

The Rock Destroys All Earthly Kingdoms **Sermon Notes – Daniel 2:24-49**

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. This dream is prophetic. It announces the future. And if we are gentle, we *can* get a clear view of what the prophesy says to us.

Read Daniel 2:24-45 – Statue of gold, silver, brass and iron

There are four kingdoms that will rule the world.

First Kingdom – Gold – This is Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom. Two things about gold -- It is the most precious metal, and it is one of the softest metals. So Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom has some wonderful elements to it, but it lacks overall strength.

Second Kingdom – Silver – Silver is not as precious, though it is a fine metal and beautiful. It is however stronger than gold.

Third Kingdom – Bronze – It is less precious but stronger.

Fourth Kingdom – Iron – It is a dull metal but will crush everything in its way.

What Exactly Are These Four Kingdoms?

First – Babylon -- The first worldwide kingdom was Babylon. This is Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom. The Hanging Gardens was one of the ancient wonders of the world. It was beautiful.

Second – Persians -- The Babylonian kingdom was replaced by the Persians. Not as wondrous but stronger.

Third – Greeks -- Alexander the Great put together a great Greek Army, who were incredibly strong and well disciplined, and the Greeks took over the world and replaced the Persians as rulers of the world. Not as wondrous as the Persians, but much stronger.

Fourth – Roman Empire -- The Roman Empire wasn't as wondrous as the previous kingdoms, but they were by far the strongest kingdom. They would be an obvious choice for the Kingdom of Iron. They crushed everything in their path.

Read Daniel 2:39-43 -- The Toes

The toes are mixed with iron and baked clay. The iron is the hardest known substance at the time, and baked clay is one of the weakest. So at the end of the kingdoms, the iron becomes mixed with weakness, and is divided.

Actually, I don't have any idea what the ten toes are any more than I know what the four toes were on the TV show Lost.

Read Daniel 2:44-45 -- The Rock that Destroys Them All

But here is what we know for sure. The kingdoms of the world will grow less wondrous and ever stronger. But they will not stand. They will be replaced by something quite different.

During the reign of the Iron Teethed Roman Empire, Jesus Christ came into the world and with Him, He brought the Kingdom of God. It was almost unnoticeable. But it grows.

It's so different than the governments of this world, that we don't always know how to see it. Some think the kingdom of God growing is all the churches, but it is so much bigger than that.

Where Is Our Hope?

If we are living in the end of the world, there is not much hope... except for the destruction of all things and the return of Christ.

If the Kingdom of God is already growing in the world, pushing world conquering governments out of its way, then there is much hope... and with it the return of Jesus Christ who will live among us once again and rule the Kingdom of God, with us in it, for the rest of eternity.