

(291) in retirement as the one against whom to direct their _____ cation, and when the war ended in their inscriptions and everything they did best to forget that Belshazzar ever existed. So in the account of the war in the subsequent years all that we have in the ancient history except for Daniel up to the time of Josephus whose history was written about 80 A.D. was based on the Old Testament. Up to that time we have no mention of Belshazzar/ in any history that has been preserved today/ except for the book of Daniel. Now, Prof. Dowery says in his book that in view of the facts that we find we must say that Daniel is far superior to any other ancient work of history that we have in these three regards: first, he recognizes the name Belshazzar and preserved; second, he preserves the fact that Belshazzar was the actual ruler, third, he preserved the fact that Belshazzar was actually a co-king rather than at first a dual king, because in three verses which I read to you a few minute ago Belshazzar says, I will make him the third ruler in the kingdom. And here he says says, it makes Daniel the third ruler in the kingdom. What does that mean? To make a man a third ruler in the kingdom? We did not know. We had no explanation anywhere until Prof. Dowery found these facts. Here was a hint in the Bible of a historical fact. The Bible was not written to teach us the history, to teach us geology, to teach us science. It is written to tell us about God and about ~~W~~ our sin, and how we can be reconciled to God. But when it touches upon a-fact- these facts, it touches upon them correctly, and thus we get many vital facts and here is a very interesting hint about the dual rulership in the kingdom at that time. To me one of the most striking is that not only ~~W~~ the book of Daniel is accurate, but also- there is nothing else preserved that could possibly could have given a man four hundred years later information from which to write a correct account/ of the events that took place at the time of the downfall of the Babylonian kingdom. God has protected His Word ~~of-~~ from error, and preserved in it many things other/^{wise}would have been forgotten. Now, I am going to turn over to the New Testament for just a moment.