

result of this is that we have progressive revelation. God doesn't give us all ~~the~~ His truth at once, but He gives us an idea and then He gets the idea into our mind and then He enlarges the idea, and He gives it to us ~~in~~ from a different angle and then from a ~~diff~~ another angle, and He gradually builds it up to where we are in a position to ~~and~~ understand this idea and have it become a part of us, and thus we have in the Bible a combination of some of the great literature the world has ever seen, some of the greatest thoughts on all sorts of subjects, but all through it we have these basic ideas that God wants to ~~give~~ get into us ~~about~~ about the nature of life and its meaning and its purpose. Now I think to give you an illustration of this, I think to look at the book of Daniel will give us some principles in the understanding of any of the Bible, and to look particularly at this second chapter. Now, you I trust that most of you know a little about the background of the book of Daniel. The book was written, so it tells us, "In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim~~k~~ king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and ~~s~~ besieged it." And then we read that how at this time in the reign of the third king from the last king of ~~Jeda~~ Judah, ~~the~~ Nebuchadnezzar the great Babylonian emperor came ~~and~~ and he captured Jerusalem and he took some of the young men there as prisoners there, off to his capitol and trained them up to be leaders in his court. And then later on about 15 years later he went back and there was a big revolt ~~in~~ against him and he conquered Jerusalem and destroyed it. And so the book of Daniel is most of it written after Jerusalem was destroyed. And here was this people, the descendants of Abraham, whom God had called to keep alive the knowledge of God in a world that turned away from God and forgot Him, and a world that was ~~in~~ going to follow along in sin and