

.....there are Persian kings mentioned, and Median kings mentioned.

Student:.....AAM: Oh, well, now the matter of Medes and Persians let's leave.

We are looking now at evidences for ~~xxxx~~ two kingdoms. Student:.....AAM:

Where was this reference now? Daniel 5:28. In Dan.5:28 there is a prediction,

Oh, I think you are thinking of Dan. 5:31. "In that night <sup>was</sup> ~~when~~ Belshazzar the king of the Chaldans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old." Well, now that looks as if the Babylonian king-

dom ends and the Median kingdom succeeded it. Yes?.....AAM: Yes, well, now that's an argument against it, but we want to get arguments for their view 1st.

A person taking up the book of Daniel glancing at it can see this. The Babylonian kingdom came to an end, and Darius the Median took the kingdom. Now, does that mean the Median empire succeeded, or that a man of Median blood took it?

That's a matter for consideration. But at any rate, there is a statement here which taken by itself would suggest the reasons to say it might not prove, but it would suggest the Median empire. That's an argument in its favor. Yes?

.....AAM: Yes, but at least it speaks of a Median coming after the Babylonians.

It does that. Student:.....AAM: Yes, but that wouldn't be particularly evidence of a Median kingdom coming now, but that is an interesting question. Student:....

AAM: Yes, so that would allow the possibility of a Median empire which was nothing like as great as the Babylonian, because it only was half a kingdom, but which existed for a while before the Persians took it all over. That would be a possibility there. Now, what other evidence would look in the direction

of their....4...., this mention of Darius the Mede, here in 5:31. What other

now? Student:.....AAM: 6:28 says Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian. That suggests you have a Median reign and a Persian reign, so there is then the possibility suggested by Daniel of two empires, one of which didn't last very long, with only one king at any rate.

But it would suggest the possibility of that. Now, what other evidence? 9:1.

In 9:1, we have the statement "In the 1st year of Darius, the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans."