

Daniel 4 - Study Guide

“Heaven Rules”

Scripture Summary

Nebuchadnezzar reigned as the king over Babylon from 605-562 B.C. It is estimated that the events covered in Daniel chapter 4 took place in the 35th year of his rule or around 570 B.C. This is the last event we have recorded for us in the Bible as it pertains to Nebuchadnezzar the man. Chapter 4 is his personal testimony of what the Lord God revealed to him and how he finally responded in humility.

Basic Outline

1. A proclamation to all nations (1-3)
2. This is who I was (4-9)
 - The dream: Part 1 (9-12)
 - The dream: Part 2 (13-18)
 - Daniel’s heart for the king (19)
 - The interpretation (20-27)
3. This is how it happened (28-33)
4. This is who I am by the grace of God (34-37)

Something Helpful:



Discussion Questions

1. What captured your attention most from Daniel Chapter 4?
2. Thinking of yourself as a tree, have you ever been cut down to size?
 - What were the circumstances?
 - Do you think that God was involved?
 - How did you feel afterward?
3. In verse 19, Daniel is troubled that he must give the king the bad news in his dream. If you had to give bad news to a king with great power, would you do it with discretion or with boldness?
4. What is the primary message of Nebuchadnezzar's dream? (Proverbs 16:18-19)
5. Why did God allow a year to pass before fulfilling the dream?
6. After seven years, Nebuchadnezzar's sanity is restored and he testifies about the Most High God. How does this testimony strike you?

Reference Verses:

God is able

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them

Nebuchadnezzar's style

2 Kings 25:6-9 So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they pronounced judgment on him. Then they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, put out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him with bronze fetters, and took him to Babylon. And in the fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the month (which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. He burned the house of the Lord and the king's house; all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great, he burned with fire.

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Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Daniel 2:21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

Psalms 75:7 But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.