

Sermon Notes
Daniel: Dominion

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“For the simplicity on this side of complexity, I wouldn't give you a fig. But for the simplicity on the other side of complexity, for that I would give you anything I have.” **Oliver Wendell Holmes**

Location	Chapter		Language
Visible Reality	1	Exile	Hebrew
	2	Four kingdoms & the Kingdom of God	Aramaic
	3	God's power to rescue those who are wise	
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Invisible Reality	7...	Four kingdoms & the Kingdom of God	Hebrew
	... 8,9	Four kingdoms & the Kingdom of God	
	10-12	Exile	

1. It will get worse before it gets better

<i>The Traditional View of Daniel's Visions</i>		
Daniel 2	Historical Period	Daniel 7
Head of gold (36-38)	Babylonian Empire (625–539 BC) <i>Nebuchadnezzar 605-562 BC</i>	Lion with wings of eagle (4)
Chest and arms of silver (32,39)	Medo–Persian Empire (539–331 BC)	Bear raised up on one side (5)
Middle & thighs of bronze (32,39)	Greek Empire (331–63 BC) <i>Alexander 330-323 BC</i> (<i>Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy, Seleucus</i>)	Leopard with four wings and four heads (6)
Legs of iron; feet of iron and clay (33,40-43)	Roman Empire (63 B.C.–A.D.476)	Terrifying beast with iron teeth (7)
Stone -> Mountain (44-45)	The Kingdom of God - Jesus	<i>Antichrist</i> little horn uttering great boasts (8–11), BUT <i>Son of Man</i> to have everlasting dominion (13-14)

2. But it will get better...

“It's like in the great stories, Mr. Frodo. The ones that really mattered. Full of darkness and danger they were. And sometimes you didn't want to know the end... because how could the end be happy? How could the world go back to the way it was when so much bad had happened? But in the end, it's only a passing thing... this shadow. Even darkness must pass.” **J.R.R. Tolkien, The Two Towers**