

given this praise for the great ~~posi-~~ position that he had in the world which God had given him. Now the people would have said, this Nebuchadnezzer is a pretty wicked man, let's go in and tell him ~~wh-~~ what a wicked man he is and ~~the~~ tell him he ought to change from his wickedness. Well, that message will come later in the book, but God begins with ~~getting~~ getting his attention in this. God wants us in spreading His word to get people's attention and to give them the things that they like that we can and that are true before we go on to give them the other things that are equally true. And so this ~~is-~~ image which he ~~was~~ saw, the head of it which was of gold, represented the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzer, which was a kingdom which certainly could be compared to gold. He held possession over this ~~x~~ tremendous area of the ancient world, to which the plunder had been brought, ~~new~~ not only from Israel, but from many other countries which had been captured, and the ~~peo-~~ people had been interchanged among many of these countries with the idea of reproducing a certain solidity and unity ~~among~~ among them and make them easier to hold and the emperor of Babylon was about as powerful and about as wealthy, ~~x~~ in fact far more than anyone else up to that time. So it was a very true figure to use, "~~Thou art the~~" "Thou art the head of gold," he says, but then he says "After these shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule ~~of~~ over all the earth. ~~x~~ And the fourth kingdom ~~wh~~ shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." And of course any body that knows anything about ancient history immediately sees how exactly this prediction is here, follows the course ~~x~~ of ancient events of ancient history, from that time on, because we have this great empire of Nebuchadnezzer, so ~~wh~~ shining and resplendent and seemed