

### III. THE NATURE OF THE INDESTRUCTIBLE KINGDOM

#### A. THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THIS KINGDOM...

1. It was described by Daniel as a "stone cut...without hands which became a great mountain and filled the whole earth" - Daniel 2:34-35

a. "without hands" suggests it is not your ordinary kingdom

b. Also, it would start small and then grow larger

2. Compare this with what Jesus taught about the nature of His kingdom

a. His kingdom is not of this world - John 18:36; cf. Romans 14:17;

b. It would start small, and grow to encompass the earth – Matthew 13:31-33; -- Thus this "indestructible kingdom" would start small, and be spiritual in nature

#### B. THIS KINGDOM THEREFORE INVOLVES THOSE IN THE CHURCH...

1. The Christians at Colosse were in the kingdom - Colossians 1:12-13;

2. Those at Thessalonica likewise - 1Thessalonians 2:12;

3. Along with the seven churches in Asia - Revelations 1:6,9;

4. Indeed, all Christians receive their part in this "indestructible kingdom" - Hebrews 12:28;

a. Including us gathered here this evening!

b. Fulfilling the statement that this kingdom would fill the whole earth!

c. For here we are, on the other side of the planet from Jerusalem, yet citizens of this kingdom foretold by Daniel!

### IV. THE FUTURE OF THIS INDESTRUCTIBLE KINGDOM

#### A. IT WILL LAST FOREVER...

1. As Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar - Daniel 2:44;

2. As the writer to the Hebrews stated: "a kingdom which cannot be shaken" - Hebrews 12:28;

3. As the angel Gabriel spoke to Mary: "of His kingdom there will be no end" - Luke 1:31-33

#### B. AT CHRIST'S COMING, IT WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE FATHER...

1. As taught by Paul to the Corinthians - 1Corinthians 15:23-26;

2. As Jesus taught in the parable of the tares - Matthew 13:40-43;

CONCLUSION: