

## **Daniel 4:28-37**

### **The Goal of the Covenant**

#### **Introduction:**

I remember reading a book that my friend gave me written by Harold Camping, from the Christian Reformed Church. The title of the book and a best seller was “1994” the year Jesus was to return. Needless to say it is no longer a best seller. This is the kind of nonsense that is damaging to the Christian Church and the credibility of the gospel. Camping, when he came to grips that this date was wrong, began to cover himself by suggesting another date 2033 on the grounds of Mark 5:13 where the passage speaks about a man possessed by demons and Jesus expels them and He sends them into a herd of pigs. 2000 of them were run over a cliff. The total years 2000 representing the years between Christ’s death 33 AD and His coming again. (Thus 2033)

- I. **The Intertwining of the Covenant with the Kingdom of God**
  - A. **A wider sense of the Kingdom of God – Daniel 4,**
    1. Christ King over everything – Eph. 1:22
    2. Christ’s Sovereign sitting on the right hand of the Father – Dan. 4:35
  - B. **The Mission**
    1. Occupy until Jesus returns – Turn To: Luke 19:12-27
    2. This strikes against Individualism.(those who see no value in the visible church)
    3. Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress – The church is called “Palace Beautiful”
  - C. **Covenantal Commission**
    1. Tares and wheat grow together – Matt. 13:24-30
    2. Troubles and Tribulation – Matt. 24:4-14
    3. Claiming God’s world for Him – Psalm 24:1
    4. Singing the victor’s song – Psalm 72:8,17
  
- II. **The Covenant and Eternal Life**
  - A. **The last days, (eschaton)**
  - B. **Two aspects of the Eschaton:**
    1. Through the promises of God’s covenant we are seeking a city whose builder and maker is God – Heb. 11:10; 13:14
    2. We are working in a creation that belongs to the Lord – Rom. 8;22-23
  - C. **Covenant Community**
    1. We live in prospect of Jesus return and the consummation of all things – I Cor. 15:24-28
    2. We live together in corporate worship – Eph. 2:6
  - D. **The Way Christians Live Their Lives:**
    1. Setting our minds on things above – Col. 3:2
    2. We have died to the morally defective things here on earth – Col. 3:3; Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5
    3. We live with great anticipation of Christ’s Second Coming – Col. 3:4

#### **Finally:**

***A great reunion is coming where all of God’s Covenant people will meet again at the glorious return of Jesus. We will sing throughout eternity – Psalm 89:1-4***