

of interpretation, but ~~the~~ eschatology, prophecy in particular, is an area to which he did not give so much attention, and therefore, you don't find that he has a clearly worked out system seen in this area, as he does in most other areas of thought. And you will find passages in Calvin which seem to show one impression, and passages which seem to show another. And so, at this particular point he says, this is the Roman Empire. And actually to say it is the Roman Empire is to deny that it is A.E., but it is to say, that the fourth beast is the Roman empire, and the little horn comes up on the fourth beast, well, now, does this represent some one thing out of the Roman empire, or the Roman empire as a whole. I mean, it is a sort of a generalized view, you might say, without specializing it down to what it means. So, for that reason, a view of one that comes out of the Roman Empire would come out of this, but it is just a more precise form. So that in one way you could say that it is a summary of most of the views, other than that it is A.E. The view of one who hasn't gone in detail as it is, and tried to determine what it is under this heading. Question:..... AAM: Well, now, I haven't checked on that just lately. That's very interesting, but at the moment, what I am trying to see is Young's classification, rather than to check each one individually. And this is rather important to know just what Calvin thought of this, or it would be, if it weren't for the fact, as I say, that eschatology is not the field that he worked in a great deal and14... the passages through, and worked out a consistent interpretation. You can take a lot of passages from Calvin, and you can string them together, and you can take them and say, Look at here, here is a typical Calvin view. You can take one passage in Calvin that I know of, and you can read what Calvin says on it, and it is the strongest clearest position you could ever get, if he takes it very clearly on that one specific passage. And in my opinion it is one of the great passages for proving his point. But I don't think that he felt the interest in that area to go in and work it out specifically and apply it to others. He came to this passage and said, this is what it means. But he didn't work it out consistently in application to others. He was dealing with the big matters of soteriology, and trying to make them effective in his time, and he so very busy with them, he didn't go into this area very much.