

represented by the four beasts and establishing the kingdom of the saints.

Mr. Montague, you had a question?

Question: How do you justify the three parts to the Ancient of days? I did not follow you.

Yes, the Ancient of days, the first one is the mention of the great glorious triumphant God who is in control of all things, and that certainly is the triune God, not one person of the Godhead.

Question: Is that an argument because of the plural of throne(s)?

That's pretty hard to say. Some might say because it says thrones, and there is nobody else ~~not~~ mentioned as sitting, suggests the idea of trinity but I would not want to build too much on that. But unless you do, it is pretty hard to explain why it does say thrones, because there is no mention there of anybody sitting. But certainly it is the triune God, whether you had one throne or three. It is figurative, of course. It is not a literal throne.

And the second (passage) showed the Son of man brought before him and given authority. That must be Christ who sits on the right hand of God the father. And the third one is the coming of the Ancient of days to establish the kingdom on earth. That certainly must be the second person of the trinity--Jesus Christ.

Those were the questions given to the people with odd numbers. Now with even numbers, the first was: Discuss the meaning and purpose of Dan. 7:4. In connection with Dan. 7:§ WE DISCUSSED IT HERE in class. "The first was like a lion and had eagle's wings. I beheld until its wings were ~~plucked~~ plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth.

You could say, right away, Well, here's the destruction of the Babylonian kingdom. It's wings are plucked and ~~it~~ it is lifted up from the earth. The destruction of the Babylonian kingdom. But as we pointed out, there is nothing said about the destruction of any of the other of the first three. Nothing said about any such thing.

So we don't take it as the destruction of the Babylonian kingdom unless we're sure. We look further and we find "he was lifted up from the earth and was made to stand on his feet as a man and a man's heart was given to him." That's no way to destroy something--to give it a man's heart. To give a beast a man's heart. But as I pointed out, when we look back to the 4th ch. of Daniel we find there the story of how Nebuchadnezzar was given a period of insanity and he ~~grovelled~~ grovelled on the earth like an animal and ate grass. Then God gave him his sanity back, and he stood up again and God gave a man's heart to him and he had his kingdom back again.

So this would not seem to be a picture of the destruction of the Babylonian empire, but a reference to an event that had occurred in the course of the history of the first kingdom which Daniel had seen and been connected with. Knowing that, it would ~~not~~ give him further assurance that the rest of the dream of the vision, would also be carried out.