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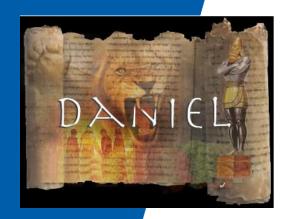
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The Green King

Daniel 4

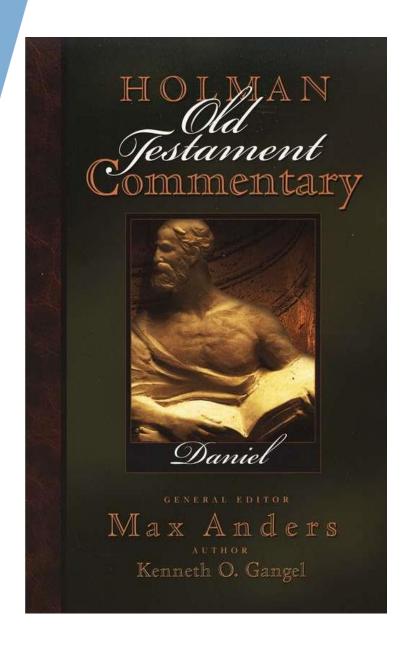
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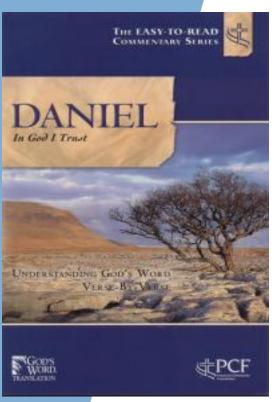


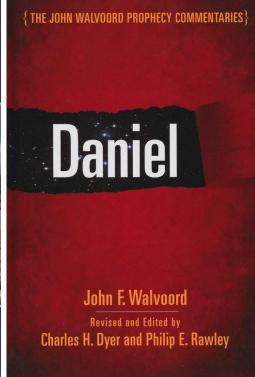
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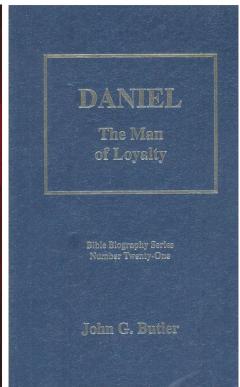




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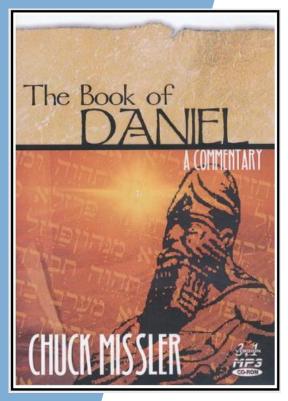


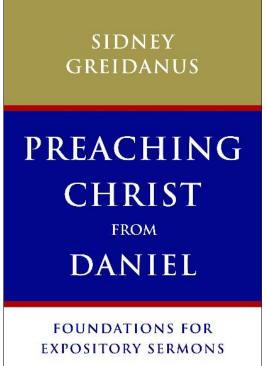






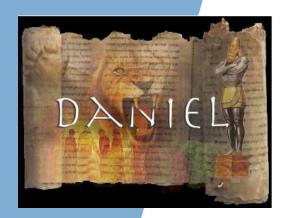
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Book of Daniel - Structure



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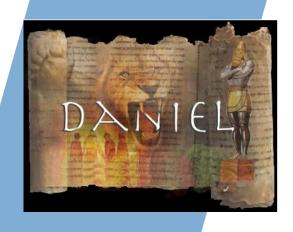
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05	Belshazzar's feast: the fall of Babylon.
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07	Daniel's first vision - four beasts.
08	Vision of the ram and goat.
09	Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
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11	Kings of the North and South - silent years in advance.
12	Epilogue - the consummation of all things.





The Green King

Text – New King James Version

Daniel 4:1-18

Daniel 4:1-18 - NKJV



4 Nebuchadnezzar the king,
To all peoples, nations, and languages that
dwell in all the earth:
Peace be multiplied to you.
² I thought it good to declare the signs and
wonders that the Most High God has worked

for me. --- Daniel 4:1-2 ... NKJV

Daniel 4:1-18 - NKJV



- How great *are* His signs,
 And how mighty His wonders!
 His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom,
 And His dominion *is* from generation to generation.
- ⁴ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. ⁵ I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. --- Daniel 4:3-5 ... NKJV

Daniel 4:1-18 - NKJV



⁶ Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. ⁷ Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation. --- Daniel 4:6-7 ... NKJV

Daniel 4:1-18 - NKJV



⁸ But at last Daniel came before me (his name is Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; in him is the Spirit of the Holy God), and I told the dream before him, saying: 9 "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.

