

The 5th Kingdom

(Daniel 2:31-45)

As Daniel 2 opens up, we find the king of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar) receiving a dream from God that troubled him. The entire book of Daniel is about key events that take place in the life of God's servant, Daniel while in Babylonian captivity.

- When the book opens up, Daniel has been into Babylonian captivity (Daniel 1:1-4).
- Daniel refused to deny his faith (Daniel 1:5-8).
- God blessed Daniel with the ability to interpret dreams and visions (Daniel 1:17).
- Nebuchadnezzar received a dream from God that he wanted to know the meaning of (Daniel 2:1-3). Only Daniel could give its meaning (Daniel 2:24).

I. The interpretation of the king's dream:

- A. Nebuchadnezzar dreamed about a great image or statue (Daniel 2:31-35). It had a head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of bronze, and legs and feet of iron.
 1. The head of gold represented Nebuchadnezzar (Babylon) (Daniel 2:36-38).
 2. The chest and arms of silver represented Medo-Persia (Daniel 2:39).
 3. The belly and thighs of bronze represented Greece (Daniel 2:39).
 4. The legs and feet of iron represented Rome (Daniel 2:40).
 5. The iron is mixed with clay because the 4th kingdom would have division within it (Daniel 2:41-43).
- B. The 5th kingdom mentioned is the Lord's kingdom (Daniel 2:44-45).

II. Facts about the 5th kingdom:

- A. It would be established during the time of the 4th kingdom.
 1. Jesus was born during the time of the Roman Empire (Luke 2:1-7).
 2. Through His redemptive work, His kingdom was established (Acts 2:37-38, 41, 47; Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9).
- B. It would last forever !
- C. It would be like a stone cut out without human hands.
 1. The invisible hand of God built the 5th kingdom.
 2. This kingdom breaks others in piece because it endures and outlasts them.
- D. It would be like a great mountain that filled the earth (Daniel 2:35b).
 1. Anyone can become a citizen in the Lord's kingdom (Isaiah 2:2-3; Revelation 5:9-10; Matthew 13:31-32).
 2. Today the kingdom of God continues to grow and fills the whole world!

III. 3 lessons about God to take home:

- A. God has the power to predict the future (Daniel 1:17; 2:28).
- B. God has the power to reign. Kingdoms rise and fall at His desire.
- C. God has the power to save. Only the saved are citizens in His kingdom.

Conclusion: Are you a citizen in the 5th kingdom ?