

Daniel 4

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(This chapter was written by Nebuchadnezzar himself. He believed in Yahoveh after he had seen the miracles that God performed for Daniel and his three companions. Unfortunately, he also still believed in his idols as well)

4 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. (This is addressed to all the people of the world)

²I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. (The high God is Yahoveh. The king is telling the people of the world about the one true God)

Jeremiah-27:6 (God called Nebuchadnezzar, "MY servant")

³How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation. (He understands the nature of God)

⁴I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:

⁵I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. (This was another prophetic dream from God)

⁶Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream. (Once again, he called all the fakes to help him, instead of calling Daniel. People tend to make the same mistake over and over)

⁷Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof. (You would think he would just call Daniel, after the last debacle, but he still called the phonies. This is typical of human nature – to keep repeating past mistakes)

⁸But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying, (Belteshazzar = Bel protect his life)

(my god = Bel; he still worshiped Bel as his god, even though Daniel proved that Yahoveh is the true God)

(Trust God; not man. Practice moral correctness, not political correctness)

⁹O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof. (Old habits are hard to break. He still has many gods. He wrongly believes that it is Daniel who can interpret his dream. It was God who did it last time; not Daniel)

¹⁰Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great.

¹¹The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: (This prophecy has to do with the end of this age)

See Genesis (The tree of the knowledge of good & evil – Satan, in the Garden of Eden. In the end days Satan will rule the world for a short time, as antichrist)

1Corinthians-10:11(Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come)

¹²The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it. (The tree here is Nebuchadnezzar. He was a type for antichrist)

Ezekiel-31:3-11 (Describes Satan just as the tree in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. It is wrongly translated as a cedar of Lebanon. But in fact, it should be translated a box cedar – just a lowly salt cedar that is dwarfed, compared to the real cedars of Lebanon)

NOTE: (Nebuchadnezzar was a type for antichrist, in God's Word. In the First Age, God elevated Satan to the position of Cherub – a guardian of Jesus' mercy seat. But, he became prideful and wanted to sit on the mercy seat as Messiah. He rebelled against God, so God abased him. The mercy seat belongs to Jesus Christ; no one else)

¹³ I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; (the watcher is an angel)

¹⁴ He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches: (The prideful one will be abased. Pride is the downfall of man)

¹⁵ Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: (Nebuchadnezzar became prideful, like Satan did in the First Age. But he didn't rebel against God like Satan did. Satan was not a flesh man when he rebelled. It was a deliberate act to organize against Jesus Christ, as if he could ever overthrow Him)

(So, unlike Satan, God did not sentence Nebuchadnezzar to death. He will be taught a lesson and given a chance to repent – just like the rest of us who are living in the flesh. He would temporarily suffer the same fate that Satan will suffer during the millennium)

See Revelation-20:1-2 (Where Satan is held in bands in the abyss, for 1000 years. Nebuchadnezzar will only be in an abyss of sorts for a few years)

¹⁶ Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. (He will live on the earth for seven years as an animal in the woods. His intelligence will be taken away from him for a time. Pride is the downfall of man – any man)

NOTES: (This fate was Nebuchadnezzar's; but, today, we saw a second witness to the prideful. Saddam Hussein rebuilt Babylon in our times. When Iraq fell, he disappeared 7 months into a hole in the ground to escape US troops. When they found him, he looked like he had been living like an animal)

(God gives us many signs, but we have to be attentive in order to recognize them. We are living in the generation of the fig tree. We need to stay attentive and stay true to God. These are perilous times – on a spiritual level)

¹⁷ This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the

most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. (This is a sign to men that God rules Heaven and Earth. He can give and He can take away. The watchers are the angels who stand before Almighty God, day and night. HE hears them. HE hears their counsel and they obey Him)

(When Gabriel came to give Zacharias the news of the coming of Messiah <Jesus Christ as our Savior>, he described himself in the same way) See Luke-1:19-20

¹⁸ This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee. (Belteshazzar – Bel protect his life; Nebuchadnezzar still believes in many false gods. He knows of God and trusts Him, but he still doesn't understand. There is only one God)

¹⁹ Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. (Daniel was astonished for one hour – he was in a trance while God was giving him the interpretation of the king's dream)

(This is prophetic for the hour of Jacob's trouble, the hour of temptation, when antichrist will rule the one world system. That hour will be the 5 month period where he makes the whole world worship him) Revelation-17

NOTE: (It was very dangerous to interpret a dream that was against the king; but Daniel did it honestly and didn't hold anything back. He was a type for the Elect; who will witness for God, against antichrist, in the end days)

²⁰ The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the earth;

²¹ Whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: (Nebuchadnezzar was a type for antichrist) Ezekiel-31

²² It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. (Unfortunately for Nebuchadnezzar, his ego also grew as his power and kingdom was increased)

²³ And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him; (Here, Nebuchadnezzar will lose his kingdom for 7 years, and live like an animal, before he is reinstated)

(God is teaching Nebuchadnezzar a lesson on humility. He didn't gain all his power on his own. God gave it to him, and God can take it away any time that He so chooses)

NOTES: (In prophecy, the seventh dispensation is when Jesus returns. HE ends the rule of antichrist and begins the Millennium. Satan is cast into the abyss and held with bands)

(After 1000 years, Satan will be released from the abyss for a short season, in order for God to test the people who didn't make the first resurrection. Following that, he will go into the lake of fire and be gone forever) Revelation-20:2

²⁴ This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

²⁵ That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. (That is the lesson that Nebuchadnezzar needed to learn. God is in charge. No king can take that away from Him)

²⁶ And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. (They didn't destroy the tree, just as the king will not be destroyed. Once he learns humility before God, he will be reinstated)

²⁷ Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. (All that the king needed to do was to humble himself and help others; and he would be spared the decree of the dream. But he didn't)

²⁸ All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

²⁹ At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. (This is one year later)

³⁰ The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? (He thinks that he did all of that. His self pride is out of control. He is acting like a type for Satan; when he was a cherub that God had greatly promoted)

³¹ While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. (His own ego caused him to lose everything)

³² And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. (God had made him great with men; and now God took it away because he needed correcting) See Jeremiah-27:6

³³ The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. (Judgment from God was immediate)

NOTE: (This is also what Saddam Hussein looked like, when they found him, 7 months later. Nebuchadnezzar was a type for antichrist back then; as was Saddam Hussein, in present days)

³⁴ And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: (He finally looked up and saw God, and got a little common sense and humility. Then God forgave him and

restored him as the king of Babylon. Respect, bless and worship almighty God, and be blessed by Him)

(Unlike Nebuchadnezzar, Satan did not look up and worship God. He did not repent. He still works against God even to this day. He has been judged to perish in the lake of fire, with the people who also don't repent. Their souls will perish forever) See Ezekiel-28:15-20

³⁵ And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? (Who are we to question God? Nebuchadnezzar is finally on the right track with Almighty God)

³⁶ At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. (God's blessings returned to him as soon as he repented for his sins)

³⁷ Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase. (Satan never learned that lesson)

(This chapter was written by Nebuchadnezzar: The king of Babylon. The chapter is a prayer to Yahoveh: God of Heaven and Earth. Nebuchadnezzar learned a valuable lesson in humility. God blesses us if we bless Him)