

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

DIG: What will distinguish this Kingdom for the other four? 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 (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. 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 (Daniel 2:44-45a).

Consequently, the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth (Daniel 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 (Daniel 7:18 CJB).

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 (Ezekiel 37:23). It will be an everlasting Kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey Him (Daniel 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).