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of Babylon. He pushed westward here. And then he pushed northward and got up into this area of Asia Minor. And one of the Greek Kings in Asia Minor, King Croesus, of Lydia who is well known. the man who -- everything that he touched just came out well for a long time until finally he was overcome by Cyrus. So Cyrus came here westward and northward up into Asia Minor and went clear to the end of Asia Minor and conquered all that area while Babylon still remained in the control of *Babylonia & Assyria and of Israel*. Then ~~it~~ it says, he pushed westward and northward and southward. And you see after he conquered all the rest of this then he attacked *Babylonia*. He came down here and he attacked Babylonia and we read in ch. 5 about Belshazzar's vision and we read at the end of it "in that night was Belshazzar king of Babylonia slain." And Cyrus appointed one of his men as sub-king over Babylonia -- called Darius the Mede. He appointed him over Babylonia under Darius. *control* So that is exactly described in this picture here. And that was very clear even within the lifetime of Daniel. Because Dan. 6 tells about events that took place after

So we read here in vs. 1 how "he pushed westward and northward and southward so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand, but he did according to his will, and became great." Now this ~~was~~ happened then in about 539 B.C. and if there is any question as to our interpretation of it so far being correct, we glance ~~at~~ ahead further into the chapter and we ~~read~~ read how the angel Gabriel (vs. 16) came to see Daniel and said to Daniel, Understand O son of man; for at the time of the end shall be the vision." The time of the end here doesn't mean the end of the age or the end of the world. It means the end of the Babylonian empire. It means these are the happenings after the present. At the time of the end, he says, shall be the vision. Vs. 18, "Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground, ^{but} ~~and~~ he touched me, and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation; for at the time appointed the end shall be. The ram which thou sawest, having two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia." So one thing that nobody need question is that this ram is Media and Persia. That is clearly explained in verse 20.