

king of Persia, I mean the same as the first year of Cyrus.... Well, regarding that I think all we can say is, we don't know. It is possible that Darius became the ruler of Babylon, of that area, under Cyrus, and that he reigned for a few years, and then when he died Cyrus did not appoint a ruler there as his successor, but simply took over direct control himself and sent a man who was simply called the governor, instead of the king, and so the Babylonians thought of it as the reign of Darius in their area, and then the reign of Cyrus. That is possible, It is equally possible, however, that they thought of it as the reign of Darius, who was the local ruler, and also in the reign of Cyrus, who conquered them, and the fact that the third year of Cyrus, it might be that Darius was there ~~to~~ and died, years, /and then that they simply thought of the rest as there was no man put in of equal power with Darius, and they simply thought of it as a continuation of Cyrus, and the third year of Cyrus, and you could refer back to the first year of Cyrus as the first year of Darius who was the man on the ground there.

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.....was the co-ruler with Nabonidus and Belshazzar. Student.....AAM: No, what Cyrus did we don't know, but you see, Cyrus came in. That appointment was made one day, and that night Belshazzar was slain. So probably they forgot all about it. Belshazzar appointed him, and then that ~~next~~ night the attack was made, and he was killed, and Cyrus was interested in what to do with Nabonidus, he was interested in the fact that ~~Belshazzar~~ Belshazzar was gone, but ~~he~~ just shortly before Belshazzar's death, he appointed a successor, or he appointed a third man while Cyrus.....1½..... he probably wouldn't even have ~~xxx~~ heard of him. But when he came in, Nabonidus was king. It was vital what you did with him, Belshazzar was gone, and it was vital that he was out of the way, but Daniel was ~~not~~ not of their blood or of their standing in the nation, he was simply a man appointed by him, and once he was gone Daniel would automatically be ....1½.... Particularly if he'd only been in it a few hours. Yes?.....§ AAM: It is entirely possible. It is true as you go on, ch.6, "It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 princes, and over these three presidents, of whom Daniel was first." Cyrus might have simply left things in the hands of Darius, and ~~xxx~~ Darius might