

Lesson 5 - Daniel 4

The Disturbing Dream	The Resulting Change
<p>Dream</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tree that reached to heaven and filled the sky (10-11) - Beautiful foliage, abundant fruit - food for all (12) - Animals found shade and the birds dwelt there - all creatures fed themselves from it - Angelic watcher/holy one came down (13) - Chop down the tree, cut off the branches, strip foliage, scatter fruit (14) - Beasts and birds would flee (14) - Leave the stump, the roots, banded with bronze and iron (15) - HE will be drenched with dew, eat grass with beasts (15) - Mind is changed from a man to a beast for 7 periods of time (16) - Reason - to let mankind know the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whom He wishes, set over the lowliest of men (17) <p>Interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tree = Nebuchadnezzar - became great and grown strong, majesty has reached to the sky, his dominion to the ends of the earth (20-22) - Tree chopped down = 7 years, Neb is going to be driven away for mankind and become like a beast - UNTIL he recognizes the Most High is the ruler over mankind (23-25) - Leave the stump = kingdom would be restored AFTER you recognize the God rules (26) <p>Daniel's plea - break away from your sins (27) - sin is PRIDE</p>	<p>28-32 - boasting about all that HE has done</p> <p>18 - he recognizes a power in Daniel but not that it is The Power from the Most High God</p> <p>34-35 - acknowledges God - He lives forever, He has an everlasting dominion, all the inhabitants of the earth are as nothing, God does as He wills, no one can ward off his hand</p> <p>1-3 - God signs are great and mighty are His wonders</p> <p>36-37 - praises, exalts, and honors the King of heaven - His works are true, His ways are just - He is able to humble those who walk in pride</p>

God's Sovereignty	Man's Responsibility
<p>God gave Judah to Babylon (1:1) God granted wisdom, knowledge, interpret dreams (1:9) Wisdom and power belong to God (2:20) God changes times epochs (2:21) God will set up a kingdom that will last forever (2:44) God is sovereign over the elements (3:26) God will do His will and nothing will stop Him (4:35) God can humble those who walk in pride (4:37)</p> <p>Ps 83:18; 47:2 - God is over all the earth Gen 14:20 - God deliver's the enemy into His people's hands Dt 32:8 - God is over all the people Ps 57:2 - God accomplishes all things for me Ps 59:13 - God rules to the ends of the earth Ps 66:7 - He watches and rules all the nations Ps 139:13-16 - God made us, and He knows our days Is 14:24 - God plans and so it happens Is 14:27 - no one can frustrate God's plan Is 45:5-7 - there is no-one besides God Job 1-2 - Satan has to have permission from God and God has given him boundaries Jn 19:10-11 - authority on earth is granted through God</p>	<p>Dan 1:8 - Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself Dan 3:16-18 - refused to bow Dan 4:34 - Man designed to praise God Dan 4 - get rid of pride</p> <p>II Cor 7:1 - fear God</p> <p>Come to God on His terms - in His way Eph 2:8-9 - admit we are helpless to save ourselves Jn 14:6 - recognize God's way of salvation We need a Savior to pay the price of our sin and then He becomes Lord of our life (Lord = Master)</p> <p>Our lives should show our faith through our works (obedience) - Know the tree by its fruit (Mt 7:16, 20; Luke 3:8; James 3:17; Gal 5:22-23) - Fountain can't give both fresh and bitter water (James 3:11-18) - Faith without works is dead (James 2:14-26) - Died to deeds of flesh and now have fruit of spirit (Gal 5:16-24) - Can't die to sin and yet live in it (Rom 6:1-4) - Can't have light and darkness (I Jn 1:5; Eph 5:8; Rom 13:12; Jn 8:12; John 3:19-21)</p>