



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - October 1, 2023

## I. The POSTURE of God's Man — 2:24-30

A. Salvation – 2:24

B. Exaltation and Revelation – 2:25-29

C. Humiliation – 2:30

## II. The REVELATION of God's Plan — 2:31-35

A. Kingdoms of Man and The Kingdom of God

B. Sovereign God of History

C. Pattern of Decline

D. Humility vs. Rigidity

The Head of Gold = Babylonian Empire

1. The Archetype Kingdom

2. 609 – 539 BC

3. The “Winged Lion” (7:4)

The Chest and Arms of Silver = Medo-Persian Empire

1. The “inferior BBQ bear” (7:5)

2. 539 – 331 BC

3. Persia was “raised up on one side”

4. Conquered by Alexander the Great

The Waist of Bronze = Greek Empire

1. Alexander the Great

2. The “4 winged leopard” – 7:6, 8:21-22

3. 334 – 163 BC

4. “over all the earth” – 2:39

The Legs and Feet of Iron and Clay = Roman Empire

1. The “unnamed destroyer”

2. 163 BC – 1753 AD

3. Disunified

4. Done??

The Stone = Christ and His Kingdom

1. The “Stone that the builders rejected”

2. Christ’s first Coming or His Messianic Reign?

3. Crushing and Eternal

III. The REWARD of God’s Man — 2:46-49

A. God is Exalted

B. Daniel & his friends are Advanced

## LIFE GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

### *There Is A God In Heaven*

*Daniel 2:24-49*

1. Daniel is concerned with the rescue of God in the life of his fellow wisemen. How high of a priority is God's rescue of others in your life? How does "personal survival" often make us miss this?
2. How are Daniel and Arioch different in the way they value God's revelation?
3. What two aspects of God's person are made known in this vision? What He \_\_\_\_\_ (Omniscience) and what He can \_\_\_\_\_ (Omnipotence).
4. Nebuchadnezzar was blown away by the exact description of his dream. Have you ever had a moment when the reality and power of God in your personal life left you overwhelmed? What was that like?
5. Name the kingdoms of this world that correlate with the anatomy and various metals of the statue. What struck you about the accuracy of Daniel's vision with the unfolding of history?
6. Not all believers agree on the timing of the "stone" and when it crushes all the kingdoms of this earth. What are some questions that you have about how Christ's kingdom will come?
7. How does Daniel's faithfulness and humble interpretation of the dream impact Nebuchadnezzar and his concept of "the God of Heaven"?
8. The point of Daniel's vision is clear: God will exalt His Stone (Jesus Christ) and build His kingdom through Him and He will rule over all forever and ever. How does this impact your present view of the culture you live in?