

he asked the Chaldeans to interpret it for him, and they said, tell us what it is and we will interpret it. And he said, I have forgotten it. I want you to tell me what it is and what it means. And the wise men said, There is no wise man on earth could do a thing like this. And the king said, ~~What~~ What's the use of having wise men that can't solve my problems for me. Let us destroy them. So they looked for Daniel and his fellows to be slain along with the rest, and Daniel said, Why is there such a hurry? And they told him about it. He ~~even~~ evidently hadn't been there when they ~~in~~ all said they couldn't do such a thing. So Daniel asked the king to let him have time and he would interpret it, and he went to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and asked them to pray that the God of heaven would give ~~mercy~~ mercy concerning this secret, so that they wouldn't all perish, including them. Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in the night vision, so Daniel had a vision from God, giving him the revelation of the message which had already been given in a somewhat briefer form, to king Nebuchadnezzar, and so Daniel praised his God for having revealed this secret to him, and then he goes to Arioch the official and asked him to take him before the king. And he comes to the king, and the king says to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known to me the dream? Daniel says, "The God has revealed the secret." And now he tells what the dream is. v.31, ff. Now, here's the dream, you remember. You have all studied this, I trust. The king saw a great image, the brightness was excellent. The form was terrible. Some people say you have the dream of the image here, and in ch.3 you have the image. Neb. put up an image of gold, in the plain of Dura, and told everybody to worship it. Well, whether there is any actual connection between 2 and 3 like that, I think is rather questionable. But it is true he puts up an image here, and here he dreams of an image. Well, now, the image he dreams of, the head ~~of~~ is of fine gold, the breast and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, the legs of iron, the feet part of iron and clay. And he ~~says~~ says, "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay