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The Messianic Kingdom: A Rock Not Cut by Human Hands Dani'el 2:34, 44-45a, 7:18 and 27

The Messianic Kingdom: a rock not cut by human hands DIG: What will distinguish this Kingdom for the other five? Whenever the word rock is used symbolically in the Bible, how is it used? How is the term huge mountain used symbolically in the Bible? How will this Kingdom be different than the Gentile kingdom?

REFLECT: What will Kingdom possession mean, now and in the future, for the arrogant? The meek? For you?

The Fifth Kingdom will not be Gentile, but Jewish. After the time of ten toes, which are the ten kings, God will set up a Kingdom that will last for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-6). It will never be destroyed, and it will not be left to the Gentiles. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the statue was smashed by a supernatural rock not cut by human hands (Dani'el 2:34) on its feet of iron mixed with clay. That rock is Jesus Christ. The Bible uses many symbols, but it uses them consistently. Whenever the word rock is used symbolically, it is a symbol of Yeshua Messiah (Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14, 28:16; Zechariah 3:9; Matthew 21:44; Acts 4:11; First Corinthians 10:4; First Peter 2:4-8). The Second Coming will bring the Times of the Gentiles to an end (to see link click An - The Times of the Gentiles). It will crush all those kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever. This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands - a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces (Dani'el 2:44-45a).





Consequently, the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth (Dani'el 2:35). Whenever the term, a huge mountain is used symbolically, it is always a symbol of a king, a kingdom or a crown. In this case the huge mountain is the Kingdom of God, or the Messianic Kingdom.

The Gentile kingdoms were human, but **God's Kingdom** is divine; The Gentile kingdoms were temporary, but **God's Kingdom** is eternal; the Gentiles kingdoms were each overcome by succeeding kingdoms, but **ADONAI's Kingdom** cannot be conquered. **The holy ones of the Most High will receive the Kingdom and will possess it forever - yes, for ever and ever (Dani'el 7:18 CJB).**

Dear Heavenly **Father**, How wonderful to think of **Your Kingdom** coming and you ruling for 1,000 years. That is just a wonderful and glorious thought! Yet on the flip side of that is the awful thought that one fourth of people on earth will have died when the fourth seal is opened. Behold, I saw a horse, pale greenish gray. The name of the one riding on it was Death, and Sheol was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill by sword and by famine and by plague and by the wild **beasts of the earth.** (Revelation 6:8). And then during the sixth seal a third of mankind is killed. The sixth angel trumpeted, and I heard a single voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, it said to the sixth angel, to the one holding the trumpet, "Release the four angels - who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year - were released to kill a third of mankind. 16 The number of mounted troops was two hundred million - I heard their number. . . By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed - by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone that came out of their mouths. (Revelation 9:13-16, 18). May You open the hearts of our family and friends now before the Tribulation comes, to see how wonderful **You** are and to be willing to love and to follow **You** with all their hearts. Please give us the words to tell them about how Awesome You are. We love You! In Your holy Son's name and power of resurrection. Amen

Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the holy ones, the people of the Most High. Their suffering will turn to joy because Messiah will come to set up His earthly Kingdom after the death of the antichrist (Ezeki'el 37:23). It will be an everlasting Kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey Him (Dani'el 7:27). The veil between heaven and earth's Kingdom will be drawn back39 and the holy ones shall see their Savior face to face (First Corinthians 13:12).