

before we get one as good. but I feel that the value of having people in the church understand when they are told that Prov. tells them to keep from leasing, that they are not talking about real estate arrangements but about lying is more important than having the people say those syllables in unison without most of them having any idea about what they are talking about. I remember the woman who just so loved to hear a certain preacher and she said that every time he said that blessed word Mesopotamia I can't help weeping. Well, I don't think God wants the Scripture to just be beautiful words to us. They are inspired words, they are words kept from error but they are words that should be giving us truth. So we have here a division you might say between expediency and the value of uniformity. I say in the chapters let's stick to it. I'm sorry that when the Jews took the divisions of the Latin Bible and moved them over into the Hebrew Bible in a few places, maybe one in twenty, ^{I don't know} they made a change where they thought it was more logical or where they thought it would break up passages that according to Christian exegesis would naturally belong together. But for whatever their reason they made changes in maybe one verse out of 20 and it was a great inconvenience when you want simply to check one verse in the Hebrew, to find the verse numbering to be different. The ASV of 1901 had a footnote at every place telling what the Heb. enumeration was. I don't recall that any other of our versions do that, but I wish they did, because I think that is a real convenience. But I'm sorry that the Jews thought it wise to make a change because even though the division there is not perfect by any means and is very bad in some places, it is a tremendous convenience. And there are many times in life when we have to look at a situation and see, See how convenient it is. Isn't it better to go along this way, even though it is not good? Or saying, No it is so bad we must change it, and we have to make the decision ~~if~~ on those matters but let's look at them carefully, and make the the decision reasonably.

M. Well now we have section M then which is Chap. 8:5-26 which is the Cleansing of the Levites. And here the Levites were set apart for God, they were set apart to devote themselves to His service and yet we have a very clear and full account of how ~~g~~ they had to be specifically (told?) to go through certain forms to indicate a cleansing
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