

Daniel 2

A Message to the Nations

Dreams and visions ...

I. A Puny Empire

- A. Royal Nightmares
- B. Fools' Errands
- C. Divine Revelation

II. An Everlasting Kingdom

- A. Kings & Kingdoms
- B. And the Kingdom of Our God

III. And the Difference it Makes

- A. For Nations
- B. For God's People

... and the everlasting Kingdom.

Children, Listen ...

1. What was bothering Nebuchadnezzar?
2. What was he planning to do to those who could not help him?
3. Why was Daniel able to help Him when the others were not?
4. Will any kingdom in the world last forever?
5. Even though we don't see Him, Jesus reigns over His Kingdom from Heaven. How long will His Kingdom last?

Dusty Kings & Fragile Kingdoms

Powerful and brutal as the might king of Babylon was, night terrors began to dismantle his bravado. There was something about his dreams that left him terribly unsettled. That can happen with dreams, but in this case it had directly to do with a message that the God of Israel was sending to the ruler of a mighty pagan empire and to His own people. Turns out the great Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom would but a blip in history and that he himself would return to the dust from which he was made – just like every other mortal man. But it is not the demise of wicked kings and kingdoms that should thrill believer's hearts in this episode in God's redemptive history, it is the revelation of the everlasting Kingdom of Christ that rolls into and over history, consumes everything in its path and then fills the entire earth with its mighty presence! What an inspiration to the exiled believers in Daniel's day, what a warning to the kingdoms of the earth that esteem themselves as mighty in defiance of the Almighty God, and what a comfort to all believers that our King Jesus reigns and rules now and will forevermore. Let us zealously serve our Lord according to the calling to which we are called – doing all our work as unto Him – even as we look to the consummation of all things in the great and awesome day to come.