

ONE KING TO RULE THEM ALL

Bright Lights in a Dark World: Daniel - 4

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Text: Daniel 2:25-49

Theme: Only Christ's kingdom lasts forever.

Human Kingdoms are Proud but Short-Lived

"Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found." (Daniel 2:35)

Christ's Kingdom Outshines and Outlives Them All

"And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold." (Daniel 2:44-45)

We Wrestle With the Responsibilities of Dual Citizenship

"Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court." (Daniel 2:47-49)

"Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."" (Matthew 22:21)

It is Not Enough to Acknowledge Christ; We Must Serve Him

"Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."" (Daniel 2:46-47)

"King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits." (Daniel 3:1)

Small-Group Discussion

- 1) What did you get from the sermon this week?
- 2) How would you grade yourself as a citizen or resident of the United States? As a citizen of Christ's kingdom?
- 3) What is your plan for furthering Christ's kingdom?