

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PRIDE AND PUNISHMENT

(Daniel 4)

I. KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR DREAMS A DREAM (2:1-49)

II. THE FIERY FURNACE (3:1-30)

III. KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF THE GREAT TREE

A. The king's PROCLAMATION (4:1-3)

1. The opening statement actually came _____ the autobiographical events depicted in chapter 4.
2. In the final recorded words of this very successful king of the ancient world, he made known to all the inhabitants of the earth his personal _____ and _____ regarding the Most High God.

B. The king's dream of the GREAT TREE (4:4-17)

1. In the dream there was a large tree that was abundant and providing _____ and _____ for all inhabitants of the earth. (vv. 10-12)
2. "*A watcher, a holy one*" came down from heaven giving the command to _____ the tree _____; the stump was to remain among the livestock. (vv. 13-16)
3. Verse 17 gives us a purpose statement as to _____ all of this happened, "*in order that the living may know that the Most High _____ in the kingdom of men...*"

C. Daniel was asked to INTERPRET the king's dream (4:18-27)

1. Understandably Daniel was _____ by the interpretation of the dream, knowing it referred to the hot tempered king whom he now faced. (v. 19)

2. In the dream given by the Lord, the king was represented by the great tree which was eventually _____ . (vv. 20-23)

* Is this not the case with the majority who are proud and boastful?

3. Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom would be temporarily removed from him, as pictured in only the _____ of the tree remaining; this was a _____ from God Himself. (vv. 23-24)

4. Daniel warned the king to _____ himself before it was too late. (v. 27)

5. As he surveyed his wondrous kingdom he said, "*Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by _____ mighty _____ and for the honor of _____*?" (v. 30)

6. The very hour that he had said these boastful things, the Lord caused him to have a _____ that caused him to exclusively eat grass and act like an animal? (vv. 31-33)

* Has there ever been a disease diagnosed that is similar to this mental illness?

7. Daniel was most likely the only member of the court that _____ for certain that the king's condition was only _____.

8. After a 7 year period, Nebuchadnezzar _____ himself by "*lifting his eyes to heaven*" and immediately his understanding returned to him. (v. 34)

* What will it take for the Lord to get your attention?