

interpretation of this 8th chapter. Question:.....AAM: About 400 years. Yes. And it is true that you do not normally, you don't frequently find so much detail of history given, that is true. But we have several instances in Daniel where that is done. And if Daniel is God's Word, we believe that God actually gave this much of detail about the future. There are other chapters that have it. Yes? AAM: The conquest of Jerusalem was <sup>580</sup>~~5180~~ B.C., and oh, the conquest of Babylon was 539, so 539 would be the time of Daniel 5, and the earlier chapters would stretch about 40 years back of that. And the later maybe ten years after. So that it would be the period ~~about~~ between 600 and 500/ B.C., according to the great bulk of orthodox people through the ages. While according to the critics, and this is a view presented by Porphyry, the 2nd of the leaders of the neo-platonists about ~~25~~ 250 A.D., he said the book of Daniel was written at the time of Maccabees, written then, and all its description of history before it is so specific in detail it couldn't possibly have been written before that time. He was a strong anti-Christian, and that was the view he presented. And of course some of the modernists will insist that they do not deny the ~~px~~ possibility of predictive prophecy. But the view which they hold of Daniel does deny it. The new edition of the Westminster Dictionary ~~B~~ of the Bible, the old David Bible Dictionary, the edition by Dr. Gehman of Princeton Seminary, takes rather a specific ~~position~~ that Daniel was written in the time of the Maccabees. Well, now, then reacting against that view. We conservatives don't want to say, no, it has nothing to do with A.E., because I think it is very clear it does. It has wonderful predictions of A.E. in more than one chapter of the book. He is there. But the question is, Is he exclusive <sup>ly</sup> there? Do we have other sections which look forward to antichrist? That we want to study and try to work out. Now it is a little hard giving assignments in a class like this, because we meet 2 hours at a stretch and then you have a whole weeks study to do at once. I would like you to look at chapter 7 and see parallels of 7 and 8 and what are the differences. Are they identical or are they not? Look at 2, also, 2,7,8, and consult commentaries. *end of class*