

DANIEL PART I
LESSON 6
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We do not know the truth about our circumstances until we hear the truth from God.

Dan. 4:1-2 Nebuchadnezzar had a change of heart.

A decree: Do this or else!

Dan. 1:3-6, 2:5-12, 3:4-29

I. The establishment of his power

Dan. 4:3 Nebuchadnezzar admits this power is far beyond him.

II. The establishment of his kingdom.

Dan. 4:3 His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.

III. The establishment of his domain.

Dan. 4:3 His dominion is from generation to generation.

Dan. 4:2,4 Nebuchadnezzar was a war king, experienced as a soldier. Probably toward the end of his reign, Daniel was probably 40 or 50 years old.

Nebuchadnezzar had defeated the Assyrians, Phoenicians, Egyptians, Arabians and Judah. So, he was ready to sit back and enjoy his retirement as king.

Dan. 4:5

Dan. 2:1 Visions made him sleepless.

Dan. 4:6-7 He called the magicians, satraps,....

Dan. 2:4 They couldn't tell him the interpretation then, and they couldn't now.

Dan. 4:8 Daniel came in

The tree:

Dan. 4:10-11 Set in the **center** of the world.

Dan. 4:12 Fruit and food fed all birds and beasts that dwelt in it.

Dan. 4:13-15 Angelic watcher: Proclaimed **CUT DOWN THE TREE.**

Dan. 4:16 He (not it) will become a beast with a mind like a beast.

Dan. 4:19 Daniel is concerned.

Dan. 4:20-27 The beast is YOU. Repent!!

Dan. 4:28-29 All this happened. (the interpretation is true)
Through all this, God still gave Nebuchadnezzar a choice with His final warning, and 12 more months.

Dragon: symbol of Marduk

Lions: symbol of Baal

Issue: Nebuchadnezzar did not recognize Who gave him his power, therefore he was humbled.

Dan. 4:31 Sovereignty has been removed.

Often times our problem is not our attitude, it's our heart.

Dan. 4:32-34 Nebuchadnezzar is driven out. "But at the end of that time....."

Truth had become a reality for Nebuchadnezzar.

Power, dominion and kingdoms are His.

All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing. (4:35)

That would include Nebuchadnezzar.

Nebuchadnezzar's situation is not an isolated one:

Ps. 103:19 His Sovereignty rules over all

Dan. 1:2 God is over all the nations

Gen. 14:22 Possessor of heaven and earth

Dan. 2:28 Revealer of mysteries

Luke 22:31, Job 1:9-11 Satan must ask permission

Is. 45:6-7 No other God

Nebuchadnezzar realized the truth was different when he heard from God.

John 9:11-13 Blind man from birth. Why? He was blind so the works of God could be displayed in him.

Dan. 1:8 Daniel purposed in his heart to serve God.

Rom. 8:28 The "good" may not be to your benefit but it will always work out for His benefit.

God's Purpose: To conform us to the image of His Son.

Where is your focus? Hab. 3: 17-19