

Daniel 2:20-22, 44

BBC Sunday School Breakout/Theme Study on Daniel
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Context

The Book (MacArthur)

- 1 Daniel's personal background
- 2-7 Destiny of the nations
- 8-12 Destiny of Israel

Timeline

- 605 BC 1st Deportation, Daniel taken
- 586 BC Fall of Judah, most people exiled
- 539 BC Fall of Babylon (ch.5)
- 538 BC Return from exile
- 536 BC 3rd year of Cyrus (10:1)
- 537 BC Temple rebuilding started
- 516 BC Temple completed
- 425 BC Last prophetic word

Outline

Dan 2:20-22, 44 (ESV)

- 20 Daniel answered and said:
"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.
- 21 He changes times and seasons;
he removes kings and sets up kings;
he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;
- 22 he reveals deep and hidden things;
he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.
- ...
- 44 And in the days of those kings
the God of heaven will set up a kingdom
that shall never be destroyed,
nor shall the kingdom be left to another people.
It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end,
and it shall stand forever,

(20-22) God, Wise & Mighty

(20) Praise God

"blessed be the name of the LORD" — Job 1:21; Psa 113:1-8; Ruth 4:14; Neh 9:5; Psa 72:18-19

(21a) Might of God

Gen 8:22; Psa 90:4; 2Pet 3:8; Psa 102:12, 24-27; 1Kings 2:12; 1Kings 4:20-21, 24

(21b-22) Wisdom of God

1Kings 4:29-34; Mt 13:11; Mk 13:11; Lk 8:10; Mk 4:11; Dan 7-12; Mt 24; Revelation; 1Jn 1:5; Jn 14:6; Jn 14:7; Heb 6:18

Attributes of God (Grudem)

WILL — He approves and determines to bring about every action necessary for the existence and activity of himself and all creation.

FREEDOM — He does whatever he pleases.

OMNIPOTENCE — (aka POWER, SOVEREIGNTY) God is able to do all his holy will.

(44) Your Kingdom Come

Kingdoms prophesied

GOLD — Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar

SILVER — Medo-Persia

BRONZE — Greece

IRON — Rome

IRON & CLAY — Final earthly kingdom of man

ROCK — Kingdom of God (aka Kingdom of Heaven)

Sets up a kingdom

Rev 21:1-3, 9-11, 22-26; Dan 2:35

The King

Dan 2:20-22; Rev 21:5-6; 18:21-22; 19:11-16, 21

Rock

Dan 2:34; Deut 32:4; 1Sam 2:2; 2Sam 22:32, 47; Psa 19:14; 62:6-7; 78:35; 144:1; Isa 26:4

Kingdom shall last forever

Rev 21:3; 22:5

Other Kingdom attributes (go to Matthew for the "Gospel of the King/Kingdom")

It is at hand: Mt 3:2; 4:17; 10:7

It is coming: Mt 6:10; 16:28; 25:1-

It is already here: Mt 12:25-30

It is to be anticipated w/readiness: Mt 25:34; Lk 12:32

Knowledge of it is good news [that must be proclaimed]: Mt 4:23; 9:35; 24:19?; Lk 4:43

Synonymous w/ "the kingdom of heaven": Mt 5:3, 10, 19-20; 6; Lk 10:11; 17:20-; 19:11-

Entrance is of great value: Mt 7:21; Acts 14:22; 1Cor 15:50; Gal 5:21; Eph 5:5

Inhabitants

Rev 21:27; 22:14-15; Mt 11:11; 18:1-4, 23; 19:12, 14, 23-24 20:21; 21:31, 43; 22:2-; Lk 13:28-29; 14:15; 18:16-17-; Jn 3:3, 5; 1Cor 6:10-9

Reflection & Application

- Are you a member of the kingdom yet?
 - No? Mt 11:25-30, Rev 22:14-17
 - Yes? Rev 22:20-21 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!