Series: The Prophecy of Daniel Title: 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. <u>Daniel Interprets the Dream of the Lord</u>: (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)

<u>Israel is the Mountain out of which the Stone was cut:</u> (Gen 49:24)

VII. <u>Daniel Receives the Kings Devotion</u>: (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)

4 Things this Dream Reveals:

1. <u>God is in Control of History</u>: (vs 37-38; Jer. 27, 51-52)

2. Human Enterprises Decline over Time: (Vs 43)(Ps 32:12)

3. It will be Difficult for things to hold together at the end of the Age.

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.