The God of Heaven Shall Set up a Kingdom
Dan. 2:44

Introduction:
A. Daniel to Babylon in 606 B.C.
   1. With Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-Nego became servants in the kings court.
   2. Nebuchadnezzar's dream. (vv. 31-35).
   3. Foretold the kingdom of God.
B. Let's study some aspects of that kingdom.

Discussion:
I. The Time of the Kingdom of God.
   A. To be set up during Roman Empire.
      1. Daniel. (vv. 37-44)
         a. Head of Gold was Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom. (v. 38 - 606-536).
         b. Chest and Arms of Silver was Medo-Persian Kingdom. (536-332)
         c. Belly and Thighs of Bronze was kingdom of Alexander the Great. (331-146)
         d. Legs of iron and feet of iron and clay was Roman Empire. (146-A.D. 400)
      2. John the Baptist. (Matt. 3:1-2)
      3. Jesus (Matt. 4:17; Mark 9:1; John 18:37)
      4. Paul and John (Col. 1:15; Rev. 1:9)
   B. To be delivered up at second coming. (1 Cor. 15:23-28).

II. The Nature of the kingdom of God.
   A. Stronger and longer other kingdoms. (vv. 34, 35, 44).
      1. Kingdoms of text are long gone — kingdom still here.
      2. Kingdom of God never destroyed — seed (word) never destroyed.
   B. Different from other kingdoms. (John 18:36).
      2. Expanded and defended with different means — not “by the sword.”

III. The Identity of the Kingdom of God.
   A. “Kingdom” and “church” interchangeable (Matt. 16:18, 19).
   B. Jesus raised to throne — raised to be head of church. (Acts 2:30-36; Eph 1:20-22).
   C. Saved ones added to church — Translated into kingdom (Acts 2:38, 41, 47; Col. 1:12-14)
   D. Jesus has power and dominion beyond the church. (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20, 21; cf. Dan 4:25).

IV. The Importance of the kingdom of God.
   A. It must be put first. (Matt. 6:33).
   B. It's citizens greater than John the Baptist. (Matt. 11:9-11).
   C. It is like a treasure. (Matt. 13:44).
   D. It is place of Lord's Table or Lord's supper. (Matt. 26:29; Luke 22:29,30).

Conclusion:
A. Where are you? Under power of darkness or in kingdom?
B. Are you looking for the kingdom to come? It already here.