

We have found a tablet that mentions that fact. The king's son was killed. We have the facts here that are contained in the book of Daniel and were completely forgotten for 2500 years except for their mention then. Dougherty went through all the ancient literature that has come down to us, and he said that the book of Daniel excels anything else that has been preserved except the actual original cuneiform tablets Dougherty studied. Everything else up to the time of Josephus, 100 A.D. built its story upon the book of Daniel. It exceeds all other literature in its accuracy in that it preserves the name of Belshazzar, otherwise lost. It preserves the fact that Belshazzar was actually ~~actually~~ the ruling king, and it preserves the fact that there was a dual rulership in the kingdom. In the three vv. I read, you notice it says, If a man solves this he will be made the third ruler in the kingdom. He made Daniel the third ruler in the kingdom. We've had this in the Bible for hundreds of years. How many people have stopped to ask, What does that mean? Does that mean Belshazzar wasn't the real king; he was the second in line, the man who had the power but was really second ~~in~~ in line, so he was ready to make Daniel the third. It preserved a hint of this historical fact for us, without giving us the full ~~detail~~ details upon it. It is absolutely ~~an~~ inconceivable that this could have been written 400 yrs. later when nobody knew these facts. But it's just what you would expect if written at the time of the event, it describes.

Very often there is something in the Bible that gives a hint of something; it suggests something without telling. Because the Bible isn't there to give us history; the Bible certainly isn't there to give us physics, chemistry or biology. That's not its purpose. The Bible is there to tell us about God and our relation to Him. But as it does, it ~~is~~ touches on biology, physics, chemistry