

have looked about for men to put in positions of authority and responsibility, and he'd find this Daniel who had been given responsibility just a few hours before Belshazzar was killed, but who had previously not been much associated with the old machine, and there wouldn't be any reason to think Daniel would be particularly apt to be disloyal to them, and he was a man who knew the kingdom well, was familiar with its ways, had been there a long time. He decided he was a good man to put in this position. Student.....3.....AAM: Well, I like to keep away from speculation. I met a German back in 1931 in Germany, an archaeologist, back in the time when Hitler was just beginning to come into power, and they were trying to work up a feeling against the Jews, and this man was very convinced of the antisemitic viewpoint. Well, he says, look what they did to Babylon. Look how they were traitors against Belshazzar, and that's how those Persians were able to get in, and out of this he manufactured a whole treason against Belshazzar, with Daniel as leader. Just pure imagination. And it is altogether possible that what you say may be true, but there is just no proof of it. It is interesting to imagine these things, but unless you have facts, I think we better stay clear of it. Student..... AAM: Well, I don't know. You take when the Russians conquered Berlin, there'd been discussion until quite recently what happened to Hitler and his mistress. Who knows how many other people that ordinarily would have been a thing of tremendous importance what happened, but in the event, and all that upheaval.....4..... And here with the conquest and everything, it would put things pretty well out of their minds. Well,Student.....AAM: We just don't know. We know comparatively little about it, and the fact that he was 62 years old when he elevated would make it likely that he was an important man in the old empire. But we have very little evidence on it. As a matter of fact, the Persians conquered Babylon in 539, and in 331 Alexander the Great conquered them, 200 years later, and in the Jewish legends in the Talmud, and in the various Jewish stories, even take one of the Apocryphal books, the book of Tobit, you have Jews represented as having been taken into captivity by the Babylonians, and living to see the downfall of the Persian empire, which of course, is impossible, and you have an account of