

was beginning to be a sufficient force in the Roman Empire that everyone had to reckon with it a bit , Porphyry wrote a book in which he took up the book of Daniel , and he said this book of Daniel is not an evidence of prophecy looking forward the future and seeing what's going to happen, but it was written after all the things took place . And so he says, this book was written ~~in~~ in the time ~~of~~ of Antiochus ~~the~~ Epiphanes , the king of this third empire. Well, what about the fourth ~~that~~ that is described there. Well, the fourth , Porphyry said , Actually the writer was confused. He's writing in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes which would be the third empire, in ~~act-~~ actually, but he thought it was the fourth, and he thought there had been a Median empire and then a Persian Empire when actually there wasn't. Actually, there was only one, the Median ~~Empire~~ and Persian Empire, And Porphyry advanced this ~~ath~~ theory, and that theory which ~~is~~ Porphyry advanced ~~had-~~ has been taken up in recent years by many who ~~is~~ insist that ~~the~~ the book of Daniel was not written in the time ~~for~~ Daniel but after those events took place. But in order to do so, you have to say that the Anti-Christ and Antiochus Epiphanes are the same person, and you have to make that be the fourth kingdom instead of the third and make the third and the second represent an empire that never existed at all. He says the man's idea of it is ~~like~~ like history written after the ~~is~~ event, but his ~~idea~~ idea of history is quite twisted , so you see it is theory that ~~when~~ when you get into it becomes so confused that it really doesn't stand up. Although ~~is~~ it is accepted by many, and it is taught to many today that the book of Daniel was not written in the time of Nebuchadnezzar and his oppression but was written 300 years later in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes to encourage the little band of Jews fighting against Antiochus Epiphanes for their very lives