**Series:** The Prophecy of Daniel <u>Title</u>: The Future Gentile Nations <u>Text</u>: (Daniel 2:31-49)

- I. God Distresses the King with a Dream: (Vs 1)
- II. God Disgraces the "Wise Men": (Vs 2-13)
- III. God Discloses the Secret through Prayer: (Vs 14-23)
- IV. God Displays His Wisdom & Power: (Vs 24-30)
  - A. Daniel Goes to Arioch: (Vs 24-25)
  - B. Daniel Gives God the Credit for the Dream: (Vs 26-28)
  - C. Daniel Gives the Purpose of the Dream: (Vs 29-30)
- V. Daniel Reveals the Dream of the Lord: (Vs 31-35)
  - A. Daniel Describes the Image: (Vs 31-33)
  - **B.** Daniel Describes the Scene: (Vs 34-35)
- VI. Daniel Interprets the Dream of the Lord: (Vs 36-45)
  - A. Head of Gold Babylonian Empire: (Vs 37-38) 636BC-539BC (Jer 51:7)
  - **B.** Arms & Breast of Silver Medo-Persian Empire: (Vs 39a) 539BC - 330BC (Jer 51:11-12)(Is 44:28)
  - C. Abdomen of Breast Grecian Empire: (Vs 39b) 330BC - 63BC
  - D. Legs of Iron Roman Empire: (Vs 40-43) 63BC - 475AD
- E. Rock of Ages God's Final Earthly Kingdom: (Vs 34-35; Interpreted in 44-45) (Lk 11:2) The Stone is NOT Christianity, But Christ Himself.

(1 Cor 10:4)(1 Pet 2:3-8)(Lk 20:17-18)(Acts 4:11)(Ps 118:22)

## **Israel is the Mountain out of which the Stone was cut:** (Gen 49:24)

- VII. Daniel Receives the Kings Devotion: (Vs 46-49)
  - A. The Pagan's Praise: (vs 46-47)
  - **B.** The Pagan's Promotion: (Vs 48)
  - C. The Pagan's Permission:(Vs 49)

**<u>4 Things this Dream Reveals</u>:** 

- 1. <u>God is in Control of History</u>: (vs 37-38; Jer. 27, 51-52)
- 2. <u>Human Enterprises Decline over Time</u>: (Vs 43)(Ps 32:12)
- 3. <u>It will be Difficult for things to hold together at the</u> <u>end of the Age.</u>
- 4. Jesus Christ will return, Destroy His Enemies, & Establish His Kingdom.

## Our Response To This News Should be:

1. Joyful Confidence, knowing God has everything under control, and one day will Region the earth.

2. While doing all we can to alleviate suffering & make this a safe, happy world, our hope is not in-laws, political parties, or moral crusades.

## Our hope is in the Lord.