

“The Book Of Daniel”
The Most High Rules In The Kingdoms Of Men (4:1-37)
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Introduction

1. Even though Nebuchadnezzar seen the works of God and even praised God for them it appears in chapter four he still has a lot more to learn about God.
 - a. He knew God was Lord of kings and revealer of secrets (2:47)
 - b. He knew that God can deliver His servants (3:28-29)
 - c. But now it is time for him to learn that God, the Most High and King of Heaven rules in the kingdoms of men, including his own!

I. The Dream, Interpretation & Fulfillment

- a. Nebuchadnezzar’s Foreword (4:1-3)
 - i. Addressed to all the earth to declare the wonders of the Most High God
- b. Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream (4:4-18)
 - i. The king had great confidence with Daniel (4:8-9)
 - ii. Elements of the dream (4:10-17)
 - iii. The king repeats his confidence in Daniel to interpret the dream (4:18)
- c. Daniel’s Interpretation (4:19-27)
 - i. Daniel is astonished and troubled by the dream (4:19)
 - ii. Elements of Daniel’s Interpretation (4:20-26)
 - iii. Daniel’s counsel for the king was to be righteous and to show mercy (4:27)
- d. The Dream’s Fulfillment (4:28-37)
 - i. It came to pass at the end of twelve months (4:28-29)
 - ii. While the king was boasting about his power and majesty (4:30-32)
 - iii. That very hour he was driven from men (4:33)
 - iv. At the end of the time his understanding returned to the king (4:34-35)
 - v. Nebuchadnezzar restored (4:36-37)
- e. The Main Point Of The Dream & It’s Fulfillment
 - i. To learn that “The Most High Rules In The Kingdom Of Men”

II. The Rule Of God In The Kingdom’s Of Men

- a. Christ Now Reigns As Sovereign
 - i. Claimed before His ascension (Mt 28:18)
 - ii. Claimed after His ascension (Rev 2:26-27; 3:21; Eph 1:20-22; 1 Cor 15:24-28; 1 Pet 3:22)
- b. Christ Now Reigns In The Kingdom Of Men
 - i. As foretold by the prophets (Ps 2; Acts 4:23-28; Ps 110; Acts 2:36-37)
 - ii. As taught by the apostles (Rom 13:1-4; 1 Tim 2:1-2; Rev 1:5; Mt 24; Rev 17:14; 19:16; 1 Tim 6:15)

III. Learning Humility The Hard Way

- a. Pride Is Always Inappropriate (Proverbs 16:18; Mark 7:21-23; 1 John 2:16)
- b. The opposite of pride is humility (Proverbs 15:33; 1 Peter 5:5)