

DANIEL, Chapter 4
Nebuchadnezzar's Personal Testimony!

I. Daniel 4: Introduction

A. Deportation Dates

1. 605 BC; First deportation
 - a. the vessels of the house of God; and some of the sons of Israel
 - b. including Daniel and his three friends
2. 597 BC; Second deportation 2 Kings 24:13, 14
 - a. more treasures
 - b. 10,000 captives
3. 586 BC; Third Deportation
 - a. destroyed temple and the city
 - b. killed or deported almost all the residence

B. Nebuchadnezzar's Dates

1. reign: 605 to 562 BC. (Ptolemy's Canon; 43 year reign)
2. 1st dream: approximately 600 BC.
3. 2nd dream: approximately 570 BC.
4. young men tested: approximately 602 BC

C. Common themes!

1. What words or phrases are repeated throughout the chapter?

a. Vs. 4:1; 3:4, 7, 29 _____

b. Vs. 4:2; 3:26 _____
the most high < *illay* (Aramaic) > **God** < *elahh* (Aramaic) >

c. Vs. 2, 17, 24, 32, 34 _____

d. Vs. 4:5 & 2:1 _____

Vs. 4:6 & 2:2 _____

Vs. 4:7 & 2:10 _____

Vs. 4:8 & 2:25 _____

e. Vs. 8, 9, 18 _____

f. Vs. 17, 25, 32 _____

II. Daniel 4: Body

B. Daniel 4:1-9

1. What is so unusual about chapter 4?

a. Vs. 4, 5, 34, 37 _____

b. Vs. 6, 7, 8 _____

c. Why would God repeat this scenario? _____

d. When Nebuchadnezzar thrice mentions that Daniel has, “a spirit of the holy gods,” (Vs. 8, 9, 18) what does that tell us about his character?

e. What kind of character should we have in the “last days”?

C. Daniel 4:10-18: The Dream

1. What is the significance of:

a. V. 13, “a Watcher, a Holy one” _____

i. 2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalms 34:15; Genesis 16:13; _____

D. Daniel 4:19-27: The Interpretation

1. Why did Daniel hesitate (V. 19) and what does that tell you about Daniel’s feelings for the king?

3. Who did the tree represent?

4. Why was the decree so harsh? _____

5. What was the real issue? _____

6. What is the hope found in V 26 _____

7. What three things did Daniel advise the king to do?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

D. Daniel 4:28-33

- 1. Did Nebuchadnezzar follow Daniel's advice? If not, why not?

- i. 126 pages, archaeologists have translated of Nebuchadnezzar's bombastic statements about himself!
- 2. Do we take or do the "prophet's" advice? If not, why not?

- 3. Would God really do such a thing to a person and why?

- i. Through the lives of Daniel and his three friends
- ii. two dreams
- iii. theophany of the Son of God
- 4. Is there such as a thing as this manifestation? _____

- i. Josephus corroborated his "seven year" retirement.
- ii. Siegfried Horn documented a Babylonian cuneiform tablet which confirms his lunacy.
- iii. Gesenius explained that Daniel's Aramaic term "grass" included vegetables and plants in general.

III. Conclusion of Daniel Chapter 4

A. Daniel 4:34-37

- 1. Compare:
 - i. V. 2:47 _____
 - ii. V. 3:28 _____
 - iii. Vs. 4:34, 35 _____

- B. What is the significance of V. 26? _____

Summation: _____

Man may lift himself up in pride and boast of his power, but in an instant God can bring him to nothingness. It is Satan's work to lead men to glorify themselves with their entrusted talents. Every man through whom God works will have to learn that the living, ever-present, ever-acting God is supreme, and has lent him talents to use,—an intellect to originate; a heart to be the seat of his throne; affections to flow out in blessing to all with whom he shall come in contact; a conscience through which the Holy Spirit can convict him of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. {YI, March 28, 1905 par. 7}

God is infinitely holy, and he hates every species of iniquity. He is great in power, and he will punish the mightiest with the most depraved. He first gives to transgressors oft-repeated warnings. If the heart is hardened, if it refuses to heed the warnings given, and to accept the means of salvation, God will make men feel that as he has exalted and favored them, so he has to do with their casting down. When God has forsaken those whom he has highly favored, no earthly power can avail. God is long-suffering, not willing that any should perish; but his forbearance has a limit, and when the boundary is passed, there is no second probation. His wrath will go forth, and he will destroy without remedy. Mrs. E. G. White. {YI, March 28, 1905 par. 8}