

So unless we have a Scriptural statement, we have no basis on which to say the toes have a specific meaning. It may be that later on we will find a parallel somewhere which will say that the number 10 is important at this time. If we do, that is fine to get that information, if that is additional information, not information we can get from Daniel 2.

But there are some who carry that to an extent which in my opinion is utterly indefensible when they say that in the days of these kings God will set up a kingdom-- that the phrase "these kings" refers to the 10 toes, which refer they say to 10 kings. You may find later on there are 10 kings at this time. But if such a fact was revealed ~~##~~ 45 years later, it is not sensible to think that 45 years earlier he would say "in the days of these kings" refers to kings whose existence was not even known until later! So that particular phrase "in the days of these kings" must mean in the time covered by the whole statue, in the time covered by all the kings represented by the statue. Somewhere in that time, and not refer to the toes.

This is not near so important for the question as to the toes, as it is to the whole question on the method of interpretation. That is why I felt it was wise to take the time on it. I appreciate very much having the question given to me.

Let me repeat again, If I make a mistake-- like when I typed out the assignment for next time, I said examine carefully Isaiah 7:13. Mr. Koontz pointed out to me that I said Isaiah and he thought surely I meant Daniel, and I did. So when I make a slip like that as everyone makes a mistake when they speak -- some few more than I do, and many less than I do, but everyone makes some foolish mistakes, so please call my attention to something I say that is confusing and that does not make clear what I am trying to say, please call my attention to it. But if you have a question like these two excellent questions I have given the answer to that might be worth a little time, I wish you would write it out so that I might consider how much time I should give it in class or whether I should speak to you personally about it, or whether I know it might be something I know will be covered within the next two lectures and therefore we would not need to go into it right at the present.

At our last time together we began speaking about

G. Various attempts at relating these dynamic events to history.

1. View of the critics -- which you will find in many books written on Daniel, even by very godly Christians. We noticed that this view considered the prophecies in the book of Daniel after the time of the Maccabees are only wishful hopes. There may be wishful hopes in Scripture. If there are we believe they will be identified as such. We don't believe we can take a verse of Scripture and merely say, This is the hope of the writer, unless the context makes it quite clear that that is true.

2. The most obvious view as seen at A.D. & 750 -- how very very similar the condition of the Roman empire from 400-600 is to the description of the fifth part of the statue. Very similar. The other four kingdoms coming one right after the other with no