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⁴ Then the astrologers answered the king, "May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it."⁵ The king replied to the astrologers, "This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble."⁶ But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me."
Daniel 2:4-6 (NIV)

³¹ "Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance."³² The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay.³⁴ While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them.³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.
Daniel 2:31-35 (NIV)

³⁶ "This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king."³⁷ Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory;³⁸ in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.
Daniel 2:36-38 (NIV)

³⁹ "After you, another kingdom will arise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth."⁴⁰ Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.⁴¹ Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay.⁴² As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.⁴³ And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.
Daniel 2:39-43 (NIV)

⁴⁴ "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever."⁴⁵ This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.

"The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."
Daniel 2:44-45 (NIV)

True Hope Can Only be Found in God's...

1. _____ Kingdom

But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.
Daniel 2:35a (NIV)

²⁰ Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed,"²¹ nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' 'because the kingdom of God is in your midst.'
Luke 17:20-21 (NIV)

2. _____ Kingdom

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Daniel 2:44a (NIV)

⁴⁵ This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands...
Daniel 2:45a (NIV)

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Daniel 2:44 (NIV)

➤ **Is your hope in a _____ kingdom or the _____ kingdom?**

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"
Mark 1:15 (NIV)