

Sermon Text Discussion Notes 09/13/2020

Daniel 2 –“The Hope of God’s Kingdom” by Drew Hunter

Overview

This message is the second in our series on Daniel. In this chapter, God gives his people hope in a surprising way: by giving a pagan king a troubling dream.

This text was outlined as follows:

- I. The King’s Rage (v1-13)
- II. Daniel’s Prayer (v14-30)
- III. God’s Kingdom (v31-45)

This account exists to comfort us with the message that one day all human kingdoms will be replaced by God’s eternal kingdom. This is the comfort of the gospel—that Jesus Christ will bring in a kingdom of flourishing and kindness.

Quotations

“Daniel is showing us what it looks like to live a moment-by-moment God-centered life. No matter how hard our trials, God is there. So we trust him, we praise to him, and we praise him.” *-Drew Hunter*

“Let’s find comfort from God’s sovereignty over all kingdoms. When God reveals this progression of kingdoms, he isn’t just predicting the future. He is explaining the unfolding of his plan. God is the one who allows kingdoms to rise and fall.” *-Drew Hunter*

Understanding & Application

- 1) What thoughts come to mind when you think of Christians as exiles in today’s culture? In what ways does this give you comfort and hope?
- 2) What can we learn from Daniel’s response to Nebuchadnezzar’s demand?
- 3) Given who Nebuchadnezzar was, why would God bless him (v37)?
- 4) In the interpretation of the king’s dream, what did the different sections of the statue likely represent?
- 5) How does this story bring us perspective?
- 6) How should the lessons of this chapter bring us calm?
- 7) In what ways should this story encourage us to be on mission?