

YOURS IS THE KINGDOM

In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.

(Daniel 2:44, NIV)

Yours is the kingdom (Mt 6:13, New King James Version)

Some 26 centuries ago, a mighty king had a dream that disturbed terribly. Daniel, a mature man of God who knew how to pray, volunteered to interpret the dream and put the king's mind at rest. Your kingdom is secure, o king, at least for a long time to come. But one day God will cause a piece of rock to come loose on the mountain side, it will begin to roll down and cause a great avalanche. That avalanche will destroy all human kingdoms and establish Gods reign over all the world – forever.

Jesus taught that the kingdom of God would grow – like a shrub - and its influence on society would gradually spread – like yeast in a bowl of dough (Matthew 13:31-33). And when we consider the spread of Christianity, we see that this is actually happening. An alternative kingdom is spreading its wings across the world. Not a geographical territory but a kingdom of loyalty. All of us who have chosen to be loyal to Jesus as Lord are part of that kingdom. We are more obedient to our Lord than to earthly authorities (Acts 4:19; 5:29) even as we minister peace to our neighbors.

Prayer: O Lord Jesus! Thank you for the reassurance that you hold all things, this world, my life, in your hands. In that assurance I can end my prayer and go out into the world and face its challenges.