

there's going to come another kingdom, represented by the shoulders and the arms of silver. But here in the vision that he had ~~z~~ he sees a little more detail about that one. You notice that it is raised up on one side. That's the empire of the Medes and the Persians, you see. The Medes had considerable power, and the Persians within the Medianite ~~z~~ empire came forward and overcame the Medes and became supreme and they still call ~~it~~ it the empire of the Medes and the Persians, and so the empire is raised up a little bit on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it, showing how that Persian Empire went down and grabbed and ~~bra~~ grabbed and took more and more, and how it conquered. It had three ribs ~~z~~ referring to three of the provinces it conquered. Then he said, "After this I beheld, and ~~lo-anoter~~ lo, another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl: the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it." Now this third one is represented in the statutes, the image that Nebuchadnezzar saw as the hips and the thighs which were of copper, ~~bt~~ but here he tells us about it that it had on the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. This four is brought in here, ~~h~~ and you remember when Alexander the Great died, ~~ter~~ there was a struggle among his generals as to who was to succeed ~~Hi-~~ him and his epileptic half-brother tried to take over and he didn't have the power to do it, and he soon disappeared and then Alexander the Great had a posthumous son who was born and one of them tried to represent him and take over and in the end, after a few years his empire broke into four parts, but each of these four parts continued the Hellenistic civilization and ~~th~~ continued the emphasis of Alexander's empire,