

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.

²I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. **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)**

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) (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)

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 he will rule the world for a short time) (the tree here is Nebuchadnezzar. He was a type for 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. Ezekiel-31:3-11 (Describes Satan just as in Nebuchadnezzar's dream; 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. He became prideful and wanted to sit on the mercy seat as Messiah. He rebelled against God and God abased him)

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

¹⁴He 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)

¹⁵Nevertheless 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, as Satan did in the first age. He would temporarily suffer the fate that Satan will

suffer during the millennium) See Revelation-20:1-2 (Where Satan is held in bands for 1000 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. (This fate was Nebuchadnezzar's; but also, as a second witness -> 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 to recognize them)

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)

¹⁸ This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Beltshazzar, 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. (Beltshazzar – Bel protect his life; Nebuchadnezzar still believes in many false gods)

¹⁹ Then Daniel, whose name was Beltshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Beltshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Beltshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. (This is prophetic for the hour of Jacob's trouble, the hour of temptation, when antichrist will rule the one world system) Revelation-17

(It was dangerous to interpret a dream that was against the king, but Daniel will do it honestly. He is a type for the Elect who will witness for God before 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: **Ezekiel-31** (Nebuchadnezzar was a type for antichrist)

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, 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 him 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 He chooses)

(In prophecy, the seventh dispensation is when Jesus returns. He ends the rule of antichrist and begins the Millennium. After 1000 years, Satan will be released from the abyss for a short season 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.

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. (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 the king needs to do is humble himself and help others, and he would be spared the decree of the dream. 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 that. His self pride is out of control. He is 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 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. (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 restored him as king of Babylon. Respect and worship almighty God, and be blessed. Unlike Nebuchadnezzar, Satan will not repent, and he will perish) 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 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 Israel. Nebuchadnezzar learned a valuable lesson)