

HOPE THAT MOTIVATES FAITHFULNESS
The God of Heaven
Daniel 2

Big Idea: The God of heaven reveals His kingdom for the hope of the world.

- 1. The God of heaven has a word for the world (2:1-13).**
 - A. God gave the king a disturbing dream (vv. 1-4).**
 - B. God exposed the weakness of human wisdom (vv. 5-13).**
 - (1) The king's impossible demand (vv. 5-9)
 - (2) The magicians admit their inability (vv. 10-11)
 - (3) The king's deadly decree (vv. 12-13)
- 2. The God of heaven has his servants in the world (2:14-30).**
 - A. God rescued Daniel (vv. 14-16).**
 - B. God made known the dream to Daniel (vv. 17-23).**
 - (1) Daniel prayed to God (vv. 17-18).
 - (2) Daniel praised God (vv. 19-24).
 - God is merciful (v. 18)
 - God is mighty (v. 20)
 - God is sovereign (vv. 21-23)
 - C. God spoke to the king through Daniel (vv. 24-30).**
- 3. The God of heaven has a Son who will rule the world (2:31-45).**
 - A. The statue - Man's temporal kingdoms (vv. 31-33, 36-43)**
 - (1) The dream revealed (vv. 31-33)
 - (2) The dream interpreted (vv. 36-43)
 - The gold head represents Nebuchadnezzar - Babylon [636 to 539BC] (vv. 37-38)
 - The chest and arms of silver represent the Medo-Persians [539 - 330BC] (v. 39a)
 - The belly and thighs of bronze represent ancient Greece [330 - 363BC] (v. 39b)
 - The legs of iron and feet of iron and clay represent Rome [63BC - 475AD] (vv. 40-43)
 - B. The stone - God's eternal kingdom (vv. 34-35, 44-45)**
 - (1) The dream revealed (vv. 34-35)
 - (2) The dream interpreted (vv. 44-45)
 - The fifth kingdom:
 - It is a conquering kingdom (vv. 34-35a)
 - It is a universal kingdom (v. 35b)
 - It is God's kingdom (vv. 44a)
 - It is an indestructible kingdom (v. 44b)
 - It is the final kingdom (v. 44c)
- 4. The God of heaven has rewards that are beyond this world (2:46-49).**
 - A. Nebuchadnezzar's confession (vv. 46-47)**
 - B. Nebuchadnezzar's blessings (vv. 48-49)**