

... spoken about the evidences in the Old Testament of its accuracy and dependability. Yesterday morning on the broadcast I gave a very interesting illustration from Daniel. How many of you are here who heard the broadcast yesterday morning? I think there are only three or four. I think ~~-give-hay-~~ I am going to ~~get-that-again-~~ give that one again, because I feel it is such an outstanding illustration and in fact it is worth hearing ~~twice~~. It is Daniel 5th chapter. There in the 5th chapter of Daniel ~~we have--~~ have an account which deals with people not known otherwise until comparatively recently. I might say that the book of Daniel has been more questioned and attacked by the critics than ~~an-~~ almost any book of the Old Testament. They ~~are~~ quite unanimous in holding that it was 400 years after the time of Nebuchadnezzar who is one of the principal characters in the book. The reason for this is easy to see. It does not purport to tell about events off in the distant corner of the world somewhere, but at the court of the greatest monarch of the day. And to say that these tremendous supernatural events occurred there and to have/written ^{been} by a man who was actually living at that time would hardly be admitted by one, unless one believes in the existence of a miracle working God who could do perform such miracles as this if He chose. And therefore the critics are quite unanimous in insisting that Daniel was written 400 years later, even some who are rather conservative on many other points have been ~~pressured--~~ carried by this pressure ~~-yo-~~ to the point where they say that the book of Daniel must have been written when the Maccabees were ~~w~~ fighting for their lives against the Assyrian oppression, and at that time this book was written in order to encourage the people to carry on the fight valiantly against the Assyrian oppression ^{ors} by ^{who} someone/imagines great events 400 years before in which God intervenes ~~o o~~ in behalf of His people. Now the 5th chapter of Daniel has an account in it ~~in~~ which is well-known to most who has ~~the-tendency~~ attended Sunday schools, because it is a very striking story which is often told. It begins with the words,