

God's Kingdom Primer – The Book of Daniel

Dan 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. ³⁶ This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king ... ³⁸ ... [Y]ou are this head of gold. ³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. ⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron ... ⁴² ... so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile ... ⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵ ... [T]he great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

- Around 500 years before Christ, God provided to the world a primer – almost a little _____
- on his kingdom, known to us as the Book of Daniel.

► Eight important things Daniel 1 – 7 teach us:

- 1) The kingdom and its growth in the world often take place in _____ times.

- 2) God’s kingdom concerns the whole _____, all _____, and all _____.

Psalm 2 ¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

- 3) The kingdoms of fallen man are basically the _____.

- 4) The kingdoms of fallen man are like wild _____.

- 5) The true nature of the pagan gods and pagan worship.
- The pagan gods were worse than the human _____.

- Pagan worship was essentially to _____ the gods.

- How does Nebuchadnezzar demonstrate this in ch 3?

- 6) In the midst of all this turmoil and chaos which is business as usual in the kingdoms of fallen man, God is going to bring about a _____.

- How does the kingdom of God appear when it enters the world?

- What does the kingdom do once its here?

Mat 13 ³¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, ³² which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree ...” ³³... “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.”

- What does the kingdom do to the kingdoms of fallen man?

► 7) The kingdom of God was inaugurated by the Lord Jesus Christ during his _____ advent in the _____ century AD.

Dan 7¹³ "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed."

– Son of Man was the name _____ used for himself.

*Mat 16¹³ "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" ...
17²² "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men,
²³ and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up."*

– Son of man is what God called _____,
who was a prophet–priest.

– Daniel sees a prophet–priest ascend to God in heaven and
become _____.

– When Jesus called himself the Son of Man, he was saying,
“ _____
_____ ”

Acts 7⁵⁵ [Steven], being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,⁵⁶ and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

– The mistake the modern church makes is that it separates
Christ's _____ ship from his priesthood.

Heb 7²¹ "The LORD has sworn and will not relent, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek' " [(quoting Ps 110.4)] ...²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him

Psalms 110¹ The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ...⁴ The LORD has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."⁵ The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

Heb 12¹² [T]his Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.

– Jesus isn't sitting because he's resting; He's sitting because he's _____.

Rev 1⁴ Grace to you and peace ...⁵ from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

– Dan 4 & 5 are about what kingdom _____
looks like at ground level in real time.

► 8) Our part as the people of God. I'll keep it simple:

– _____ the one true God thru Jesus Christ.

Exo 20²⁵ [I]f you make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if you use your tool on it, you have profaned it.

1Pet 2⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

– _____ in the one true God and bear faithful
_____ to Him.

– Dan 6

– Dan 3