

## **A Kingdom that Cannot be Destroyed**

### *The Kingdom of Christ Prophesied*

Daniel 2:36-49

We see in Daniel 1:17 that God gave Daniel understanding in “visions and dreams of every kind.” In chapter 2, King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream and calls on his people to interpret the dreams. No one could, which angered King Neb. He wanted to have the wise men killed, but Daniel came forward and let them know that he could indeed interpret the King’s dream. In all of the kingdoms that are referred to in the dream, we see the one that will last forever. The writer of Hebrews expresses this same insight. Hebrews 12:28-29 “Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.” Why is this important? In a day in which everything seems terrible, the eternal kingdom of God through Christ remains forever. We must be reminded that this is not our home, His Kingdom is, if we’ve trusted in Christ as our Savior! These past few weeks we’ve grieved over death, and tragedy, especially concerning the flooding of the Christian camp in Texas. The only happy images I can think of are of children meeting Jesus. In our darkest days, we need an unshakable, undestroyable kingdom! Jesus fulfills more than 300 prophecies confirming this unshakable Kingdom according to the prophets that were prophesying during a similar timeframe as Daniel, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Obadiah, Habakkuk, and Ezekiel.

### **I. The Mystery of God’s Kingdom is Revealed (Daniel 2:36-44)**

- a. The formation of the kingdoms (vv. 39-45) Head of gold- Babylon, Chest and arms of silver- Persia, Stomach and thighs of bronze- Greece, Legs of iron with feet of iron and clay- Rome, The stone that smashes and becomes a great mountain- Christ.
- b. The fortress of God’s Kingdom (v.44) That fortress Kingdom that will never be destroyed is through Christ!

### **II. The Manufacturing of God’s Kingdom is Reinforced (Daniel 2:45) How is it reinforced?**

Jesus is the structure of God’s forever Kingdom. Jesus is the foundational stone, rock and the cornerstone, the one who holds life together.

- a. Jesus is the foundation- Just a few verses

Matthew 16:18 “And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” I believe the rock is the message of Christ.

Matthew 7:24-27 ““Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Isaiah 28:16 “therefore thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’

b. Jesus is the cornerstone- Just a few verses

What does the cornerstone in a structural formation do? It is the base that holds everything stable. Life, as uncertain and unstable as it is must have a stable anchor! Jesus is that cornerstone.

Psalms 118:22 “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”

Matthew 21:42 “Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ““The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

Mark 12:10-11 “Have you not read this Scripture: ““The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

### **III. The Mighty Power of God’s Kingdom is Recognized (Daniel 2:46-49)**

#### **Theological Application:**

- 1. God’s promises will be fulfilled. (Daniel 2:44)**
- 2. God’s placement of His Son to reign forever is certain. (Daniel 2:45)**
- 3. God’s power will be seen. (Daniel 2:47)**