

very great, and when he was strong, the great horn was broken. What a strange phrase! "And from it came up four noble ones, toward the four winds of heaven." But we find that in the history Alexander conquered the Persian empire, and Alexander's character was injured by his conquerer. He was one of the men, leading the soldiers, fraternizing with them, they adored him, and he led them in these great marches, and these great attacks, and then he saw how the Persian kings were great monarchs, and everybody bowed to them, and he began to decide he ought to be the same way, and tell these generals to bow down and prostrate themselves to the ground in front of him, and all that sort of thing. He ~~married~~ married the daughter of the Persian king, whom he conquered. And then he began having drinking bouts, and going into carousals, and he died in connection with one of ~~them~~. And he died/^{right} when his empire was at its very flood-tide. They say he wept for lack of worlds to~~o~~ conquer. He had conquered everything that seemed to be in his way, and he died at just a young man. When it was strong, the great horn was broken. And it must have seemed exactly that way. Alexander died, and it is my impression that they kept the news for about 24 hours from the people. They didn't know what it would do. Here was the great leader, and he was dead, and he had an illegitimate child, who was only, I think, 2 or 3 years old. Some of them said, Let's take this illegitimate child, and make it the ~~first~~ ruler. And others said, No, he's married the daughter of the king of Persia. He married her a couple of months ago. Maybe she will have a child and he will be the legitimate heir. And in the meantime they tried to get, I think it was Alexander's mother, I forget who, now, to be regent, and she tried to rule. But it took force to rule a turbulent group of soldiers, like he had, and a bunch of able generals like he had, and the empire was sort of held together for a little while, and you find one general that had the illegitimate son, little baby, small boy, and he said he was the ruler, and another one had the child who was born a few months~~s~~ after Alexander's death, the son of him and the Persian king's daughter, and he said this is the ruler to ~~be~~ succeed Alexander, and neither one of them would be old enough for 16 or 20 years to exert any real force, and within a few years the thing broke to pieces, and