

else the word is used, and it would take quite a few instances, which in the light of context would clearly be meant to refer to the same specific period to be an indication that8..... AAM: Yes, you could use it that way, and some from an opposite viewpoint than his could use it to say, This has got to refer to anti-christ. It can't refer to A.E. They would come to the same thing, putting the little horn in both together. But I don't think it is justified. Well, then this is a very important question as to ~~whether~~ whether these little horns are the same. I think we have pretty good evidence that the little horns are different, and for people 300 ~~xxxx~~ or ~~4~~ 400 years after Daniel's time it was a mighty important matter, that God had predicted this A.E., this terrible scourge, this terrible threat, this great danger to the very existence of their religion, God had predicted it, and said it would be destroyed, a wonderful assurance and encouragement to have trust in God and to go forward. Wonderful what it could mean for them then. But now that is over, it is past. It is back history, and for us it is very interesting, and it is a wonderful assurance to us of God's control. It is a wonderful authentication of the fact that the Bible is true, that He would predict A.E. so specifically, telling even out of what kingdoms he would come, and telling so many details about ~~him~~ him, and be fulfilled exactly right, it is a wonderful authentication of the truth of Scripture, but for the really vital meanings to us, it is a historical thing to us like the fiery furnace. It is interesting to encourage us that God predicted A.E., and broke him without hands as He said He would, but the things that are vital prophetically for us, this is not included among. But in ch. 7 we have good reason to think, is something that is still future for us, and consequently that that little horn, tho he has certain similarities to A.E., also has certain great differences, and we are justified in saying, we have now had a glimpse of the future, showing two little horns, not just one, and one of those has been fulfilled, and the other one is yet to be fulfilled. And that is the view that most conservative interpreters take of these two chapters. I think practically all conservative interpreters say that ch.8 is A.E., and I doubt if any really conservative interpreters very few of them, would say that ch.7 is A.E. So we are specially interested to