

Thriving in Babylon: The Pattern and the Promise

God's plan *always* has a *pattern* and a *promise*.

1. The pattern: The kingdoms of this world will rise and fall.

(Daniel 6:28 NIV)

If we don't say to God: "Thy will be done," then God will say to us: "Thy will be done."

2. The promise: The kingdom of God will rise and never fall.

(Daniel 7:9-14 NIV)

Jesus identified Himself to be the *fulfillment* of Daniel's "Son of Man" vision.
(Matthew 26:60b-65 NIV)

Jesus *will* build His Church and *no one can stop Him*. (Matthew 16:18 NIV)

3. The plan: The kingdom of God expands as we become kingdom builders. (Daniel 7:12 NIV; Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)

- **The pattern:** The kingdoms of this world will rise and fall.
- **The promise:** The kingdom of God will rise and never fall.
- **The plan:** The kingdom of God expands as we become kingdom builders.
- **The proclamation: Jesus wins!**