THE FIFTH & FINAL KINGDOM OF DANIEL

Daniel 2:31-49

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I. Introduction

A. Nebuchadnezzar is given a vision that reveals information about 5 successive kingdoms.

B. This Babylonian king is plainly told that his kingdom is the first one in line.

C. It is plainly stated that the fifth kingdom would be established by the Lord himself.

D. There are four things necessary to a kingdom;

1. King

2. Subjects

3. Territory

4. Law

E. Let us now turn to this dream in Daniel 2

II. Body

A. Nebuchadnezzar dreams of a large image terrible in form, v. 31

1. Head – gold v.32,33

2. Breast and arms – silver

3. Belly and thighs – brass (bronze or copper)

4. Legs – iron – feet – iron and clay

5. Stone – divinely cut out of a mountain

a. Struck the image at the base – Psalm 118:22,23; Mark 12:10,11; Isaiah 28:16; Acts 4:11,12

b. The stone became a great mountain and filled the whole earth – v. 35; Isaiah 2:2-3, 1 Timothy 3:15

B. Daniel plainly says that Nebuchadnezzar is the head of gold. [Daniel 2:38]

1. The Jews fell captive to the Babylonian Empire about 605 B.C.

a. Daniel taken into Babylon 606 B.C.

b. This head of gold remained intact until about 537 B.C.

2. Cyrus the Great established the Medo-Persian government.

3. In 336 B.C. Alexander the Great defeated the Medes and Persians establishing the Grecian Empire

4. The Roman powers came into being about 146 B.C. and Greece became a Roman province.

a. Rome reached its zenith about 50 B.C. [Daniel 2:44,45]

b. The kingdom could not have come prior to or during the life of Daniel.

c. The Roman government brings us to the New Testament.

C. What does the New Testament have to say? [Luke 1:31-33]

1. Some would have us believe that Daniel’s fifth kingdom came during the days of John the Baptist. Matthew 3:1,2; Matthew 4:17; Matthew 10:7; Luke 10:1,9.

2. John, Christ, and the disciples all spoke of the kingdom in the future tense:

Luke 9:27; Mark 9:1; Acts 1:3-5, 8.

a. at hand

b. nigh

c. near

D. Summarize

1. Roman kings

2. Jesus was born of a virgin

3. Apostles told about the coming kingdom – Holy Ghost – Power (miracles)

4. Jesus told some of his own generation …. See kingdom

5. Jerusalem – Acts 2:1-4, 41, 43, 47.

E. Every requirement fulfilled except for the fact the kingdom is not mentioned – 1 Thessalonians 2:12, 14; 2 Thessalonians 1:4, 1:1.

III. Conclusion: There are four things necessary to a kingdom.

1. King – 1 Timothy 6:15

2. Subjects – Colossians 1:13

3. Territory – Matthew 28:18-20

4. Law – Romans 8:2; James 1:25