

commentaries, the most premillennial commentaries is almost certain ~~g~~ to agree that ch.8 is dealing specifically with A.E., and the same is true of ch.11. Ch.8 described the history very vividly of the situation that led up to the coming of A.E., a survey of the previous four ~~kingdoms~~ centuries. Ch.11 gives us a survey of the previous four centuries in more detail. Both of them very clearly lead up to A.E. Each of them has a ~~description~~ description of A.E. who is called the little horn in ch.8. A.E. is the subject of these two chapters. Now, your liberal says, this being the case, A.E. is one of the great subjects of the book, and we all agree, it is. But, they say, ch.2 and ch.7 must also be written with A.E. in mind, and so they say, in ch.7 we lead right up to a little horn, and this little horn must be the same little horn ~~xxx~~ as the one in ch.8. And then they say, ch.7 has four great beasts, and ch.2 has an image with four main parts. In each case it is describing four empires. In ch.7 the fourth empire comes just before A.E. In ch.2 the destruction of the anti-god empires comes to the end of the fourth empire, or the second phase of the fourth empire. Therefore, they say, the fourth empire in ch.2 — and 7 must be the same as the fourth empire in ch.8. This being the case, they have to figure who the four empires can be. And I mentioned to you last time a number of different suggestions made, that the thing is quite interesting. You can study it in commentaries any time you want to go into further detail on it. For our ~~own~~ purpose in this class it is not necessary to go into further detail if you know what I said about it las~~t~~ time. It is sufficient for that, because the liberals have pretty much come to the condusion / that of all the various attempts they have made to show how there were four empires previous to A.E., there is one of these plans which is far way better than any of the others. Now, is this one better because it is good, or because the others are all bad. Well, the others are all bad, and the liberals at least are ~~xxx~~ agreed that this one is the one to accept. So that from the viewpoint of this class, now if you ever want to go ~~xxx~~ into it ~~xxxxxxx~~ further for some special reason you may find it valuable to study in the commentaries the others' suggestions that have been presented. It probably won't be necessary unless you are giving a