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## **Daniel 2:44**

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

- Man has always strived to dominate and rule while making others victims in order to dominate resources, wealth, and people who fall victim to their advances.
- History is clear that nations rise and fall over seasons and cycles of time. The Roman Empire is a clear example of a people who rose to power, dominated the nations, hoarded wealth and power, and drained others of their resources. They eventually fall to the rule of others because of pride and disregard for human life.
- Just as man is mortal, he has a shelf life, and eventually will expire. So, will his dominance have a shelf life and will expire. It has happened time and time again; history will repeat itself.

- The tragedy is that man has not learned from this past tragedy and continues to deceive himself that eventually he will rule the world, therefore take God's place.
- The ultimate sin is to have enough pride to think you can replace God.
- It is amazing that humans who live such short lives in the flesh manifest so much destructive behavior and is ultimately self – destructive.
- The failure to embrace the eternal kingdom is guarantee to a very short and miserable life.
- King Nebuchadnezzar is a prime example of a fool with power, money, and resources.

## **Daniel 4:30-37**

30 The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.

32 And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.

## **Daniel 4:30-37**

33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:

## **Daniel 4:30-37**

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

## Matthew 2:2-4

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

- Notice one of the first things the king does is collaborate with the religious leaders, chief priest and scribes who were in a partnership.

## John 18:33-38

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered him, **Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?**

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.**

## John 18:33-38

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then?

Jesus answered, **Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

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- If Jesus' kingdom is not of this world, why are so many people saying they follow him and are in his kingdom doing just the opposite of what Jesus said.
  - Jesus said, if my kingdom was of this world, I would take up arms, fight for land and territory and destroy others.
  - The fact is, a lot of so called Christians are more committed to the kingdoms of this world than they are the kingdom of God.

# 1 John 2:15

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

## **John 15:19-21**

**19** If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

**20** Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

**21** But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

## **Luke 7:19-23**

19 And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

20 When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

21 And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight.

## **Luke 7:19-23**

22 Then Jesus answering said unto them, **Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached.**

23 **And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.**