

## "THE BOOK OF DANIEL"

### The Kingdom That Shall Never Be Destroyed (2:1-49)

#### Review:

1. The beginning of Babylonian domination - Daniel 1:1-2 - In the third year of Jehoiakim (ca. 605 B.C.)
2. This was the first of three times that Nebuchadnezzar came against Jerusalem (605, 597, 586 B.C.)
3. DANIEL AND OTHERS SELECTED FOR SPECIAL TRAINING...
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (God is my judge) - Belteshazzar (a servant of Bel)
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (the Lord is gracious) - Shadrach (inspired by the sun god)
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (who is what God is?) - Meshach (who is what the moon god is?)
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (the Lord helps) - Abed-Nego (servant of Nebo)
4. DANIEL MAKES A DECISION... His commitment was to "not defile himself" with the king's food:

#### Lesson Three

Jeremiah 25:1 "The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),"

I. Nebuchadnezzar challenges his magicians, sorcerers, et al, to tell him both the dream and its interpretation, and they are unable - Daniel 2:1-13;

- A. God reveals the secret of the dream to Daniel in a night vision - Daniel 2:14-19;
- B. Daniel praises God for wisdom and for making known to him the King's dream - Daniel 2:20-23;
- C. Daniel approaches the king and explains that God has made known to him both the dream and its interpretation - Daniel 2:24-30;
- D. Daniel then tells the dream, and gives the interpretation of it, to the amazement of Nebuchadnezzar - Daniel 2:31-49;
  - 1) The king had seen a great image
    - a) With head of gold
    - b) With chest and arms of silver
    - c) With belly and thighs of bronze
    - d) With legs of iron, and feet mixed with iron and clay
  - 2) The great image was destroyed by a stone made without hands
    - a) The image representing the rise and fall of four world empires

b) The stone representing a kingdom that God would set up

3) The king praises God, and exalts Daniel along with his three friends

II. There are certainly two key thoughts expressed in this chapter...

A. God is a revealer of secrets - Daniel 2:19, 22, 28-29, 47;

B. God can make known the future and bring it pass - Daniel 2:28-29, 21;

C. But of particular interest to us ought to be the "kingdom" in verse 44...

1. Which the God of heaven Himself shall set up

2. Which shall never be destroyed, but consume other kingdoms and stand forever

III. Several questions naturally come to mind concerning this "kingdom"...

A. When would God set it up?

B. Has it been set up as foretold?

C. If it has, and if it shall never be destroyed...

1.) Where is it now?

2.) What is the future of this kingdom?

3.) Can we be a part of this indestructible kingdom?

[In the next lesson, we shall endeavor to provide the answers to these questions.