

SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: An Everlasting Kingdom

PASSAGE: Daniel 2:31-49

DATE: January 23, 2022

- I. The Content of the Dream: vs. 31-35
- II. The Meaning of the Dream: vs. 36-45

Symbol	Kingdom	Dates	Verse(s)
Head of gold	King Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon Empire)	605-539 B.C.	vs. 38
Arms and chest of silver	Medo-Persian Empire	539-331 B.C.	vs. 39a
Stomach and thighs of bronze	Greek Empire	331-63 B.C.	vs. 39b
Legs of iron	Roman Empire	63-476 A.D.	vs. 40
Feet of iron and clay	Further allusion to the Roman Empire or a reference to a future Empire when Christ returns		vs. 41-43

Five Truths About God's Kingdom

1. The kingdom of God has divine origin: vs. 34
2. The kingdom of God is eternal: vs. 44
 - "How great are His signs and how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. His dominion is from generation to generation." – Daniel 4:3
3. The kingdom of God will be victorious: vs. 44
4. The kingdom of God will certainly come: vs. 45
 - "If God does not control our lives – from the actions of kings and others in position of power to the most minute circumstances – then everything in life is uncertain. We are victims of circumstances, and whatever happens will happen. But if God is sovereign, as the Bible declares Him to be, and if He is our God – if the promises He makes and the actions He takes are certain of fulfillment – then we can be confident of the future and know that we will be able to live our lives in a way that will please God." James Boice
5. The kingdom is ruled by King Jesus

- But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” – Luke 20:17-18
- “As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” – 1 Peter 2:4-7
- “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed...And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.” Daniel 7:13-14,27

III. Daniel’s Promotion: vs. 46-49

Benediction:

“The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.” – Psalm 145:8-13