--- Daniel 4:8-9 ... NKJV

Daniel 4:1-18 - NKJV



10 "These were the visions of my head while on my bed: I was looking, and behold, A tree in the midst of the earth, And its height was great. 11 The tree grew and became strong; Its height reached to the heavens, And it could be seen to the ends of all the earth.

--- Daniel 4:10-11 ... NKJV

Daniel 4:1-18 - NKJV



Its leaves were lovely,
Its fruit abundant,
And in it was food for all.
The beasts of the field found shade under it,
The birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches,
And all flesh was fed from it.

--- Daniel 4:12 ... NKJV

Daniel 4:1-18 - NKJV



13 "I saw in the visions of my head *while* on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven. 14 He cried aloud and said thus:

'Chop down the tree and cut off its branches,
Strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.
Let the beasts get out from under it,
And the birds from its branches.

--- Daniel 4:13-14 ... NKJV

Daniel 4:1-18 - NKJV



15 Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth,

Bound with a hand of iron and bronzo

Bound with a band of iron and bronze, In the tender grass of the field.

Let it be wet with the dew of heaven,

And *let* him graze with the beasts

On the grass of the earth.

16 Let his heart be changed from *that of* a man, Let him be given the heart of a beast, And let seven times pass over him.

--- Daniel 4:15-16 ... NKJV

Daniel 4:1-18 - NKJV



¹⁷ This decision *is* by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.' 18 "This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for the Spirit of the Holy God is in you."

--- Daniel 4:17-18 ... NKJV







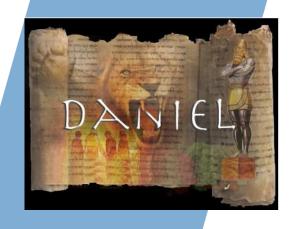
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Lesson 06: The Green King

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- Context of the Dream... [Daniel 4:1-9]
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The Green King

Context of the Dream

Daniel 4:1-9

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Daniel 4:1 - Observations



4 Nebuchadnezzar the king, To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

- Nebuchadnezzar ... To all
 - Only chapter in the Bible written by a Gentile King
 - Published throughout the known world
 - ✓ Issued in 562 BC
 - √ The year Nebuchadnezzar recovered from insanity due to pride
 - Lycanthropy [Greek lykos: wolf, anthropos: man]
 - Boanthropy [Greek bous: ox, anthropos: man]
- Peace be multiplied to you
 - Usual salutation in the East
 - ✓ Shalom ... Jewish
 - √ Salaam ... Arab

Daniel 4:2 - Observations



² I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me.

I Thought it Good to Declare

- Nebuchadnezzar's testimony
 - ✓ Did Nebuchadnezzar Experience True Conversion?
 - Scholars are split
 - What do you think?
- What is your testimony?
 - ✓ Have you experienced True conversion?
 - Are you "born again"? ... John 3:3
 - Are you part of the "whosoever"? ... John 3:16

John 3 - New Birth

³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Daniel 4:3 - Observations



³ How great *are* His signs, And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, And His dominion *is* from generation to generation.

His

- Nebuchadnezzar is acknowledging the Sovereignty of God
 - ✓ How Great are His
 - Signs
 - Mighty Wonders
 - ✓ His Kingdom is everlasting
 - Stone from the 1st Dream
 - God's Kingdom is eternal
 - √ His dominion is generational
 - Notice dominion is with man not angels
 - God is King of the Kingdom
 - Adam and "born again" believers are princes
 - » Given dominion by God
 - » Satan usurped Adam's dominion but he must answer to God

Daniel 4:4-5 - Observations



⁴ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. ⁵ I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

Nebuchadnezzar was at rest

- Wars are over
- Coupe has been put down
- Allegiance throughout the kingdom has been restored
- Flourishing in the palace (place of apparent safety)

Daniel 2 – 1st Vision

Nebuchadnezzar saw a Dream

- Caused fear
- Caused troubling thoughts ... on my bed
- Caused troubling visions ... of my head
- God is dealing with the King again
 - ✓ This time to address his pride

