

## Message Four

### The Stone

Scripture Reading: Dan. 2:31-45; Rev. 19:11-16; 11:15

- I. The great human image in Daniel 2 (signifying human government) is the basic and controlling factor of the entire prophecy of the book of Daniel.**
- II. The goal of God's eternal economy (the goal of the divine history within the human history) is to have the corporate Christ—Christ with His overcomers—as the crushing stone to be His dispensational instrument to end this age and become a great mountain, the kingdom of God—Dan. 2:28, 31-45; Rev. 12:1-2, 5, 11; 14:1-5; 19:7-21:**
  - A. The coming of Christ will be the opening of the eternal kingdom of God; hence, Christ's coming will be the landmark which closes human government and brings in the eternal kingdom of God.
  - B. During the church age, Christ is building up the church, the Body, to be His bride, and He will return with His overcoming bride as the smiting stone to crush the aggregate of human government and usher in the age of God's dominion over the entire earth—Matt. 16:18; Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45; Rev. 11:15-17.
  - C. The great human image will be replaced with a great mountain, signifying the eternal kingdom of God, which will fill the whole earth; this means that after Christ comes to crush the aggregate of human government, He will usher in the eternal kingdom of God on earth—Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45.
- III. The central thought of Daniel is that the ruling of the heavens by the God of the heavens over all the human government on earth matches God's eternal economy for Christ to terminate the old creation for the germination of the new creation and to smash and crush the aggregate of human government and establish the eternal kingdom of God—4:26; 2:37, 44:**
  - A. From its beginning to its termination, human government has done and will continue to do three things: rebel against God, exalt man, and worship idols—Gen. 11:4, 9.
  - B. Eventually, human government will even fight against God directly; however, Christ, the embodiment of God, will come with His bride to crush the human government.
  - C. In God's economy, Christ, by His upcoming appearing, will smash and crush the aggregate of human government and establish the eternal kingdom of God.
  - D. When Christ comes as the smiting stone, He will not come alone:
    1. Christ will come with His bride as His army to be the corporate smiting stone—Rev. 19:11-21; Dan. 2:34-35, 45:
      - a. Before His coming, Christ will have a wedding, uniting His overcomers to Himself as one entity—Rev. 19:7-9.

- b. Daniel 2 speaks of Christ coming as a stone, but Revelation 19 speaks of Christ coming as the One who has His bride as His army; from this we see that the stone, the bride, and the army are one.
- 2. Christ will deal with the problem of human government by coming with His bride to crush the great image from the toes to the head; in this way, Christ with His bride will annihilate human government—Dan. 2:34-35, 45.
- E. The corporate smiting stone—Christ with His bridal army—will be the great mountain filling the whole earth—v. 35.
- F. If, as God's people, we see the controlling vision of the image in Daniel 2, we will be kept from the world and prepared for Christ's coming as the smiting stone which will crush the aggregate of human government and become a great mountain—the eternal kingdom of God—filling the whole earth—Rev. 11:15.