

## **Daniel 2:26-49 A vision for all...**

### **Read Daniel 2**

God gives this vision not only to King Nebuchadnezzar but also to the exiles. To each group the vision will have its unique message and invite a unique response. In this study we will look at what the message of the vision would be to each and explore what application it might have for us.

#### *Part 1: The intended message for King Nebuchadnezzar.*

1. (26-30) What theological convictions lie behind how Daniel sets up his revealing of the mystery to the King?
2. (31-45) What theological convictions are central to Daniel's interpretation of the dream? How is this related to the theological convictions you uncovered in the last question?
3. (36-38) *Read Genesis 1:26-31.* How are Daniel's words to the King reflective of this passage? What message to the king sits under this use of Genesis 1?
4. (46-49) *Skim Daniel 3.* What do you think the message of the vision to the King is? Does he receive the message rightly and respond appropriately?
5. How would you apply this message to your own life? How does it change the way you think, feel, act?

#### *Part 2: The intended message for the Exiles.*

6. (38-43) What is heaven's perspective on earthly kingdoms? What human toll does this reality have? (Think specifically of the experience of the exiles – but beyond that to the more contemporary tolls)
7. (44-45) What hope does the vision give to the exiles?
8. (46-49) What do you think the message of the vision to the exiles is? Do they receive the message rightly and respond appropriately?
9. How would you apply this message to your own life? How does it change the way you think, feel, act?
10. *Read Luke 20:9-18.* How is Jesus the fulfillment of the hope of this passage?