²⁸ But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: ²⁹ As for you, O king, thoughts came *to* your *mind* while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be. -- Daniel 2:28-29 ... NKJV

Daniel 4:6 - Observations



⁶ Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

Another Decree

- Brings is in all the wise men for a consultation
 - ✓ **METHOD**: Issues a decree extent is throughout the kingdom
 - ✓ PURPOSE: Make known the interpretation of the dream
 - ✓ PROBLEM: He does not consult Daniel (Most High God) First
 - Do we not do the same thing?
 - When we are confronted with the issues of life...
 - » POSITIVE: Achievements, awards, accolades, providence of God
 - » NEGATIVE: Trouble, trials, sickness, sorrow, confusion
 - » Do we seek God first?
 - » God promised to provide all our needs
 - -» God promised to never leave us

⁵ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

- Hebrews 13:5 .. NKJV

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble – Matt 6:33-34 .. NKJV

Daniel 4:7 - Observations



⁷Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.

Counselors Fail Again

- Nebuchadnezzar makes known the dream
 - ✓ This time they do not have to tell the dream first
 - ✓ Even with the dream the "wise men" could not give the interpretation
- Why was Daniel not among the "wise men"?
 - ✓ Can only speculate on the reason why.
 - ✓ We do know that whatever the reason ...
 - It was used to delay Daniel's appearance
 - » Results in a display of God's sovereignty
 - » Made known throughout the kingdom

Daniel 4:8 - Observations



⁸ But at last Daniel came before me (his name *is* Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; in him *is* the Spirit of the Holy God), and I told the dream before him, *saying*:

- At Last Daniel ... Time for the 'A' Team
 - Why the parenthetical "Belteshazzar"?
 - ✓ Daniel's "official" name name known by throughout the kingdom
 - √ This is part of Nebuchadnezzar's decree for his entire kingdom
 - Name of my god
 - ✓ Daniel was renamed according to the name of his god (chapter 1)
 - Bel -

Bel and Nebo. The Pagan Gods of Babylon

Bel also known as Enlil and Nebo (Nabu) were two of the primary gods that were worshipped in ancient times by the Babylonians. They are referred too numerous times in Babylonian documents as well as the Bible (Old Testament). The Babylonians had so many gods it would be almost impossible to keep up with all of their names and attributes. The prophet Jeremiah describes the Babylonians as being "insane with their idols".

Bel (mythology)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Bel (/ˈbeɪl/; from Akkadian bēlu), signifying "lord" or "master", is a title rather than a genuine name, applied to various gods in Babylonian religion. The feminine form is Belit 'Lady, Mistress'. Bel is represented in Greek as Belos and in Latin as Belus. Linguistically Bel is an East Semitic form cognate with Northwest Semitic Ba'al with the same meaning.

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 - Spirit of the Holy God
 - ✓ Sets Daniel apart from the rest of the Chaldeans
 - Worshipped multiple gods who were worthless
 - ✓ Are you set apart for God?
 - ✓ Can others see that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you?
 - In what ways?

Daniel 4:9 - Observations



⁹ "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.

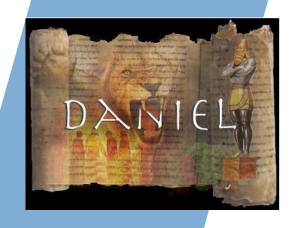
- Chief of the Magicians
 - Scholars
 - √ Rab Khartom Aramaic
 - Hereditary Median Priesthood ... Chapter 6
 - √ Rab Magi Aramaic
- I know ...
 - Spirit of the Holy God is in you
 - No secret troubles you
- I have confidence that
 - You can explain the visions
 - And give the interpretation

Knowledge and Confidence based on his dealings with Daniel

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 4:1-9



	Daniel Chapter 04						
Verse	Principle	Application					
	Context of the Dr	eam Daniel 4:1-9					
	God is worthy of our	I resolve to praise God with all					
	praise.	my thoughts, words, and					
		actions.					
1-9		Psalm 18:3 3 I will call upon					
		the Lord, who is worthy to be					
		praised; So shall I be saved					
		from my enemies.					





