

## Backdrop: Five Kingdoms

### Opening Discussion:

1. What has intrigued you about the empires we've studied in the last few sessions?
2. How did they prepared the way for Jesus?
3. How did they create an environment in which the gospel could spread quickly?

God \_\_\_\_\_ every aspect of the Babylonian, Persian, Greek, and Roman empires, and  
He \_\_\_\_\_ His plan ahead of time.

### 1. Four \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdoms

#### ***Babylonian Empire***

You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold. **Daniel 2:37-38**

And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. **Daniel 3:3-4**

#### ***Persian Empire***

Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you. **Daniel 2:39**

And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' **Daniel 7:5**

#### ***Greek Empire***

And yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. **Daniel 2:39**

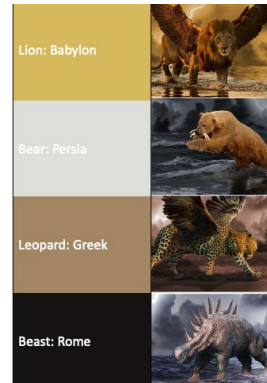
After this I looked, and behold, another, like a leopard, with four wings of a bird on its back. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. **Daniel 7:6**

#### ***Roman Empire***

And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.

**Daniel 2:40**

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it. **Daniel 7:7**



## 2. One \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom

I came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. **Daniel 10:14**

See also **Daniel 7:23-26, Revelation 13:1-4**

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

**Daniel 12:1-2**

## 3. The only \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever. **Daniel 2:44**

**13** “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. **14** And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. **Daniel 7:13-14**

And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.” **Daniel 7:27**

### Fill in the Blank Answers

God controlled every aspect of the Babylonian, Persian, Greek, and Roman empires, and He announced His plan ahead of time.

1. ancient
2. future
3. eternal