

— Daniel 2.31-35 —
Kingdom, Conversion, Witness, Wisdom #1
The Kingdom of God

Daniel 2.31 “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. 32 This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

* We live in interesting times ...

* The faith of a large part of the evangelical church, while genuine, is not up to the task of ... That’s another way of saying ...

* I want to start with the book of Daniel, because ...

* The first thing we see is that the coming of the kingdom of God and its growth in the world take place in ...

* Daniel and his friends have been ...

* This introduces us to the central character ...

* God’s big announcement is for ... This is emphasized by ...

* In Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, the four metals represent ...

* What God is signifying is ...

* In the vision God gives to Daniel in ch 7 ...

* God’s point here is that the empires of man are ...

* All this is business as usual with fallen man ... The ancient pagan gods were worse ...

* What is God going to do to change business as usual?

* What does Daniel see in his vision in ch 7?

* Why Jesus call himself the Son of Man?

* What is Jesus saying in the great commission?

* What example does God give us of how the kingdom advances?

* The salvation Jesus brings is all bound up with ...

* Jesus called his gospel ... (Mat 4.23; Mark 1.14).

* What did the resurrected Jesus teach the disciples about?

* What did Paul preach about?

* “[God] rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to ...” (Col 1.13). [20:13]

* All of these truths were understood and embraced by ...

* Sadly, this is not the same faith held by ...

the foundation for a society, but ...

* Beginning in the late 1700s, a ... of the Christian faith began.

* This is what the kingdom of God is about ...

* There were a couple of critical errors in this:

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* This path led to the formation of ...

* Even the evangelical church began to ...

* This process was abetted by ...

* Along with this came a view of salvation restricted to ...

* The end result is the radical relegation of the Christian faith to ...

* This is largely why you see evangelical leaders with a very shallow understanding of Scripture in matters of cultural and political wisdom ...

* This is why you will see evangelical leaders maintain we should strive to ...

* Evangelical leaders love to quote ... Those are not ...

* Our supposedly neutral secular society is not ...

* Every culture has ...

* The question is not whether faith-based thought is going to provide