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the actual worship of the god was carried on by the priests who went in through narrow passages back into this shrine where the statue was and the people would be out in the open court yard and the priests carrying their sacrifice into the god but Nebuchadnezzar removed all these little store-rooms in front and made an open space right straight out from where the statue of the god was right out to the outer court so that the people out there could look right in to the statue of the god. Now that would be

than worship. Instead of worship being carried on by a few priests going in and carrying the prayers and the gifts of the people into the little inner shrine, it was opened up so that all the people could see the statue and all the people would naturally be expected then to fall down before it, and so that would seem to indicate the introduction of an extended shrine worship by Nebuchadnezzar over what had existed before, what existed before being a matter of the priest on behalf of the people and this making all the people, or at least all the officials, take part in it, and so while that is not absolutely certain that is the correct interpretation, it seems very reasonable, and it fits right in with this incident in the book of Daniel here where we have the officials put in this position where they had to either do what the king ordered them to or to be false to the claims, to that which God claimed of them. So that is a very interesting small corroboration. Of course, the most interesting large corroboration in this time is the corroboration of Belshazzar. Belshazzar was the son of Nabonidas; he was not an independent king of Babylon, and so when inscriptions were first discovered there was no evidence of the existence of Belshazzar--only Nabonidas. The Bible tells us that Belshazzar was the last king of Babylon and that he was killed. The inscriptions discovered tell us that Nabonidas was the last king of Babylon and that the king of Persia allowed him to live on and gave him a pension, and there is quite a conflict between the name and what was said to be done to him and consequently it used to be said this was sure proof that