

to fix things up a bit there. He said alright I will give you the permission. There is no edict quoted by Artaxerxes. There is no command by Artaxerxes to rebuild the city; it had already been rebuilt for over 100 years though in nothing like its ancient splendor. It was standing there as an unwalled city which had been rebuilt nearly a century before. There was something of walls around it, something remaining of the old walls but there certainly were many people living there and the temple services were being carried on.

Dr. Walvoord in his commentary on Daniel says, This must start from the 20th year of Artaxerxes following the suggestion of the detective from Scotland Yard whom I mentioned. Prof. Wood from Grand Rapids wrote a commentary on Daniel not long ago in which he said, If you figure 481 from 445 B.C. you get about 10 years after Christ. So, he said, that doesn't work out, so he said we will take the edict Artaxerxes gave in his 8th year instead of his 20th year. Well, Artaxerxes did not give any edict to build a city in <sup>the 8th year</sup> ~~8 years~~ therefore very few people make it start at that point. But Artaxerxes did give an edict them permitting Ezra to go to Jerusalem and ordering him to make sacrifice and offerings in the temple in Jerusalem on behalf of the king Artaxerxes. Well, in order to make sacrifices in the temple which the order recognizes as already standing, is not an order to rebuild Jerusalem. So Wood is the only book I have happened to notice which begins from the 8th year of Artaxerxes. There certainly is no evidence of an edict to rebuild the city starting them.

Now Anderson, the Scotland Yard leader, realizing that it would run at least several years after any date for the death of Christ that is now known, certainly <sup>far</sup> after any date for the birth of Christ, he says Let's figure the years not as 365 day years but as 360 day years. The reason for that is that sometimes a month is spoken of as 30 days.