

preserves the name of Belshazzar, otherwise lost; it preserves the fact that Belshazzar was actually ruling king, and it preserves the fact that there was a dual rulership in the kingdom. And did you notice, in three verses I read to you he said, "If a man will solve this he will be made the third ruler in the kingdom." And he made Daniel the third ruler in the kingdom..

Now ~~ex~~ we've had this in the Bible for hundreds of years: the third ruler in the kingdom. How many people have stopped to think, "What does that mean?" Does that mean that Belsazzar wasn't the real king? He was the second in line. The man who had the power, but actually, the second. And so he was ready to make Daniel the third. It preserved a hint of this historical fact for us, without ~~givingus-thefull-details-upon~~ giving us the full details upon it.

It is absolutely inconceivable that this could have ~~beenwrt~~ been written 400 years later when nobody knew these facts. But just what you would expect it it was written at the time of the events which it describes. And you know very often, like that, there is something in the Bible which gives a hint of something. It suggests something without telling it, because the Bible isn't there to give us history. The Bible certainly isn't there to give us physics or chemistry or biology; that's not its purpose. The Bible is there to tell us about God, and our relationship with Him. But as it does so, it touches on biology, and physics and chemistry and other things a little bit; astronomy a little more; it touches upon history much more, but it doesn't attempt to give a full history; some of the most important historical ~~referenees~~ events aren't mentioned in the Bible; because they are not vital in the story of God's relationship to man, which is the purpose of the Bible. But we have these little hints like this.

I came across a very interesting one just lately: Some of you may be familiar with the fact that within the last few years scientists began to notice a shift ^{past} toward the red end of the spectrum in the pictures that they got with their telescopes of distant galazies. And from it scientists came to the conclusion of what they called ~~theexpandinguniverse~~ the "expanding universe". They tell us now that every galaxy in the universe is flying away from every other galaxy at a