

Series: The Book of Daniel

Sermon: Determined Future

Passage: Daniel 2 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: God's people need to be reminded that He is the One who has determined the future!

I. A Troubled King (2:1-12)

- Nebuchadnezzar had a troubling dream that he knew was out of the ordinary.
- Demanding the wise men to tell him his dream would ensure the validity of their interpretation.

II. Four Faithful Servants (2:13-19)

- Daniel again acted in faith believing God could reveal the dream and the interpretation.
- The four faithful Hebrews prayed earnestly for God to intervene which He did. **James 5:1**

III. THE Sovereign God (2:24-49)

- God is revealing to the king His sovereign plan for the "times of the gentiles." (see Luke 21:24)
- The dream and its interpretation is God's message to all human (Gentile) kingdoms:
 - The God of heaven is in complete, absolute, sovereign control.
 - God alone is the One who puts kings in place and gives them their kingdom.
 - God will raise other kings and kingdoms to take Nebuchadnezzar's place.
 - God will ultimately completely dismantle all human kingdoms.
 - God will establish His own Kingdom forever through the reign of the Stone! (**Ps. 18:2; Matt. 21:44; 1 Pet. 2:6-8**)

IV. Take Away Applications (2:20-23)

- Those who are redeemed are citizens of God's Kingdom! Praise His name!
- Stop worrying over world powers and politics. Our God is in absolute sovereign control.
- Focus your energies on being faithful to and obeying Christ as we await His return.