

## Sounds 2025 Week 12: The Stone and the Throne

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| Day 259 | Wed, Oct 29 | Daniel 10—12        |
| Day 260 | Thu, Oct 30 | Ezra 1—3            |
| Day 261 | Fri, Oct 31 | Ezra 4—6; Psalm 137 |
| Day 262 | Sat, Nov 1  | Haggai 1—2          |
| Day 263 | Sun, Nov 2  | Zechariah 1—4       |
| Day 264 | Mon, Nov 3  | Zechariah 5—9       |
| Day 265 | Tue, Nov 4  | Zechariah 10—14     |

How deep do you want to dive?  
Why read the whole Bible over and over again?  
How did I not understand how all these pieces fit together?  
Daniel 10—12

Day 259 in *Step Into Scripture*

1. Daniel 2
2. Daniel 7–9
3. Daniel 10–12

Hebrew writers often think and write cyclically rather than strictly chronologically.

- The podcast Pastor Matt and I recorded on Daniel 7–9, where we discuss the “beast” imagery and how it parallels Daniel 2
- And a Bible Study Pastor Matt and I streamed where we walked through the whole book of Daniel



### Daniel 2 – The Statue Dream and God’s Sovereign Hand

Daniel 2:31—35

1. Head of Gold – Babylon (605–539 BC)  
Daniel 2:36—38
2. Chest and Arms of Silver – Medo-Persia (539–331 BC)  
Daniel 2:39a
3. Belly and Thighs of Bronze – Greece (331–146 BC)  
Daniel 2:39b  
Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth.
4. Legs of Iron (and Feet of Iron and Clay) – Rome (146 BC–AD 476)  
Daniel 2:40—41  
Pax Romana — two centuries of relative peace and stability
5. The Stone Not Cut by Human Hands – Christ’s Kingdom  
Daniel 2:44

*This is the climax of Daniel’s vision.*

*The stone that shatters the statue is Jesus Christ — born during Rome’s rule, crucified, risen, and enthroned at the right hand of God.  
His kingdom was “cut out not by human hands” — divine in origin, eternal in duration.  
And when Jesus rose from the grave and ascended to the Father, He inaugurated the everlasting kingdom that Daniel saw.*

## **The Fullness of Time: How Each Empire Prepared the World for the Messiah**

sPaul writes in Galatians 4:4:

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

That phrase, “the set time,” is the Greek word Kairos — meaning the *appointed, divinely perfect moment*.

1. Babylon – Purification and Dispersion (Head of Gold)
2. Persia – Restoration and Preservation (Chest and Arms of Silver)
3. Greece – Language and Culture (Belly and Thighs of Bronze)
4. Rome – Peace, Roads, and Order (Legs of Iron and Feet of Iron and Clay)

Acts 1:8 (*Jesus speaking to the Apostles*)

Isaiah 40:3

*The “fullness of time” had arrived.*

## **Clarifying Misinterpretations: Understanding Why This May Be New for Some of Us**

But it does become a major theological problem when dispensationalism is carried to its conclusion, because it defers the reign of Christ — as if His kingdom has not yet begun — and that misunderstanding often leaves believers living in fear of what’s ahead rather than resting in the victory that’s already been won.

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.”

—*Jesus* (Matthew 28:18)

“God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear...

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

—*The Apostle Peter* (Acts 2:32–36)

“He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.”

—*The Apostle Paul* (*Colossians 1:13*)

Those are not future promises.

They are present realities.

Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father now.

As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:25–26:

“For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

## **The Reign of Christ: What It Means for Us**

So what does Daniel’s prophetic timeline mean for us tonight?

First, it means peace.

Jesus said in John 14:27:

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.”*

Second, it means assurance.

Romans 8:38–39 assures us “that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Third, it means salvation.

## **Conclusion – The Kingdom That Endures Forever**

Daniel 2:44 says it best:

“The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people.”

And because He reigns, we have:

- Peace — knowing the war for our souls is already won.
- Assurance — knowing history and our future are in His hands.
- Salvation — knowing that by grace through faith, we belong to His eternal kingdom.

But as Isaiah 9:7 declares:

“Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.”