

know what ch.7 may be referring to, and I think one further point that ~~is~~ strengthens us, it is not perhaps one of the main arguments, but it strengthens us in our feeling that they are different, is that when we find in ch.8 the little horn coming out of an animal which in ch.7 seems to us to be the third, rather than the fourth animal, we find in ch.8 no statement that ~~when~~ this little horn is broken, God sets up a great kingdom that cannot be destroyed. No such statement. There is ~~not~~ statement to lead you to think that ~~when~~ when the little horn of ch.8 is ended God's kingdom begins. Nothing like that. But in ch.7, there is a definite tie-up of the end of the little horn there, to the beginning of the ~~king~~ kingdom of the saints, and so that would seem to mean that ch.7 gives us a survey of history, while ch.8 gives us a section out of it. Ch. 7 gives us a survey, and it ends up with something that has not yet occurred, ~~which~~ while there is nothing in ch.8 but what has already occurred. Yes?.....

AAM: Yes, well, I think we can say that for the time of Daniel that the book was of great value to strengthen their faith that these great world conquerers were not going to remain forever. I think it was of great value for their time, but it was of much greater value for the time of A.E. when they had such persecution as they had never had, and such an attempt not merely to subjugate them, but to force them to give up their believe in God, and to do away with their religion, to make them eat swine's flesh, and they remembered how Daniel refused a far lesser thing, to eat the king's meat, and the king's meat was in a different category. You could make an excuse for that, but the swine's flesh was specifically, definitely given to these people, not because that is just the practice of the court, you are in the court, and you should eat what the king gives you to eat, asking no question/s for conscience' sake, but because this is specifically given you in order to show that you are turning away from your religion of your fathers, and eating the swin'es flesh which is forbidden in the Scripture to eat. It was a definite break with God's commands, and given them as such, and there was no question what it was. And when A.E. tried to force them to do what, they said, Look at Daniel, Daniel was true to God in a lesser temptation, and God wonderfully blessed him. Can we not expect that His blessing will be with us when we face a worse thing. And the whole book, the whole first