

New class period.....

.....to assure people that ⁷ Josiah was going to be the name of a king sometime, very interesting, satisfy curiosity. But don't you think the purpose of the man in I Ki. 13 is assure people that this thing is wrong? You don't have to submit to it, God is going to put an end to it? It is to encourage God's people. It is to show the evil, and lead people to turn away from it, and to encourage God's people to stand true in the face of this evil. And to know that this is going to happen, and when it does happen, there is the additional thing of confirming the fact that God has spoken, but that affects so comparatively few people. Before that time it couldn't prove God had spoken because they didn't know about Josiah. And when they knew ~~it~~ there was a man Josiah, they didn't know he'd be able to do this, until they saw it happen. It is only those who saw it happen, who lived in the short time then, that it has much evidential value to authenticate. It doesn't authenticate to us, because we are not there, we can't see him do it, we only take people's word that he did it. But it does encourage us, and strengthen us to know that even though 300 years this false worship went on, God put an end to it, and He said He would, and it encourages us to know that that ^{is} contrary to His will now,9....., and you can have one chapter anywhere that has that purpose, but here in Daniel you have got six chapters in a row, and in some of them the purpose is sort of in the background, and others in the middle, and others in the forefront, but it is present in every one of them, and it is more vital in some than in others, but it is always there. And if you take, the not just ~~xxxxx~~ they telling you something, ~~it~~ but ~~xxxx~~ having an effect on you. That's the effect it will have on every one, the effect of strengthening you, increasing your confidence in God, knowing that God is going to establish His will, and put an end to wickedness, and showing the folly, therefore, of thinking that the temporary thing is9½... It seems to me that ~~is~~ is neither far-fetched, or unfetched (?) to say that this is what is in mind in these six chapters in Daniel. Now, of course, if you want to know just how long will the age last, when will it come to an end, what is the precise turn of events? Well, you have got Daniel 2 telling us something about that,