

“The Book Of Daniel”
God & His Eternal Kingdom (2:1-49)

Introduction

1. In chapter two of Daniel we find one of the major dreams or visions in the book. It has some special lessons about God presented in the dream...
- I. **God Works In Unusual Ways (2:1-16)**
 - a. God has worked in many ways in the Old Testament (Heb 1:1). In this story God reveals His truth through dream of Nebuchadnezzar.
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar challenges his magicians, sorcerers etc. to tell him both the dream and its interpretation, and they are unable.
 - c. Of course the king was not pleased and decreed all the wise men must die (2:13) which included Daniel and his friends.
 - d. Daniel was shocked and asked for more time so he could pray and get help.
- II. **God Answers Prayer (2:17-28)**
 - a. Daniel prays along with his friends that God would intervene and help. God answered their prayers revealing the mystery to Daniel in a night vision (2:19).
 - b. Daniel praises God and then goes to Arioch so he could speak to the king.
 - c. Daniel meets with the king and tells him that God can reveal what no man can....
- III. **God Is All Wise (2:29-35)**
 - a. God knows everything! God can do what no person (or god) could do. God through Daniel reveals the dream. What was the meaning of the dream?
- IV. **God Controls The Future (2:29-35)**
 - a. The Head of Gold – The Babylonian Empire
 - b. The Silver Breast And Arms – The Medo-Persian Empire
 - c. The Bronze Belly And Thighs – The Greek Empire
 - d. The Legs of Iron And The Feet of Clay And Iron – The Roman Empire
- V. **God Has His Own Kingdom (2:44)**
 - a. God’s kingdom is the stone made without hands. It is greater than all the earthly kingdoms that have been or ever will be! It destroys the others to dust and they are no more but this kingdom is forever.
 - b. The kingdom is the church established “in the days of these kings” in around 30 AD at Pentecost.
 - i. During Jesus’s ministry it was at hand – Mt 3:1-2; Mark 1:14-15; Lk 23:50-51
 - ii. After Jesus’s resurrection it began – Eph 1:20-21; 1 Pet 3:22; Rev 1:5; 2:26-27; Mt 28:18
 - iii. This supports what is said in Daniel 7:13-14

Everything around us is fleeting and passing. The only permanent things are our souls and God’s eternal kingdom. God’s kingdom is greater than all the other kingdoms of the world. Let us make sure we are citizens of it. We can learn from the bible how to get into it and stay in it. Let us obey the gospel so that God will put us in His kingdom and let us continue living for the king!