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Dear Dr. McDaniel,

I enjoyed your two talks at the ABC of New Jersey Annual Session last weekend in Long Branch NJ. They were creative, interesting, and challenging, as well as, denominationally correct (the church's private form of PC). I would appreciate your insights on the following questions raised for me by your talks, if you would spend a few minutes on them.

1. When I checked the hebrew texts in 2K & 2Chr. after hearing your suggestion, I saw no textual evidence to dispute the hebrew as given in either location. Why juggle the letters?

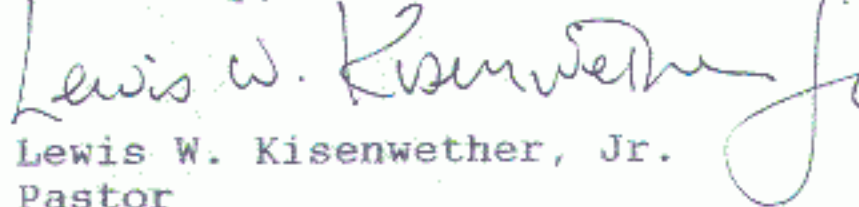
2. If a qualified and competent hebrew scholar from a very conservative school could juggle letters in another text and thereby contest the idea of women in religious leadership would you accept the adjustment to the text?

3. Does juggling the text contribute to student appreciation of the traditional baptist concept that the original texts of OT & NT are "theopneustos" and are thus completely reliable guides for belief and behavior?

Please understand I am a concerned pastor, and the church I serve has been financially supporting Eastern Seminary for the 20 years I have pastored it, and long before that. We would be unhappy to think our gifts were promoting a view of Scripture we do not adhere to.

I know that had we opportunity to get to know one another you and I would be friends, and I hope you will take this inquiry as coming from a friend of Eastern.

Cordially, with faith in Christ,


Lewis W. Kisenwether, Jr.
Pastor