

# DANIEL

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Living in the "Right Now" Kingdom of God  
Daniel 7 & Colossians 1:9-14

## The Eternal Kingdom of God...

**Dan. 2:44** *And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever...*

- ...will end the reign of the four kingdoms by setting up a new kingdom
- ...will never be overcome or abandoned

## The divine/human ruler of God's Kingdom is given...

**Dan. 7:13** *"...with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man...14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

- ...a permanent jurisdiction over all ethnic, political and cultural groups,
- ...a dazzling reputation and preeminence
- ...an unbroken "kingship"

## God's Kingship is inherited by those God set apart

**Dan. 7:17** *'These four great beasts are four kings who shall arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.'*

## Jesus is the Son of Man with whom we inherit God's Eternal, unfolding Kingship

- The eternal kingdom arrived "in the days of those kings."  
**John 18:36** *Jesus answered [Pilate], "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews."*
- Jesus's dominion and kingship over the nations began approximately 2,022 years ago.  
**Matt. 28:18** *..."All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*
- Jesus's kingship will continue to unfold until it is fully realized.  
**Matt. 25:31** *"When the **Son of Man** comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations,"*

## We live inside Jesus's Heaven-like Kingship by...

1. ...living for the benefit of everyone we meet.  
*Matt. 20:26* But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **27** and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, **28** even as **the Son of Man** came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
2. ...committing to developing an intuitive application of his character in our choices.  
*Col. 1:9* ...we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
3. ...making the honor of the king the mainspring of our fruitful lives.  
*Col. 1:10* so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;
4. ...celebrating the initiative and generosity of the Father.  
*Col. 1:12* giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. **13** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
5. ...rejecting the rule of sin in our lives as citizens of Jesus's Kingship.  
*Col. 1:14* in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (See Romans 6:12-14)

## Reflection/Discussion

1. What do words like "king", "kingdom", "rule" and "reign" bring to your mind? How does understanding these words as expressing a pattern of rule based on the king's character change your understanding of the phrase "the Kingdom of God"?
2. The Kingdom of God on earth (as it is in heaven) is a central theme of the Bible. Note the kingdom language in the passages below and any echoes or compliments to Daniel 7.

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 8:7, Isaiah 49:5-7, 66:1-2, 17-23

Gospels: Matt. 9:6, 13:41, 16: 13-17, 25:30-40, John 5:27, 6:27, 12:23-25

Epistles: 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 15:50-53, Eph. 1:7-11, Eph. 2:5-7, Col. 3, Gal. 5:16-24

3. Reflect on one of the five "kingdom living" points each day this week.

## SONGS

"GOD SO LOVED" - Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

"OH PRAISE (THE ONLY ONE)" - Michael Farren, Krissy Nordhoff, Riley Erin

"GREAT ARE YOU LORD" - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"FOREVER" - Chris Tomlin

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 21,153.00

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$1,146,618.34

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$1,191,069.00