

Notes for cell groups
Daniel 2.31-35
Your Kingdom Come!

Summary

What do you picture when you pray, “Your kingdom come?” Daniel 2 gives us a picture of the kingdom of God and what happens when it comes.

1. The Statue (v31-33)

Represents the kingdoms of the world. Any regime or false religion or system of thought that oppresses people and keeps them from knowing Jesus.

When we pray for the nations, we are confronted by giant statues; Hinduism, Communism, Despotism, Materialism.

These are “dazzling in appearance” but appearances can be deceptive. There is a head of gold, but the feet are only clay!

2. The Stone (v34)

The stone is the kingdom of God (v44). It is a picture of the influence of Jesus, who is of Divine Origin. The stone is hurled at the feet of the statue.

3. The Outcomes (v35)

- A. **Smashed Statue.** There’s a total removal of influence. We have seen giants slain through prayer; Apartheid, the Iron Curtain, the Slave Trade. When you pray, believe for giants to be completely obliterated. A regime, a religion... these will be scattered to the winds. It’s their destiny.
- B. **Increasing Influence.** The rock grows to become a huge mountain and fills the whole earth. The thing that characterises the kingdom of God in this age is Increasing Influence (Isaiah 9.7). It has been growing since Jesus’ first coming and will continue growing until His second coming, eventually filling the whole earth.

When you pray:

- Take a big view of history
- Know that every statue will be smashed – it’s their destiny
- Know that the Kingdom of God has disproportionate impact; small stones fell big giants
- Know that the influence of the love of Jesus will come to every place on earth, and nothing’s going to stop him

Application

Pray for some nations. Perhaps you could pray for ones that we heard about on Sunday, or choose some others. A good resource is www.operationworld.org which has some helpful prayer points.