

At a later time in ch. 8 he tells of his prayer and of God's answer to prayer

Ch. 10 begins, In the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia, a thing was revealed unto Daniel . . .

So all four of these chs. start with a new time at which Daniel either received a new message from God, or made a prayer as a result of which he received a message from God. There were several who made a division which put ch. 9 - 11 together as one unit. Well, the beginning of ch. 10 is a clear break, and just as clear break at the beginning of ch.9 and and of ch. 8. But I was sorry to see anyone make the division that way.

At ch. 10 we have how Daniel prays and the Lord says he will send him an answer and he sends him an angel who says, Now I will tell you the truth. Behold there shall stand up yet three kings of Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they . . ."

He goes right on with God's message to him through ch. 11 and at least part of ch. 12. So if you want to say that 10-12 is one unit as compared to the three previous units, that is a good division even though it makes your last one much longer.

In ch. 12 I believe there should be a break, that there are a few vv. that are separate from the rest. For that you really have to study the ch. carefully to find out where that would be. We are not to that as yet.

However, I was quite disappointed to find a few--not a great many-- who began a division with ch. 11:1. Of course you are not much worse than the archbishop is who made the ch. division there but after all he was probably riding a horseback so there he had an excuse for not seeing it very clearly.

But you notice how different it is. Ch. 10-- In the third year of Cyrus, king of Persia, a thing was revealed unto Daniel. Ch. 11-- Also I, in the first year of Darius, the Mede, even I stood to confirm and to strengthen him." That's not an introduction to a vision. That's a continuation of what's been said by the messenger before who is now introducing his message.

So if you want to make a break at 11:2, having the prayer and the coming of the messenger, and then a break between that and what the messenger said, that is alright, as I believe a very large portion of the class made a ch. division there, at 11:2. But to make one at 11:1, as I say, the archbishop had an excuse for it. I'd won't mark him down of course. But I was sorry to see any of the others of you do it. I won't mark you down for it either, but I certainly will if you put it in the ~~xxx~~ test. Because there is a very marked difference there.

Now we want to look at all of these chs. But we want to go further in our examination of ch. 7 for today so we will turn back to it now. In ch.7 we noted it was at least 45 years after Dan. 2. We don't know exactly how long because we don't know how long Belshazzar was associated with his father as co-king.