

The Book of Daniel

Part 4: The Humbled King

Recap The Book of Daniel Series

- ◇ Israel is Conquered by Babylon
- ◇ Daniel and Friends are Established as Leaders in Babylon
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Has a Dream that Daniel Interprets & Praises God
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Builds a Stature in Defiance of God
- ◇ Chapter Three Ends with Nebuchadnezzar Again Praising God
 - ◇ Nebuchadnezzar is Virtue Signaling- Publicly expressing an opinion that is socially acceptable, that is politically correct but is disingenuous.
 - ◇ Rather Look Good than Be Good
 - ◇ Rather Be Right than Do Right

Nebuchadnezzar Tells His Story

- ◇ Daniel 4:1-18
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Shares His Testimony
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Has Another Dream
 - ◇ Repeat of Chapter 2?
- ◇ Wisemen Called in a Failed to Tell the Meaning
 - ◇ Was this by Choice?
- ◇ Daniel is “Finally” Called in
- ◇ Refers to Daniel as Belteshazzar- “May Bel Protect His Life”
 - ◇ Reminder of Slave Status & Where He Came From
 - ◇ Reminder of Nebuchadnezzar’s Wickedness
 - ◇ He Destroys the Temple
 - ◇ He Kills The Israelites
 - ◇ Torturous and Cruel
 - ◇ Repeatedly Denies the God of Heaven

Daniel Explains the Dream

- ◇ Daniel 4:19-27
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Tells the Dream of a Tree
- ◇ Daniel Says the Tree is Nebuchadnezzar
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar to Lose His Minds for Seven Years
- ◇ Daniel Appeals to Nebuchadnezzar
 - ◇ *“Therefore, O king may my advice be pleasing to you.” Vs. 27*
 - ◇ Daniel lovingly Confronts the King to Point Him to the Goodness of God
 - ◇ He Genuinely Cares for the King - Why?
 - ◇ *“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39*

- ◇ *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:43-45*

- ◇ *“Break away now from your sins by doing righteousness and from your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor...” Vs. 27*
- ◇ *Stop Sinning and Do the Right Thing! “I want you to be blessed by God”*
- ◇ *“Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.” Galatians 6:1*

The Vision Fulfilled

- ◇ Daniel 4:28-33
- ◇ *“Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon. The king reflected and said, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?’” Daniel 4:29-30*
- ◇ 🎵 “I Build this City” 🎵
- ◇ God Leaves a Stump- A season of Pruning
- ◇ How and Where is God Pruning You? He Wants to produce Fruitfulness in Your Life- Because He Loves You
- ◇ Nebuchadnezzar Praises the King of Heaven