

Daniel - 8 (session 3)

I don't think it talks about both at ~~ex/~~ once. When you try to say two different things ^{out} at two different sides of your mouth at once you soon get to where nobody knew what you are talking about. I don't think the Scripture does it. I think there are many things in the Scripture that are not clear, but will become clear ^{perhaps} to us when the time comes. I think there are ~~a~~ many places in the Scripture ~~where~~ where there are gaps or jumps from one subject to another that are not obvious to us, but unless the Script. says there shall be two, I think when it describes one it is talking about one not about two and maybe one is representation of another. It is interesting to see how one thing has illustrated another, but I think we confuse understand ^{ing} when we say ~~the~~ things that two men we are talking about are one in the story.

Now we can take a few minutes to look at ch. 9. In ch. 9 there is a great deal about Daniel's prayer and a very wonderful prayer and well worth time to study it carefully. But we will only have time to briefly look at the few verses of predictions in ch. 9. These verses begin with vs. 24 where he says (reading text) "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city." Now how did he come to give this prediction of 70 weeks? Well, we find that in the beginning of the ch. that Daniel says: "In the first yr. of Darius the son of Ahasuerus of the seed of the Medes which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans" --- and the modernists say that we have a Median kngm. and that we have a Persian kngm. and thus make the Greek kingdom the fourth instead of the third. But there is no such Median kingdom. And in this vs. it does not say "^{Darius} Daries of the seed of the Medes who became king". It says "who was made king." Cyrus made him king. He was a sub-king under Cyrus undoubtedly. "In the first yr. of his reign I Daniel understood by ~~g~~ books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet that he would accomplish 70 years in the desolations of Jerusalem." Now there is a very strange statement. If you look back to Jer. 25 you will find what Daniel undoubtedly looked ^{at} for. Daniel understood by books -- some people say this means he took two or three different OT books together to get what he meant. But I don't think that you can say that, because the Hebrew word "books" really means separate pages or separate sections. You could call Jeremiah "books" or you could call it the book of Jeremiah or you could call it the