

Sermon Title: Kingdoms & Kings: Started from the Bottom

Scripture: Daniel 2:25-49

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- 1. Have you ever "worked yourself up from the bottom"? When was it and what was that experience like?
- 2. In the same way, have you ever felt like your back was against the wall? How did you respond?
- 3. As we completed our discussion last week, Daniel told Arioch "do not destroy the wise men of Babylon" Daniel 2:24). If Daniel were sitting here, what reasons do you think he would give for saving the lives of the king's counselors?
- 4. Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, told King Nebuchadnezzar, "I have found among the exiles from Judah..." (Daniel 2:25). Do you struggle with giving, sharing, or receiving credit?
- 5. Daniel tells King Nebuchadnezzar, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can...but there is a God in heaven who" (Daniel 2:27) can. How does Daniel's response provide an example for those who are equipped/gifted/called by God?
- 6. Daniel provides both the dream and its interpretation. God speaks of future kingdoms: gold head (2:36-38, Babylon), silver crest and arms (2:39, Medo-Persia), bronze abdomen and thighs (2:39, Greece), iron legs (2:40, Rome), and iron and clay feet (2:41-43, divided Roman Empire). How does this reveal God's sovereignty over kingdoms and kings?
- 7. Daniel also spoke of the rock cut out of a mountain (2:44-45) that "will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed." How are we able to see the fulfillment of this dream in the kingdom of Jesus? How can we anticipate the kingdom that is to come?
- 8. Who are the people today who have the opportunity to influence our world's leadership the way Daniel influenced the king?
- 9. How can we best pray for the people in our world who have opportunities like Daniel to bring glory to God?
- 10. Let's take time to pray for the Kingdom & Kings of our world and God's rule and reign.