

talk Aramaic, and all of the people there who had much dealings, commercial dealings, dealings with the government would probably talk Greek, and all who were trained in Bible study ~~were~~ would of course know Hebrew, so they probably

I don't know how much Latin that far east. There might be a few, but probably not many. The Greek, you see, it's a long, long ways from Italy, and the Greek culture was pretty strong. Alexander the Great had conquered that whole region from Greece on, and Greece had come to be known through the whole region, so when the Romans went in Latin entered some, but I doubt if to a great extent. I don't know. (stu) In Greek surely. Was it, I don't know. (stu) Yes, well, of course that would be natural for the Romans to use Latin officially. But I doubt if they used much Latin. It would be slow (ll)

But you know, of course, we in America have one language we're accustomed to, it's so dominant, that unless we have a good deal of connection with people who've come within the last generation or two from other countries, we have a tendency to think of, well, just one language. Other languages seem sort of artificial and unnatural to us, but you get into a country where there are several languages used, like--you get in Holland, practically everybody would know more than Dutch. They all talk Dutch with each other, but they'd all talk German, if they were willing to. An awful lot of them would know French, and an awful lot of them would know English. And many countries ~~today, people~~ today, people speak quite a variety of languages. (stu) Now there is a good question. The educated people it probably was Greek. Yes, about the time of Christ. In the time of Christ, the Greek translation was made in Alexandria, and in Alexandria, oh, there were at least 200,000 Jews in Alexandria, a tremendous Jewish population, but Greek was their language. Aramaic was sort of the language of the old homeland, pretty much given up. Greek was the language the children were taught, and when they grew up Greek was their language, and so for home use they read the Bible in Greek, but they didn't think of that as the Bible. In the Synagogue they'd read it in Hebrew, and