

In one of these days, for instance, the outstanding figure in this ecclesiastical history of America is one of our graduates named Mr. Carl MacNally .. People then would begin to write a life of him. As they do they will say, "Well, now when was it that he visited Faith Seminary the class in Old Testament History? Was that in 1948 or was it 1950?" And they will try to figure that and it may be difficult to work it out unless he writes it down and makes a special record of it. There will be many facts like that. Now his coming here to class today may be something that he will forget and amount to nothing in his life. On the other hand who knows, he might get a ^{suggestion} question from something given today which ten years from now he carries out in practice and which will be tremendously important in his life. If that was the case people will immediately say, "Well, now, he got that from--let's see--it was a suggestion from some obscure teacher back ~~in~~ some years ago and he visited that ~~class~~ class. What was ~~it~~ the name of that man and just what was it that took place?" And some historian may write his Phd. thesis to try to figure out in future years whether it was 1948 or 1950 in which the incident occurred. Well, we are in that situation regarding some of these details of the chronology. We don't have all the facts. We are in the same situation as I say regarding figures of modern history who have become prominent and consequently the interest becomes great in the earlier phases of their life . In church history we are dealing with Martin Luther. It is interesting ~~to~~ to take volumes and volumes on Martin Luther trying to figure out particularly interesting stories in his life and what the relationship of them is. There is one I may mention two hours from now and if you will keep in mind this particular point we are dealing with, it is just a good illustration of this very particular thing even if I give it ~~where~~ for another purpose altogether. Well, now that then is this little section in our story of the Baal conflict telling about the reign of Jehoram,

Just to bring us in line for the next things that come to pass here.

Then we have at the end of this chapter we have the new king of Judah,