

professor today who is a liberal but a very honest man who was a professor in the university of Pennsylvania and he wrote a commentary on the book of Daniel in which he admitted that the book might have been written and he got such a score of criticism in attack upon him for that admission that subsequently on four or five occasions by a very incidental way to the Book of Daniel where it had nothing whatsoever. And we all say the book of Daniel which by the way was written in the time of the Macabees. Now I am perfectly correct in my view it is the mark of Orthodoxy among liberals to believe that Daniel was written at the time of the Macabees rather than at the time of Daniel. And of course at that you have all sorts of mistakes and errors. And the statements of it have been investigated with a fine tooth comb and at point after point a have been proven not as error at all in the light of advancing knowledge. I want this afternoon to just call your attention to just one chapter in the book. And that is a very striking one, the story of Belshazzar in chapter five. And there we read in chapter five the story that is familiar to everyone who has ever attended Sunday school for any length of time that Belshazzar the king made a great feast and while this feast was going on, it says that the fingers of a mans hand came out and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the kings palace. And the king saw the part of the hand that wrote and when the king saw that, he was quite upset and wanted to know what it meant. And in verse 7, we read offer that the king made possibly the fact that not exactly what it was, but he made a tremendous offer and we read in verse seven the king said to the wisemen of Babylon whoever shall read this writing and show me the interpretation thereof shall be clothed with scarlet and shall have a chain about his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. And with that tremendous offer no one of them could make up a convincing enough explanation to satisfy and to receive that wonderful reward he offered and so the king was so upset that he was unable to find out what it meant and when they were all unable to tell him. The queens