

series of lectures for a course on the matter and you feel it ~~that~~ vital to go into that phase. It probably won't be necessary, and I know of no one today no liberals who hold any other view than this one view on which they are all agreed. Of course, they all agree that the fourth kingdom is Greece, but as to what the other three are, all of the liberals say, I believe, agree on this point here, and so I want you to know as much about the others as I told you in class last time. I am not interested in your going further into the others, but I am greatly interested in your going far enough into this one to have a very definite idea. Now you remember this view agrees with us that the first kingdom is Nebu., the Babylonian kingdom, not the way some would say, the first is Nebu., the second Belshazzar. But the first is the Babylonian kingdom, which includes Nebu. and also includes Belshazzar. They would agree on that, and we would certainly agree that...9... Now they would all agree that the fourth one is the Greek, and then they would say the second and the third are the Median and the Persian empires. They would all agree on that. Now, ~~now~~ conservative can accept that position. That's important to see. I don't say it is contrary to our presuppositions, contrary to our basic view, therefore we must not accept it. We must ~~an~~ make decisions on the basis of the facts and the evidence. But it is a viewpoint which contradicts our basic point so completely that no one can accept it and continue to be a believer in the Bible as God's authority! and God's word. The reason for that, of course, is that it does not correspond to what actually happened. According to it, the writer was wrong. History tells us that Cyrus the Persian conquered the Babylonian empire. Cyrus the Persian set up his Persian empire after the Babylonian empire. That's what history tells us, and the archaeological evidence for it is sufficiently definite that it is inconceivable to me that it ever could be come upset. Well, that being the case then that the Babylonian empire was conquered by the Persian empire, there is no room in ~~this~~ this image for a Median empire. Now, there was, of course, a Median empire. The Median empire existed, but the Median empire was a much smaller empire than the Persian empire, because it did not include the Babylonian empire. It included area not in the Babylonian empire.