

## Realizing God is in Control (Part 2)

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    - 3) His Kingdom will be world-wide. Zech. 14:9
7. Observations and Conclusions
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  - b. God's people will often be overrun and conquered.
  - c. But God never stops caring for His own:
    - 1) Daniel in Babylon
    - 2) Ezekiel in Babylon
    - 3) Jeremiah in Judah
    - 4) Paul in Rome

### E. The King Promotes Daniel. 2:46-49

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2. The king acknowledges Daniel's God. 47
3. The king promoted Daniel. 48-49
4. Warning:
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  - b. But he didn't live that way.
  - c. He built a gold statue ENTIRELY of gold!
  - d. Don't say Jesus is your "Lord"
  - e. And then live life the way YOU want to!
  - f. Luke 6:46

### F. Closing Thoughts

1. In the present, the actions of human kingdoms look rather bleak.
2. In the long term God's kingdom will conquer all human kingdoms.
3. God's kingdom will fill the whole earth.
4. God's kingdom will never end!
5. You enter God's kingdom by trusting in Jesus.
6. As a citizen of God's kingdom, your future could not possibly look brighter!

Be encouraged! The Day of Christ's Kingdom will soon dawn!

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