

empire. So that it is a pretty small peg to hang on the belief that the author of the book of Daniel thought something existed which never existed at all. His language fits with the other idea better than with that. Well, I think this is a pretty good survey of the evidence on the question of whether the author of Daniel thought there was a distinct Median and Persian empire. Yes?....

AAM: I don't think that would follow from it, because the horns wouldn't have to stand for individual rulers. They might but I would incline to think that here they stood for the two peoples, for the two leading peoples in the empire, of whom the Medes were the supreme class, ...8... and his family, and his friends, they were the class that was ruling, and then Cyrus began to come to the front, and eventually Cyrus became the leading ruler, and married the daughter of Estioges (?), and then Cyrus' Persians began to come into places of importance, but they tried to still keep the Medes favorable to them, and the administrative offices were largely from these two groups out of the empire, and I would incline to think that in this case it fits with the history that these were classes or families, small nations, rather than that they were individual kings, because as you say, you have the two of them at the same time, but you have one coming up later than the other, and coming higher. I don't think it is a reference to individual kings. Yes?....

AAM: But are the ten horns that are broken, are they kings or kingdoms? Student:... It says ten kings, it says kings for both the two horns and the ram, and the ten horns....

AAM: Well, now you were going back to ch. 7 about the ten horns. I think we had better leave that. That's a problem by itself, what these ten horns are. That is, I don't think it means there were ten kings ruling at one time, all ruling over the one kingdom, but just what it does mean is a matter for us to take up later. The theory of the liberals is they represent ten successful kings before A.E. That is, ~~there~~ their theory, the theory of most conservatives is that they represent ten different kingdoms within the area of the previous empire, which they think of as continuation of the previous empire, just as there are the four horns that come out of the he-goat which represent the four different branches of Alexander's empire, which became four distinct kingdoms, but they were unified culturally, so