

break between them, it is quite natural to think this is still continuing right after that. Then it is very striking that right at 600 A.D., right at that period which so exactly fits this-- except for the one phrase that I really don't know what it means -- "they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men"-- I really don't know what that means. Certainly it does not mean intermarriage because we had that in all periods.

But right at that time there arose a movement which seemed to its followers to be a supernatural movement, thus corresponding to the stone cut without hands. It came suddenly, quickly. People never dreamed that the Eastern Roman Empire and the new Persian Empire were fighting back and forth, each of them trying to overcome the other, never dreaming that a little group of bedouins in the desert would ever be a problem to them. Then all of the sudden out of the desert came this great horde of Arabs following Mohammed and declaring that everyone on earth must accept their teachings or be killed. The one exception was those who believed in one God. They were not killed. They were given extra taxation; they were treated as second class citizens but were allowed to live.

But all pagans, all heathens, all except Jews and Christians the Mohammedans killed, in their conquests unless they would accept the Koran(?) and it spread eastward over a great part of Asia, and it spread westward and took over the whole of the Near East. It took over Palestine and Syria and it went all the way across N. Africa. One of the most fertile and important parts of the Roman empire. It took over all of Spain. It looked as if all the world was to fall to the Mohammedans. It seemed to exactly to fit this prediction and came right at that time.

Those living in 750 A.D. would have found it very difficult to answer an assertion if such an assertion had been made, that here was a fulfillment of Daniel's prediction. It fit so exactly.

But of course today we don't have to argue about that, because though it spread over most of the parts of the world that had been covered by those three kingdoms, it was stopped, and while it held the Bible lands for more than 1000 years right up until 1917, yet during the last two centuries it has made comparatively little progress and I don't think anybody today-- at least no non-Mohammedan would think that it was the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy.

### 3. View of the early Christians.

Here, at the moment, I'm not so much trying to find an answer to their attitude toward Daniel 2, as to look a bit at what they expected in general. We find a first evidence of what they expected in Acts 1:6-8, "When they therefore were come together they asked of him saying, Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Here were these disciples who had been with Jesus for anywhere from 2 to 3 years, and had been constantly been hearing his teaching. He had been raised from the dead and they now say, Are you now going to restore the kingdom to Israel? Well now, if his intention had been to establish a kingdom solely in the hearts of