

## God Is In Control Daniel 2:20-23

### Learn The Lesson

Though Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged God's power and control he did not continue.  
Was later cast out so that he would better learn this lesson

**Daniel 4** tells the story of a second dream and its fulfillment

Lived as an animal to be reminded God is the ultimate ruler of all

We sometimes can forget God is in control

### Hard To Understand God's Control

Why do good suffer and evil expand?

Why don't God's people always prevail?

Habakkuk wonder similarly

Wickedness in Israel - **Habakkuk 1:2-4**

Israel punished by a more evil nation - **Habakkuk 1:12-13**

In the end knew he must place his trust in God, no matter the circumstances - **Habakkuk 3:17-19**

This is because we cannot see all that is going on.

Habakkuk did not know the full story God was working

### We Must Accept God's Control

Christ reigns as foretold

#### **Psalms 2:**

The attempt of the nations to reject Christ - **Psalms 2:1-3**

The coronation of Christ despite their efforts - **Psalms 2:4-6**

The exercise of Christ's rule over the nations - **Psalms 2:7-9**

The importance of kings and judges serving the Lord - **Psalms 2:10-12**

Confirmed as of Jesus in prayer of Christians after persecution by Jewish leaders - **Acts 4:24-28**

#### **Psalms 110:**

The rule of Christ in the midst of His enemies - **Psalms 110:1-2**

Willing service of His people, priestly service of King - **Psalms 110:3-4**

The exercise of judgment among the nations - **Psalms 110:5-7**

Confirmed as speaking of Jesus by Peter on Pentecost - **Acts 2:32-36**

### Christ Is Sole Ruler Now

He has complete control

As claimed before His ascension to heaven - **Matthew 28:18**

As taught by His apostles - **Ephesians 1:19-23; 1Peter 3:22**

He rules though surrounded by enemies - **Psalms 110:2**

His rule will bring about the destruction of his enemies

His reign is not because all enemies have already been defeated - **1Corinthians 15:25-26**

No matter the enemy, He is still in control

### Must Trust In Him

Jesus exercises authority in ways we may not understand

Must let Him lead

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