

the Persian conquered Bab lon. It was the Persian empire which conquered Baby-  
 lon. Now, this Persian empire had previously been a Median empire, wher~~e~~<sup>i</sup>n a  
 few years before it conqered Babylon it had become a Medo-Persian empire, because  
 the Persians had required supremacy in it, and its king was now a Persian, so  
 much so we could even call it a Persian empire, but that happened before it con-  
 quered Babylon, and according to the evidence we have from history, Cyrus the  
 Persian, after the conquest of Babylon, was ~~now~~<sup>now</sup> ruler over all the territory  
 the Medes and ~~Per~~ Persians had before, plus now the territory that the Babylon-  
 ians had. So that there is not reference in the history known to us to Darius  
 the Mede. Well, how, then could this be written in the time of Daniel if there  
 is no such man as Darius the Mede? Does not that prove that it is a mistake of  
 a later time? And that Darius the Mede is a man who never ~~ex~~isted? Well, I  
 don't think it does, because there are many many things of history on which our  
 evidence is quite incomplete. There has been a list of Nebuchadnezzar's offic-  
 ials discovered, about 20 years ago, but previous to the discovery of that list,  
 we knew nothing about Nebu's officials at all, and now we don't know much about  
 them. He reigned many years, and this is only one list. I remember hearing  
 Dr. Robert Dick Wilson say, people said, If there had ever been a great leader  
 in the Babylonian empire like Daniel in the re~~ig~~<sup>ig</sup>n of Nebu, we;d have some refer-  
 ence to him, ~~and~~ in Nebu's inscription. Dr. R.D. Wilson's answer was, We have  
 dozens of descriptions of Nebu, and he doesn't mention the names of any of his  
 generals, the names of any of his governors, he doesn't mention the names of his  
 wife. He mentions nothing but himself. He says, "I marched across great moun-  
 tains...I conquered mighty empires...I destroyed powerful cities...I killed  
 thousnds of people." He just summar~~ized~~ it and shows all the things that "I  
 Nebu., ~~that~~ the great king, the mighty conquerer did." The Assyrians tell ~~us~~<sup>us</sup>  
 in detail, this year I did this, etc., Nebu. doesn't do that. He summar~~izes~~  
 everything together, and tells us what a wonderful conquerer and what a mighty  
 general he was, just summarizing it all together, and then after he has done  
 that he says, After I made all these great conquests, I decided to beautify  
 Babylon, and I built a beautiful palace. In this palace the front of it was so