

3. God is in Control

FOLLOWING JESUS BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Introduction

The old song says, "He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His hands..." Now that's lovely sentiment and melody. But is it true? And if it is, what evidence do we have of this? It's one thing to believe that God is real. It's a whole other level to believe that's He's in control though. Bow your head now and ask God for His assurance as you address this question today.

Question: Have you ever experienced something that may question whether God is in control? Where did it feel like God was at that time?

Take time to prayerfully read Daniel 2. This will be the key passage for us today. As you read the chapter, consider the following questions:

- Which King was troubled? Why was He troubled?

- Why did the King threaten all the wise men of Babylon?

- How do you think God was leading through the King's dream?

Now let's explore the six kingdom's of Nebuchadnezzar's dream:

1. Read verses 37-38. Which kingdom does the head of gold represent?

It ruled from 606-538BC, as was well known for its golden infrastructure and treasury. It was a great empire, but wasn't going to last forever.

2. Read verses 39a & 5:28-31. Which kingdom does the chest and arms of silver represent? _____

It ruled from 538-331BC, and was known for its size and split kingdom.

3. Read verses 39b & 8:20-21. Which kingdom does the thighs of bronze represent? _____

It ruled from 331-168BC, and was well known for its bronze weaponry.

4. Read verse 40. Which kingdom do the legs of iron represent?

It ruled from 1698BC-351AD, and was well known for its brutality.

5. Read verses 41-43. Which kingdoms do the iron and clay represent?

These made the European nations, which mostly exist today. Many attempts have been made to unite them again, but it was never possible.

6. Read verses 44-45. Which kingdom does the rock kingdom represent?

It hasn't come yet, but when it does nothing else will be able to stand.

Discussion Questions

- How do the metals differ between the kingdoms?
- Which kingdom do we live in today?
- Why might this prophecy help us to see that God is in control?

Conclusion

As Amos 3:7 says, "Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets." That's how we know God is in control. It's because He's shown us what will happen hundreds of years in advance. And if this is true, then it proves His sovereignty today.

Appeal

To trust that Jesus is still in control today by falling on Him (Mat 21:42-44)