

The Book of Daniel
Syllabus

Chapter 4

Read the entire chapter. For here we will deal only with excerpts from it.

In this chapter we see the last of Nebuchadnezzar in Scripture.

(The first six chapters of The Book of Daniel are a chronological account of events in Daniel's life and in the Babylonian captivity.)

Nebuchadnezzar's
Dream of the Tree

Dan. 4:5 I saw a dream which made me afraid...

Dan. 4:8 But at the last Daniel came in before me...

Dan. 4:9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians,...tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

Dan. 4:10 ... I saw, and, behold, a tree in the midst of the earth; and the height thereof was great.

Dan. 4:11 The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth.

Dan. 4:12 The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was food for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the birds of the heavens dwelt in the branches thereof, and all flesh was fed from it.

*Dan. 4:13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, *a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven.*

Dan. 4:14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off its branches, shake off its leaves, and scatter its fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from its branches.

Dan. 4:15 Nevertheless leave the stump of its 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:

Dan. 4:16 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.

Dan. 4:17 *The sentence 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 lowest of men. (ASV)*

* Bullinger: A holy angel. A Chaldee name for a heavenly being watching over the affairs of men.

Brim note: We see here another example of Heaven's inspection and intervention on earth. For example:

- The vision of the angelic horsemen going about in the earth, and reporting to the Most High (Zechariah 1:7-11).
See David Baron's [Commentary on Zechariah](#) for wonderful insight.
- Jesus walking among the churches in the Book of Revelation.

Clarence Larkin, *The Book of Daniel*, page 71

"The Book of Daniel reveals the close connection between the earth and the Spirit World."

Certain rulers, throughout time, have been so lifted in pride that they considered themselves to be gods. Pharaohs, Roman Emperors, etc. Nebuchadnezzar was in their ranks, but he was humbled to show all he was but a frail man (Psalm 9:20).

Nebuchadnezzar lived only a short while after returning to sanity.
His son, Evil Meradoch, succeeded him.

Prov. 16:18 ¶ Pride *goeth* before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall. (ASV)

Prov. 29:23 ¶ A man's pride shall bring him low;
But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor. (ASV)

Prov. 29:26 ¶ Many seek the ruler's favor;
But a man's judgment *cometh* from Jehovah. (ASV)