

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH
(Daniel's Prophecy)

Intro:

The prophets of the Old Testament looked forward to a time when God would bring forth His eternal Kingdom. Although they did not have complete knowledge of when and how this event would take place the Holy Spirit directed them to foretell of these events in prophecy. One of the ways we can know if we are in the right church today is to look at the bible and see if the church we are a member of can be biblically traced in prophecy.

Daniel 2

- I. Children of Israel in Babylonian captivity. (586 B.C.)
 - A. Some such as Daniel were deported to Babylon. Dan 1:1
 - B. This deportation happened in about 607 B.C.

- II. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon has a dream.
 - A. A magnificent dream that troubled him.
 - B. The king forgets the dream.
 - C. Calls in magicians and astrologers to reveal dream and its meaning.
 - D. None are able to tell the king what he had dreamed and forgotten.
 - E. King commands all wise men of Babylon to be killed.
 - F. Daniel asks for audience with king and reveals the dream.

- III. The Dream of Nebuchadnezzar.
 - A. The Image.
 1. Head of Gold.
 2. Breast and Arms of Silver.
 3. Belly and Thighs of Brass.
 4. Legs and feet of Iron and Clay.
 - B. The Stone cut without hands.
 1. Smote the image on the feet and crumbled it to powder.
 2. Wind carried dust away.
 3. Stone grew and filled the entire earth.

- IV. Daniel interprets the dream.
 - A. Daniel says the image represents 4 kingdoms that would arise.
 - B. Daniel says that stone cut without hands was God's kingdom.

- V. The Four Kingdoms that would arise.

A. Head of Gold -	c. 586 BC	Babylonian Empire.
B. Breast and Arms of Silver -	c. 538 BC	Medio/Persian Empire.
C. Belly and Thighs of Brass -	c. 336 BC	Greeks, Alex the Great.
D. Feet and Legs of Iron and Clay -	c. 63 BC	Roman Empire.

- VI. Historically Daniel was correct.
 - A. All occurred as Daniel had said.
 - B. Roman empire was divided kingdom - 10 kingdoms (toes).

- VII. During the last kingdom God's kingdom was to be established.
 - A. Jesus born during Roman period. Lk 2:1
 - B. Church established in the middle of Roman period of rule. Acts 2
 - C. Has out lasted all other kingdoms for it is eternal and spiritual.

