

Or, as I think much more likely, when he says, "Thou art this head of gold", he does not mean Nebuchadnezzar personally but he means Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom. And that could mean the period of the Neo-Babylonian empire--these who five kings together. Or, I think still more likely, the whole period of the Assyrian and Babylonian empire.

Now that we discussed some time ago, but I wish that you would review it because it is very important for your understanding of the prophecy.

The next question was :Discuss the meaning of Dan. 7:12. Someone came up to me and said, Didn't you mean, Dan. 7:13? Well, we discussed Dan. 7:13 at length. We spoke briefly about Dan. 7:12. And Dan. 7:12 says:-- it is a verse which if not carefully interpreted could be rather baffling. Because after telling about the destruction of the great beast, it says, "And for the rest of the beasts they had their dominion taken away yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time."

Does this mean that when the great beast, the fourth beast was killed and his body burned, the other beasts continued on? That wouldn't make sense would it? So it quite obviously is Daniel looking back in his vision and remembering the fact that the other beasts when their dominion was taken away, that they lived on. In other words, that their qualities remained into the succeeding rulers. All four beasts make one continuous history of human sin and human wickedness ruling over the earth. A continuous thing, and all four are destroyed when the last, the great beast is destroyed.

That, of course, is clearly brought out in ch. 2 where it says when the stone hit the statue, the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron and the clay were all mixed together and were all dissolved and all blown away. So that was a difficult point with this verse the way it stands, and we took a little time to explain it, and I'm sorry that some of you did not remember it.

Then, number 4, Briefly tell what is designated by the term Ancient of Days in each occurrence in Dan. 7. When I say, in each occurrence, I meant that to mean that you show the difference between the occurrences. It is quite obvious that Ancient of days means the one who existed way way back. Ancient of days -- that, of course is obvious.

In the context we learn that the Ancient of days is One with tremendous power. Thousands times greater, a million times greater than any human being has ever had. But in this ch., as we noticed, this Ancient of days is mentioned three times. In the first occurrence it is very obviously describing the Triune God. Now, of course someone may say, This is not the Triune God, this is God the Father. I would not count that 100% wrong, but I certainly do not think that Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are so inferior to God the Father, that a picture of God as the great powerful one controlling the universe means only God the Father.

In the OT great stress is laid on the fact there is only