Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream
Daniel 2:31-45

Introduction:
A. Nebuchadnezzar’s impossible demand of his wise men.
B. Daniel saves the wise men by recalling and interpreting the dream.
C. What does a Babylonian king’s dream over 2600 years ago have to do with us?
   1. Christians are beneficiaries of the fulfillment of that dream.
   2. Establishes that the kingdom has already be established - not yet to be.
D. Let us examine the dream itself, Daniel’s interpretation and its ultimate fulfillment.

Discussion:
I. The Dream
A. God’s use of special dreams in revelation.
   1. Spoke in “divers manners” in times past (Heb. 1:1).
   2. Joseph’s dreams (Gen. 37:5-11)
   3. Pharaoh’s dream (Gen. 41).
   4. Joseph’s (Mary’s husband) dreams (Matt. 1,2)
   6. Not all dreams were divinely inspired (Isa. 29:8).
B. The image (vv. 31-33)
C. The stone cut without hands (vv. 34-35)
II. The Interpretation
A. The head of gold - Babylon (vv. 36-38).
   1. Nebuchadnezzar’s rule (606-562 BC)
   2. Became part of Persian Empire (539 BC)
B. The breast and arms of silver (v. 39).
   1. The Medo-Persian Empire (539-334 BC).
   2. Conquered by Alexander the Great (334 BC)
C. The belly and thighs of brass (v. 39).
   1. Grecian or Hellenistic empire (4th to 1st century BC)
   2. Gradually gave way to Roman power.
D. The legs of iron and feet of iron and clay (vv. 40-43).
   1. The Roman dominance begins is 1st century BC.
   2. Both strong and weak - United then divided.
E. The stone - the indestructible kingdom (vv. 44-45)
III. The Fulfilment
A. The King born in the days of the Caesars (Luke 1:31-33; 2:1)
B. His kingdom established.
   1. Preached “at hand” (Matt. 3:2; 4:17)
   2. In that generation (Mark 9:1).
   4. Christians in it (Col. 1:13).
   5. Same as the church (Matt. 16:18,19; Acts 2:30-33 w/ Eph. 1:20-23).
C. Roman empire could not destroy it, but empire was destroyed.

Conclusion:
A. Are you a citizen of the kingdom?
B. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ? Have you?
C. If you will receive the remission of sins you will be in the kingdom (Col. 1:13, 14; Acts 2:38)