

he reaches this conclusion, he says, However, after a thorough examination of the purpose of the book, of its teachings, of its relation to the situation, etc., I come to the conclusion that it is dealing to prepare God's people for persecution, and I know of no period of extensive persecution under the Babylonians, and so it seems to reason why it should have been written at that time, and so it seems much more reasonable to think that it was written at the time of the Maccabees. And of course, the critics probably say, some of the will give you the exact date, 166 or 168 B.C. Some will say 8 and some will say 6, but they are quite dogmatic whichever it is, and they are definitely agreed that it is between 170 and 165, that the book came out. That was the time when they needed this encouragement, so that was the time it was written. Well, why could not a God who knows all the future write it 300 years earlier to prepare them for that time. The fitness to that time does not prove it could not have been written earlier, that God couldn't have prepared it in advance for that. But that of course, all the critics, practically are saying, That's when the book was written, in the time of the Maccabees, & it is 400 years later than the time described, and there is nothing historical in it at all. Well, I think we'll take a 10 minute recess....

Just a few more words about the mechanics, again, as we begin our second hour. ~~xxxxxxx~~ We were speaking ~~at~~ last time about the purpose of the last six chapters. My guess is that most of you are familiar with most of the incidents in the first six chapters, and consequently that it won't take much study to familiarize yourself with what I just said this last hour. If there is anyone here who doesn't know much about the first six chapters, that will be an essential part of your preparation in class, ¹/₂ to familiarize yourself with sufficient of the ~~xxxx~~ incidents of these six chapters to fully understand the relevance of the remarks I made of it in that time. Beyond that, we won't go into those chapters. This is not a course ~~xxxx~~ in the interpretation of Daniel as a whole. It is a course in the interpretation of the prophecies of Daniel. Our interest is centered almost entirely in seven chapters of the book. The other five we only look at for their relation to these seven chapters