

tures before, and since he does that in his dealing with ch. 11 in his answer to the critics who say it is not true, why does he make such a statement in his introduction. Well, don't take that as too strong a criticism of the man. Everybody's inconsistent at times, everybody makes mistakes. I don't mean to criticize him, but I mean to say, Let's keep on our guard against ~~xx~~ mistakes of inconsistency, in order that we are not misled by them. I think I must repeat here the statement that I have said so often. I am not interested in authorities on the meaning of anything. There are people who ~~may~~ say, Here ~~is~~ is a very, what does it mean? Here are 8 authorities who ~~say~~ say this, and only five say it means this. Well, 8 to 5, that must~~be~~ be the right view. Well, of out of those 8, 7 ~~may~~ have copied from one. And of the 5, may have 3 original thinkers among them, and only two ~~who~~ have copied. I am not the least bit interested in authority on anything, but I am tremendously interested in the reasons given in the things which lead a man to reach a certain conclusion. I am interested to examine them to see whether they are all right. But when you find a man who writes stuff that has alot that is good in it, don't let that blind you to the fact that he may make some statements that are very bad. This particular statement is one which I think is extremely bad, because it is so definitely contradicted by this. To say there is often ambiguity, to say that very often we see through a glass darkly, and have a hazy idea with a few vital points standing out, all right, but to say that it always belongs to the nature of prophecy is simply not true. Well, now, we have here then a prophecy, how certain events are going to happen, and why did God tell Daniel about these events? Why did he give~~s~~ him to know that the Persian empire was ~~great~~ to be a great and powerful empire but was going to be destroyed by another one coming from the west, and that was the empire of Greece. Was that do you think that the Jews could know and turn their sympathies to Greece at the right time? I don't think so. Was it to satisfy their curi~~s~~osity about the future? I don't think so. What was it? Well, we read on a little futher and see what we can find~~it~~. We read, "Four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation but