

how that begins in ~~ch.~~^{v.} 2, "Now will I show ~~thee~~ the truth. Behold, there shall stand up three kings, and yet three kings in Persia." There has been much discussion of who these three are. Some say that the man who wrote it tho't there would be three kings, and there were actually alot of them, so he was wrong, and others say this is packing the three particular kings mentioned in the book. Others say this man at the time of the Maccabees didn't know there were more than four kings. There will stand up ~~yet~~ three kings of Persia~~x~~, and the 4th shall be richer than all; and by his strength, through his riches he shall stir up all againt the realm of Grecia. And a mighty king shall stand up that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven. And not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those. Now, in ~~xxx~~ 11:4 here we are talking very clearly about one man. How many of you would judge that this man is the same man who is discussed in v.3? Only ³ * of you. What do the rest think? How many think he is a different man? Well, it is 3 - 0. Three think one way, none think the second way, the rest don't think at all. Well, we are interested in in this class is thinking, looking at what we see, and seeing what it means. I should think that this is clear enough. V.3, "A mighty king shall stand up and shall rule a great dominion, and do according to his will. And when he shall stand up his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divded toward the four winds, of heaven. Does anybody see any reason to question that the same man who is spoken of in v.3, is spoken of in v.4? I should think there would be a thing we could stand upon. That is your first step in interpreting the Bible, is to take what is clear and stand upon it. And I will be very regretful if any of you finish this course and are not convinced the 3 and 4 belong together. This is one of the things you can stand upon in the book of Daniel. Now, how about v.2? There are four people spoken of in v.2. Which of these four men in v.2 is the one spoken of in v.3? How many would say it is the first man spoken of in v.2? The second? The third? What about the fourth?