

The Book of Daniel
"Nebuchadnezzar's Tree Dream"
Daniel 4:1-37

Introduction

1. The contents of this chapter relate to a full accounting of a dream which Nebuchadnezzar dreamt. Its interpretation was given by God.

2. Discoveries are made everyday. The greatest discovery which any man can make is what he truly is before God. There is so much pretense and falsity in these days. Nebuchadnezzar discovered his true self in the presence of a holy God.

3. But the king discovered more than material about himself. Let's consider some of his discoveries:

1. About himself

a. His work. vv. 15, 26.

This basically concerns all the features of his kingdom. It would not go under at this particular time.

b. His greatness. vv. 11,12,20-22, 30.

He makes huge claims to what he has accomplished. All the archaeological discoveries have supported this. The excavations of Koldeway and others give evidence that what faith has always accepted is indeed true.

c. His pride. v. 25.

This is one of the 6 things the Lord hates as listed in Prov. 6. It is what caused Satan to fall and all who follow in his train (Ezek. 28:17).

d. His punishment. v. 33.

God will not allow sin to go on unmolested. Sin deserves punishment.

2. About morality.

a. Sin. v. 27

The ONLY way to deal with sin is to break with it. The Heb. verb has the thot of breaking a limb. No playing with sin is allowed!

b. Humility. v. 37.

If humility does mean anything, it certainly means to be brought low. This is what the original term conveys.

c. Confession. vv. 2, 34, 35.

When there has been true acknowledgement of sin and the experience of humility, then there will be confession. Really, unless the soul admits is there a genuine commitment to the Lord?

3. About God.

a. His person. v. 34.

As the "Most high God" this pagan king gives the Lord the highest place. Biblically it concerns his exalted position over all, particularly in the millennium.

b. His activity. Several items here:

- 1) His miracles. v. 2.
- 2) His kingdom. v. 2.
- 3) His dominion. v. 2.
- 4) His authority. vv. 17, 35.
- 5) His power. v. 37.

When one really understands WHO He is and what His purposes are, then one will worship HIM!

4. About prophecy.

This chapter is not without its prophetic significance. Among many items, note these:

- a. A Gentile pride. This will ultimately lead to the Battle of Armageddon.
- b. Divine judgement. God will not forever allow the nations to rebel against Him.
- c. Remnant believes. Even in the end time, many Gentiles will believe (Rev. 7:9).
- d. Millennial equity. When God is all in all in realization, then all will be well.

Conclusion

How wonderfully God speaks. Remember: 1. Humble yourself now and be right with Him. 2. Failure to submit to God will bring judgment. Oh, turn to Him now.