as expressive and suggestive and interesting interpretation as Moffitt but he won't give you anything but what he feels that he has abundance^t evidence for. He is extremely careful on little details to get the facts in back of it. He had done a tremendous amount of study of the Scripture and I ~~heard that~~ Professor Montgomery on several occasions make this statement: That the translators of the Authorized Version were men who were very highly trained. Men who were students, not only of the Old Latin commentaries but of the Rabbinical commentaries in the Hebrew, men who knew the Hebrew very well, and he said that while there are new discoveries which at very points show that a difference in translation is better and preferable to the one which they have given, that it is his belief that aside from particular matters of new particular discoveries, that where you find the Authorized translation and the Revised Version differing in their interpretation of the verses, if the translators of the Authorized were living today they could make a mighty good argument for the translation which they have given. There would be a great deal to be said for their translation in most cases. He feels that they were careful men and very very intelligent men having a wide knowledge of the material. I thought that was a very strong commendation for the interpretation of the translators of the Authorized Version. In many places of the Scripture there are various interpretations possible. You have to select one of them because you can't