

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (Daniel 4)

DREAM INTERPRETED

- Daniel 4:4-5 - Nebuchadnezzar has an alarming dream.
- He saw a huge tree full of fruit and leaves, that becomes nothing but a stump
- Daniel alone could understand what was going on; the others could not.
- Daniel 4:6 - Nebuchadnezzar called together the wise men to interpret his dream.
- The wise men stood confounded by the dream.
- Daniel is summoned in to interpret this dream.
- In Daniel 4:19 we see the dream is interpreted. Daniel reveals that the tree represents Nebuchadnezzar, that God made him strong, but because of his pride, God will take it all away – until he learns that God is the source.
- Daniel 4:27 – After the interpretation is given, Daniel appeals for Nebuchadnezzar to repent, and submit to God.

THE DREAM COMES TRUE

- In verse 29 we see that 12 months later, the king still sees himself as the only source of his riches and glory, so in verses 28-33, he descends into madness, living like an animal outside his palace for 7 years.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR REALIZES – after 7 years in madness, in verse 34, we see him lift his eyes to heaven, realizing that God is sovereign, and his reason is returned.

- HE REALIZES THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN
- HE BELIEVES IN THE LORD - Daniel 4:34-35
- HE IS RESTORED - Daniel 4:36 His reason returned to him, and with his right reason God restores his original splendor.
- HE REALIZES “WHAT HAPPENED TO ME” - Nebuchadnezzar then declared to his people what happened to him, and he declared God's Power and Sovereignty to them.

NO ACCIDENTS - There are no accidents in God's Plan.

Hebrews 6:13 tells us that none is greater than God. Salvation conduct is us being made right with God by His Righteousness. Post-salvation conduct is provided for by Him, but is up to us to use that provision.

James 4:13 – *“Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.'”*

The verse says in essence:

Come now... you make all your plans, but you should be focused on *His Plan!*