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## STUDY 2 – GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE KINGDOMS OF MEN

**Date: 5/6 February**

**Text: Daniel 4 (Sermon preached on Sunday 27 January)**  
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### Series So Far

Daniel 1 has shown us that 'God is at Work' in person and global levels - even when life throws Daniel a curveball and he is taken to Babylon from his home in Jerusalem as a teenager.

In Daniel 2, just a few years later, Daniel is brought into Nebuchadnezzar's presence to interpret his dream. The dream shows that his kingdom, and all kingdoms that follow will crumble as God's Kingdom comes through the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Daniel 3, many years have passed, the boys are now men, and the focus is on Shadrach Meshach and Abednego. They refuse to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's statue and are sent to the fiery furnace, where they are joined by the pre-incarnate Christ and kept safe from harm. God's faithfulness shines through.

Now we enter Daniel 4, where this week's study will focus, and hopefully, you will be encouraged and challenged that God is Sovereign over the kingdom of men, even some of the kingdoms that we may have constructed ourselves.

### Consider

'Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
or his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.'

Lamentations 3:22-23



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**Intro: Did anything from the sermon and/or passage stand out for you, to either encourage or challenge you?**

**General Reflection:**

- 1) What does this passage teach us about God?
- 2) What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- 3) What is a command to obey in this passage? What has God revealed in your life that needs changing? What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

**Observation (What does it say?)**

Summarize the content of Nebuchadnezzar's dream? (v9-18) What does it mean? (v24-27)

How long a time passes until the dream is fulfilled? (v29)

What do we learn about Daniel / Belteshazzar in this chapter? (v9, 19, 27)

**Interpretation (What does it mean?)**

What do Nebuchadnezzar's actions teach us about mankind? Does it show you anything about yourself?

**Application (What does it mean to me?)**

Reflecting on how Nebuchadnezzar describes Daniel in verse 9, how would our work colleagues, neighbours, friends and family describe us? Do people turn to us for godly advice?

Verse 26 declares that 'Heaven Rules'.

- How does this give you confidence in light of Stormont, Brexit and international politics?
- How does this challenge you as you consider other things that may rule in your life (eg. money, sex, power, popularity, family, comfort)?