

the Persian empire they would use that terminology in the Median empire. I mean that would be something that would be a pretty strange twist of his imagination. I mean, ~~it~~ it could be conceivable to a man that there had been two distinct empires which had merged, and a man at a later time never knew they had been distinct, though of them as always merged, and consequently referred to something in the ~~the~~ early period of them as the laws of both, but for him to believe they had been two distinct empires, and then to go back to the early period of it in his imagination and imagine that they then spoke of it as the law of the two, that just doesn't seem reasonable that a man would think of it ~~that way~~ that way, but that would be what he would imagine, when he's so definite that there were two empires, I mean, as they think of it. Yes?.....8.....AAM: They could possibly do that, but when they describe ~~the~~ as the first empire Nebu. and Belshazzar together as one empire, and when as the last empire they have Alexander the great and all his successors for three hundred, then if you have something in which one section faded out, and the other turned over, why to make that as two distinct empires is so unnatural, so inconceivable, it hardly seems a man would do that. He must have thought of them, if he thought of them, as the two empires worthy of each being an ^{animal} ...8 $\frac{1}{2}$..., each a big part of the state, as being a good deal more distinct than that. It seems to me that we have a pretty strong positive evidence that the author of the book of Daniel had in mind a Medo-Persian empire, rather than a great Median empire, followed by a great Persian empire. We certainly have no suggestion in it anywhere of a great conquest of a Median empire, but by a Persian. We have in the account of the overthrow of the Babylonians by the Medes. We have in it the account of the he-goat coming across the land and destroying the Persian empire, attacking it, and we have that also in chapter 11, how Greece was raised up against the Persians and destroyed them, but we have no suggestion of a great event referred to or described when the third empire destroyed the second, ~~nothing like that~~ nothing like that, but we have much to suggest that the two belong together as just two phases of one empire. Yes?..

....AAM: Yes, 6:28, "Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and the Persians, " Oh, 6:28, "SO this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and the