

## 02 ET - “END TIMES – Your Kingdom Come”

Jesus taught His disciples to pray what we call the Lord’s Prayer:

*[Mat 6:9-10] “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...”*

In these very words, we declare our desire for God’s Kingdom to be set up on the earth and for God’s will to be done among men.

Remarkably in the PROPHECIES given to Daniel, we are told a time is coming in history when God’s Kingdom will come, as a LITERAL KINGDOM over which the Lord Jesus will reign.

Of the coming King and His Kingdom we read:  
*[Dan 7:14] “... 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 the one which shall not be destroyed.”*

## **Other Scriptures identify this same King and His Kingdom:**

*[Isa 9:6-7] For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

*[Jer 23:5-6] "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

The climax of His sovereign rule is described in Revelation [Rev 11:15] *"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"*

**Praise God! May His Kingdom Come!**

Between now and then, there is yet much to be fulfilled as God's Word tells us there is yet **one more WORLD KINGDOM to come** before the Kingdom that will never end.

This morning, come with me for a brief study from the **book of Daniel which reveals mysteriously, yet incredibly accurately,** a procession of great WORLD KINGDOMS before any of them ever they came to be.

Let me say from the outset that the **exact application of some parts of the revelation is difficult to make.** From my perspective, of greatest importance as we endeavour to unravel them, is that we pick up on TWO KEY things:

- 1. THE ACCURACY OF GOD'S WORD (and therefore its trustworthiness)**
- 2. THE CLEAR TEACHING THAT THERE IS A KINGDOM COMING WHERE CHRIST WILL RULE ON THE EARTH!**

Now, Daniel was taken from Jerusalem into exile to Babylon under the rule of King Nebuchadnezzar in 605 BC.

Within a short period of time, along with other young Jewish men, he was selected for special training for service in the court of the king and following a successful interview with the King, he and his friends entered a career path as WISE MEN of the Kingdom.

You can read about that process in Chapter 1.

★ In the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S reign, 604 BC, the King had a DREAM which deeply troubled him.

We don't know if he could not remember the details or he just wanted to be sure that the dream was being interpreted correctly, but:

- ... he called all his magicians, astrologers, sorcerers and commanded them 1<sup>st</sup> of all to give him the details of the dream and then its interpretation! And if they didn't, they would be executed.

- Of course they failed, so the King ordered the execution of all the wise men and in the course of carrying out the command, they came to DANIEL and his friends.

★ DANIEL was probably only about 17 or so.

- ... and when they came to kill him, he asked the king for time and HE PRAYED FOR GOD to reveal the secret

- ... and God gave him the details of the dream and its interpretation

★ And DANIEL said to the King,  
*[Dan 2:28] "... there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days..."*

And then he told him this:

**READ: Dan 2:31-35**

**PP: DANIEL 2 – IMAGE , STONE**

And then he continued with its interpretation:

**READ: Dan 2:37-44**

We are talking **WORLD KINGDOMS** here –  
**5 which are man made** – symbolised by a huge  
statue of a **METALLIC** man, interestingly with  
**CLAY** in its feet. And then there is a **KINGDOM**  
established by God, symbolised by the **STONE**  
“cut without hands which struck the image on  
its feet of iron and clay and broke them to  
pieces”

Now, with other parallel revelations and the  
events of history as an indication, we can  
work out much of the interpretation.

**PP: DANIEL 2 – HEAD, CHEST, etc.**

Daniel was given further revelation on the  
kingdoms as recorded in Chapter 7.

This is now some 50 years later in 553 BC.

This time Daniel had a dream and visions in  
the night.

- He saw the SEA STIRRED up

- 4 great beasts coming out of the SEA

**READ: Dan 7: 4 – 14**

NOTE: ‘Son of Man’ comes from the CLOUDS

cf: Matthew 24:30

- **More on the 4<sup>th</sup> BEAST**

**READ: Dan 7: 19 – 25**

One more revelation we need to consider on  
this theme – DANIEL 8

2 years later (551 BC) Daniel about 70 yo

Here, he has a vision. He was beside the River  
ULAI (about 400 km E of Babylon)

**READ: Dan 8:3–14; 19-22**

- RAM – two horns – Medo-Persia:

Persians came to prominence last and  
overtook previous supremacy of Medes

- GOAT – single horn – Greece – 1<sup>st</sup> King

- **GOAT - 4 horns** – Alexander died at 33 after sweeping all the way to India. He was replaced by **FOUR GENERALS**

- **Macedonia + Greece** – Cassander
- **Thrace + Asia Minor** – Lysimichus
- **Syria** – Seleucus
- **Egypt** – Ptolemy

**READ: Dan 8:23-24**

- **Antiochus Ephanes IV** – a type of the Antichrist

**Let's combine these now on to one chart**

**Here we remind ourselves of the KINGDOM of Christ, yet to come:**

*[Isa 60:1-3] "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. 2. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears*

***over you. 3. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.***

*[Isa 65:19-25] I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. 20. "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. 21. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. 23. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. 24. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. 25. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.*

**What is the POINT?**

1. Prophecies of the KINGDOMS to come began 604 BC before any of the Kingdoms other than Babylon had arisen. They were repeated in different form three times in DANIEL'S ministry.
2. Accuracy of the symbol of **TWO** – Medo-Persia – 2 arms, 2 sides of bear, 2 horns

3. Prophecies of Greece some 200 years BEFORE Alexander and then the splitting of his kingdom into 4
4. We know the might and terror of ROME SPEAKS to us of the future!!
5. OUT of the 4<sup>th</sup> Kingdom – 10 Kings would eventually arise (Dan 7:24)
6. Out of 10 Kings would come 1 whose kingdom (Daniel 2:41-43; 7:20-21, 24) will be composed of mixed metal and clay - DEMOCRACIES?
7. ONLY 1 more WORLD kingdom then upon Earth before Christ comes to RULE!

**WHY SHOULD WE DOUBT GOD'S WORD  
WHEN PROPHECY HAS SO ACCURATELY  
BEEN FULFILLED ALREADY?**

**GOD KNOWS THE END FROM THE  
BEGINNING – TRUST HIM, TRUST HIS WORD!**

New Testament evidence for a Second Advent is clear, full and decisive. At least 300 references to it have been identified. Yet, inevitably, people both inside and outside the church are cynical. That shouldn't surprise us. C.S. Lewis once observed that there are at least three reasons why people today don't believe Jesus Christ will come again. Firstly, Jesus didn't come, as they expected Him to, in the early years of the church. So people say, "Well, things are going on just as they have always gone, and He hasn't come. Why hasn't He come?" The second reason, C.S. Lewis said, was the theory of evolution-the idea that we are making progress on our own, and we really don't need Christ. We're doing it ourselves! And the third reason, he added, is that the coming of Christ cuts across our materialism and our good times-all the things that we like in this world. Such disbelief may be understandable in our day, but it is certainly not scriptural. God intended

Christians to be an expectant people-  
worshipping and working, but also watching  
and waiting.

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our daily bread. 12. And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors. 13. And do not lead  
us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil  
one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.*

Thy Kingdom COME!

**BUT the opportunity to be part of Christ's  
kingdom is here NOW! Won't you trust Him as  
you Lord and Saviour and as the Coming  
KING!**