

He was a good successful ruler, tho nowhere near as great as Nebu. And then he died and was succeeded ~~by~~ by his son, who didn't amount to much, and he was put out of the way by another man who ~~was~~ ruled, and this man was a fairly strong ruler, ~~with~~ ruled quite ~~awhile~~ awhile, and associated his son Belshazzar with him in the rule, and then they were destroyed by Cyrus, the great. Now an interpretation which would make the head of ~~gold~~ gold Nebuchadnezzar and his son Evil Merodach, the breast and arms of silver....~~an~~ end of D 10

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.....Merodach Baladan, he's mentioned in Isaiah, but Evil Merodach, the son of Nebu, Merodach Baladan was a predecessor of a hundred years earlier. But the son, Evil Merodach is mentioned once in Jeremiah at the end of the book. But if he was the breast and arms of silver, and then the belly and thighs of brass was Neroglisser, and then the legs of iron were Neroglisser's young son, who didn't live very long, and then the feet part of iron and clay was the last ruler and his son, Belshazzar, I don't think anybody interprets it that way. I don't believe anybody does. Now it would be perhaps possible, you might say king and kingdom were both used somewhat indiscriminantly, but in this case at least this is earlier than the other is given. We don't have seven yet to prepare. Here the word kingdom is given. And it seems to suggest something more than just these particular five individuals. Yes, I said taking these, really making five instead of four kingdoms, dividing the legs from the feet, why you could get perhaps these five rulers, but I don't see much correspondence. Well, he is the king, the head of gold. After him there is another kingdom, inferior to him. ~~Another~~ Another 3rd kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. That suggests that the second is inferior, but it doesn't tell us whether the third is inferior or not. It suggests that perhaps it isn't. And then, the fourth kingdom is strong as iron. Then the 4th kingdom is divided, but there is in it the strength of the iron, mixed with miry clay and the toes of the feet are part of iron and part of clay so that the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. "And whereas ~~they~~ thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed