

written after it." Well, if we believe God is not dead, we believe God could describe those events in advance. But that is a point of orthodoxy almost among all critical scholars, that ~~Isaiah~~ ^{Daniel} was written at least 400 years after the time at which the Bible says that Daniel lived under Nebuchadnezzar. I took some courses under a very wonderful scholar at the University of ~~EXXIX~~ Pennsylvania, who wrote a commentary on Daniel. But in his commentary, this man, who followed the critical views to quite an extent, said ^{that} he found such evidence he thought the Book of Daniel must have been written, say, 200 or 300 after Nebuchadnezzar, rather than 400. And he got such a storm of protest on account of that book that I heard him on at least six occasions, referring to something in Daniel that had nothing in the world to do with the book, with the date of the book, say, "in the Book of Daniel, which, by the way, was written at about 168 B.C. - " he'd always bring that in, so ~~you'd~~ you would know he really was orthodox, from the critical view, that is, in his dating of Daniel.

Well now, one chapter in Daniel which seemed most clearly to point to the Book of Daniel having been written long after the events described, is the story in Daniel, chapter 5. Everybody who has ever gone to Sunday School much has probably heard this story. Let's just glance at its main features: It starts in, "Belshazzar, the king made a great feast -." Now in the first four chapters you don't find Belshazzar the king mentioned. All of a sudden here we get Belshazzar the king. "Belshazzar the king made a great feast -." And when they were having that feast, we read here, in verse 5, "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote." And the king wanted to know what this writing up there meant. And so we read in ~~verse 6~~ ~~verse 7~~ verse 7 that, "The king cried aloud to bring in ~~the~~ the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his ~~neck~~ neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." But, we read on, the wise men came in and no one