

side and the Hellenistic on the other, that runs for about 400 years, for at least nearly 300 years, equal each of them to be put in that general area of ~~xxx~~ events. That's his idea. Well, you might completely think, after the Persians conquer the Medians, they will speak of the law of the Medes and the Persians. But would the Median empire before the ~~xx~~ Persian empire speak of the law of the Medes and Persians? He would know nothing about this empire, of course, he is dealing with events a couple of hundred of years before this time. It is purely imaginary, the fact that there very was such an empire distinct from the others. Why would he make them say the law of the Medes and the Persians? Why would he make them say that twice? Of course, it is true there can be anachronisms. We can think of the Dutch when they first came to ~~his~~ this country asking of the Indians where New York was. We can think of that. Such a thing is possible, but hardly likely. But when a person, if somebody definitely had the idea that New York was a Dutch kingdom before it was an English kingdom, that is a viewpoint that is represented by these different beasts, and everything showing that sequence, then to think that he would use the word New York back in the Dutch period is inconceivable, and it seems to me that not merely to do it once, but to do it three times, to speak of the law of the Medes and Persians looks very very strongly as if the author of this book thought of the Medo-Persian empire, the Medo-Persian law, the Medo-Persian culture as one unit, rather than two distinct empires, able to ride in the same general scale as the Babylonian empire, and the Greek empires. Nobody ever said in the Greek time, according to the law of the Persians and the Greeks. Nobody every said in the Median time according to the law of the Babylonians and the Medes. And to ~~xy~~ say it before the Persian empire time, it simply does not seem reasonable.

Question.....AAM: Now, that would be pretty difficult to say.....AAM: Yes, but in the days before the United States was established, nobody ever spoke of the laws of ~~the~~ Great Britain and America.....AAM: Yes, but if the man in the Maccabean age had ~~his~~ his history mixed up to the extent that he thought there ~~was~~ were four great empires, <sup>Babylon - then Media - then Persia</sup> he would know that in his day they might talk of the law of the Medes and the Persians, but he certainly wouldn't think that before