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Tonight I've been asked to speak in connection with fulfilled prophecy and deal with the second chapter of Daniel, but I think perhaps something of a survey of ~~te~~ the book of Daniel might be more useful with special emphasis on the second chapter, and I think in so doing we can notice something of the principles of Biblical Revelation that is helpful in understanding any ~~protion~~ portion of the Word of God. Sometimes people think that the Bible is ~~He~~ like a sort of mathematical formulae, and that is not ~~α~~ the case. God could have taken ~~the~~ the vital matters of theology that are necessary for us to know and He could have put them in a few pages of writing, in technical language, and then he could have created man in such a way that language would stay absolutely fixed forever, or could have given us an inspired dictionary to tell us exactly what these words were to mean, and given us a few things to memorize, but man being made as he is, few people would even bother to read them, to say nothing of the memorizing them. ~~Ƨ~~ God is dealing in the Bible with man as he is, man who has fallen into sin, man who has turned away from God and wants to forget God, and God has given us the knowledge that He wants us to have in order to understand this world in ~~the~~ which we ~~live~~, live, but He has given it to us in a way calculated to get the thought into our minds, calculated to win us away from enticements of evil and sin, calculated to turn ~~us~~ our attention to those things he wants us to know in order that our lives may amount to something, and so the Bible, while it is a divine book and presents the ideas of the ~~Al~~mighty God is given human language, is given to man where he was in order to ~~pres-~~ present these ideas and to get them into man's mind and to turn man's attention in the direction that God wants them to go. And the