



## Going Deeper Daniel 2:24-49

1. When Daniel goes in to Nebuchadnezzar to tell the dream and the interpretation, we see Daniel come as a confident, faithful representative; a substitute if you will. Where did Daniel find the strength and perspective to stand in the face of a tyrant like Nebuchadnezzar to confidently speak God's word? (See Daniel 2:20-23).
2. Application question: Where might God want you to speak to the powers with more authority and confidence? Where can the church have a more prophetic voice to the culture?
3. A repeated OT theme is the "last days" (latter days in Daniel 2). As you study the chart on the back of this sheet, what significance would this expectation of the Kingdom of God mean for Christians? What should it mean for us?
4. The dream captures 4 "false kingdoms" compared to the one authentic kingdom...the Kingdom of God. What stands out to you about the dream? How significant is it that a "stone" crushes a statue? What does this tell us about God's METHOD in bringing the kingdom?

Passage	Character	Message about the “last days” (latter days)	What we learn??
Genesis 49	Jacob	Jacob called Israel “gather yourselves together that I might tell you what will happen in the days to come (latter days)”	Announces that Judah will have a “scepter that will not depart”
Numbers 24:14	Balaam calls to address Israel	Balak, the wicked prophet, hires Balaam to curse Israel. Instead Balaam prophesies blessing and victory over Israel. Israel will conquer enemies	I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead <sup>[a]</sup> of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.
Deuteronomy 4:30	Moses addressing Israel	You’ll return and obey His voice	Future Kingdom where God’s people will obey (big deal because thus far in the Biblical story there’s not much obedience)
Isaiah 2:2	Isaiah Addressing Israel	Isaiah calling Israel	It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,
Daniel 2:28	Daniel Addressing Nebuchadnezzar	Prophetic vision of what will happen in the “latter days”	Daniel 2:31-45 (The Kingdom within “the kingdoms”)

