have existed (here leave a space)...

(marking on this record is not clear so I don't know whether it follows on with the above,

or not. It starts at 3, on the record:)

...recall the principal events of the chapter. It tells of a king of Babylon named

Belshazzar who gives a great feast. During the feast he sees fingers of a man's hand

writing on the wall. He becomes very much excited and anxious to know what the ,

what is the meaning of the writing. He calls to all the , for all the wise men of Babylon,

and gives a wonderful offer: "Whosoever shall read this writing and show me the

interpretation thereof, shall be clothed in scarlet, shall have a chain of gold about

his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. " Then we read that all the wise

men were brought in but none of them could read the writing. Eventually, the Queen

heard of what was happening and came to the king and told him of a wise man who had

been prominent in kBabylon during the reign of a previous king, Nebuchadnezzar, and

suggest s that thisDaniel might be able to read the interpretation. Daniel is called in

and the same offer is made to him as had been made to the wise man: "If thou canst read

the writing and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with

scarlet and shall have a chain of gold about thy neck and shall be the third ruler in the

kingdom." (verse 16)   Daniel answer s and explains the meaning of the writing, which

is that God is going to take away the kingdom from Belshazzar and give it tothe Medes

and the Persians.

Verse 29 is a most astonishing verse, because it shows the, what an honorable

king Belshazzar must have been. Despite the very unpleasant nature of the interpretation

w hich Daniel has given, he evidently recognizes it as being a correct interpretation

and proceeds tomake , to carry out his promise. I do not imagine there are many

rulers who would have been as honorable as this. We read in verse 29, then

commanded Belshazzar and they clothed Daniel with scarlet and w put a chain of