

second Belshazzar? People have done it? Tho it has pretty well been given up. It is not satisfactory to say that Nebu. and Belshazzar are two different kingdoms. They are quite definitely one kingdom. But in this case, this doesn't come ~~from~~ till the first year of Belshazzar, so that is an approach which pretty well ~~can~~ couldn't even be started in this case. In this case the first beast must either be the kingdom in which Belshazzar is a king, or a later king, it can hardly be an earlier king. Yes?.....AAM: They are ~~of~~ four kingdoms which shall arise out of the earth, or which do arise.....3....., and it would not be impossible to say he is here showing the great world empires, and the first was the Assyrian, and the second was the Babylonian, the third was the Medo-Persian, and the fourth was the Roman. I think that that would not be impossible, but I think somewhat unnatural in the time of Belshazzar to .... $3\frac{1}{4}$ .... with the second one, the one that has been in existence, without explaining. I think it would be somewhat unnatural. I don't think that proves that it couldn't be. But I think that the natural interpretation would be that it starts where he is, rather than that. It starts earlier than where he is .... $3\frac{1}{2}$ ... unless you find something special to suggest it. I think it would be natural to feel you must have such a thing. Now, you might not. It is not an impossible way. You do, in a way, have to get the parallels.... $3\frac{1}{2}$ ..., and yet I think that it at first could make a mighty good argument/. If that were the case, you would reasonably expect some, expect some reference to it, that these kingdoms, that one is the one where you are, ~~it~~ and leave it so hanging in the air, it would hardly be natural, so I should think that you could say that it would most reasonably be that they start from that time, rather than from an earlier time. Now, perhaps it would be less unreasonable to say that it would be later, that Belshazzar isn't .... $4\frac{1}{2}$ ...., but he is ~~not~~ looking for what is going to come yet, and the first one is still ahead, and the first one would be Medo-Persia. Well, ~~it~~ of course, if that was the case, the second would be Greece, not the fourth. So that while I think that ch.2 is necessary to clinch it, I would feel that it looked that way. Yes?.....AAM: That would not be a proof, but it would be a further supporting point.. Question:.....AAM: That is why I said that is