

like the Sybilline books, books like that which claim to predict the future, and he said, you go through them, and you find that for a certain length of time they exactly fit with the history, and as you read you learn more little details about the history that we don't have revealed in other books, and then he said, we get up to the writer's own day, and from them on they imagine things, and they just go haywire, and you can tell the point at which the writer's knowledge stops, and guesses come on, and in that form where he is writing from his own knowledge he gives facts that are very useful for history. Well, then, when he predicts what's going to happen in the future, that's just his guess, and it is usually wrong. Well, your liberals say this man guessed what was going to happen to A.E. They were faced with this great terrific danger from A.E., God's going to intervene and put an end to A.E. and establish a kingdom of righteousness throughout the world. The only trouble is ~~it~~ it didn't happen.

Your conservative, though, when he comes to this, he is faced with a problem too. It fits A.E. up to a certain point, verse after verse. Then you come to verses you don't quite know what to do with. What are you going to do with them? Well, that's what we are interested in, what will we do? That is one of our big problems in this course, not the one that is next in our study, but one I want you to be aware of. Now, the other feature that I asked you to study for the other lesson, the other was for you to study the matter of the Persians and the Medes, and the reason for that as we explained last time was because we are faced with one great problem in the book, what is the fourth kingdom here described. From the liberal viewpoint it is very simple to know what the fourth kingdom is. The liberal looks at the first six chapters in the book, and he says, these are to encourage the people in A.E.'s time to stand true to God, and we say, Amen. That is what they are for. But we say they are not just written for A.E.'s time. They are written also for all periods of persecution and difficulty. The liberal says, ch.8 is dealing with A.E., and many of you were very skeptical of that. I don't as the one who was most skeptical of that, hasn't been in class for several weeks. Maybe he decided this was not a very sound class and quit it, I don't know. But there were others who were rather skeptical too, but I think you have seen that the most conservative commentaries, the most dispensational