

of Daniel as having actually been made by Daniel. To one who believes in a God who can predict the future there is no such problem.

One of the strongest arguments formerly made against the authenticity of the book of Daniel was that it referred to "Belshazzar" as the last king of Babylon and said that he was killed when the city was taken. The available historical records seemed to contradict this, since they named Nabonidus as the last king of Babylon and said that he was not killed but merely exiled. During the past 150 years many cuneiform records have been unearthed in Babylon and other parts of the Near East. Early in the present century Professor Raymond Dougherty of Yale University very carefully examined the relevant cuneiform tablets and found evidence, now accepted by all scholars, that Belshazzar was indeed the name of the last king of Babylon, having been associated with his father on the throne as co-king, that Belshazzar was actually in charge of the government and commander of the army while his father was living in retirement, and that Belshazzar was killed when the city was conquered.

All the specific arguments against the early date of Daniel, such as the details of its style and of its references to historical facts, have been satisfactorily answered by Christian researchers. However, a Christian does not base his faith in the truth of a Biblical book on his ability to answer critical attacks, but on the fact that our Lord Jesus Christ recognized these books as God's Word and true in everything they affirm.

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Another book that has been represented as a fraud is Paul's letter