The Green King

Content of the Dream

Daniel 4:10-16

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Daniel 4:10 - Observations



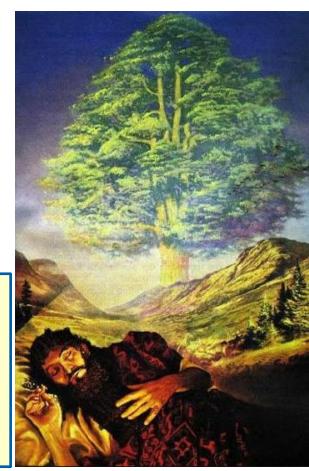
10 "These were the visions of my head while on my bed:
I was looking, and behold, A tree in the midst of the earth, And its height was great.

- Nebuchadnezzar Starts the Telling of the Dream
 - Visions start while he is in bed
 - Visions starts with a Tree
 - ✓ In the midst of the earth
 - Reminiscent of tree of life
 - » Genesis 2:8-9
 - » Revelation 2:7
 - ✓ The tree is of great height
 - Not a sapling
 - Full grown tree

7"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

- Revelation 2:7 .. NKJV

⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.— Genesis 2:8-9.. NKJV



Daniel 4:11 - Observations

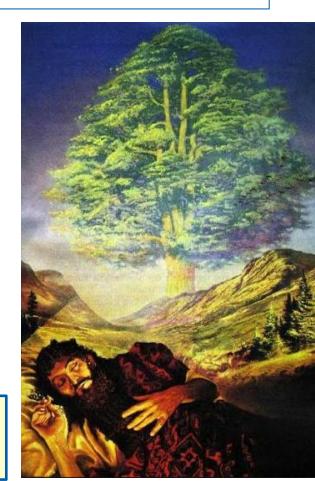


¹¹ The tree grew and became strong; Its height reached to the heavens, And it could be seen to the ends of all the earth.

Tree Grows to Great Heights

- Tree Grew and Became Strong
 - ✓ Tree was already of great height, and its growing
 - ✓ Can be seen from all points on the earth
 - ✓ Trees and plants are common idioms for kingdoms
- Reached to the heavens (NKJV)
 - ✓ Reaching high into the heavens (NLT)
 - ✓ Reached to heaven (ESV, KJV)
 - ✓ Touched the sky (NIV)
 - ✓ Top reached far into the sky (NET)
 - ✓ Reminiscent of Tower of Babel .. Genesis 11:4

⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." – Genesis 11:4 .. NKJV



Daniel 4:12 - Observations



12 Its leaves were lovely, Its fruit abundant, And in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, The birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, And all flesh was fed from it.

Trees Leaves, Fruit, and Branches Idioms

- Leaves were lovely
 - ✓ Healing of the nations
- Fruit abundant
 - ✓ In it food for all
- Shade provided
 - ✓ Beasts are attracted to it for its shade

- **22** And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ² In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- Revelation 22:2 .. NKJV

River of Life in Heaven

- Branches
 - ✓ Birds nest in the tree
- Feeding all flesh
 - ✓ Reference to humans

- ³¹ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, 32 which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."
- Matthew 13:31-32 .. NKJV

Kingdom of Heaven

Daniel 4:13 - Observations



¹³ "I saw in the visions of my head *while* on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven.

- A Watcher Appears from Heaven
 - Tree is going up to heaven
 - Watcher is coming down from heaven
 - What is a "watcher, a holy one"?
 - ✓ An angel sent by God
 - ✓ In the literature of the intertestamental period
 - Common term for angel
 - Angel means messenger

ANGELS ARE INTERESTED IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN!

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?

Tell *Me,* if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements?

Surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ To what were its foundations fastened?

Or who laid its cornerstone,

When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

- Job 38:4-7 .. NKJV

LORD Speaks to Job

Daniel 4:14 - Observations



14 He cried aloud and said thus:

'Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, Strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts get out from under it, And the birds from its branches.

Watcher Makes Proclamation

- Watcher is speaking for God Judgment is coming for the tree-
 - ✓ We're going to see that Nebuchadnezzar is this tree
 - √ Judged for pride ... God Hates Pride
- Tree is now longer allowed to grow to heaven
- Tree is to be
 - √ Chopped down
 - ✓ Branches cut off.
 - √ Leaves stripped
 - ✓ Fruit scattered
 - ✓ Dependents must separate
 - Beasts get out from under it
 - Birds vacate its branches

⁶ He also spoke this parable: "A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?' ⁸ But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it.* ⁹ And if it bears fruit, *well.* But if not, after that you can cut it down."

- Luke 12:6-9 .. NKJV

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Daniel 4:15 - Observations



¹⁵ Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth, *Bound* with a band of iron and bronze, In the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew of heaven, And *let* him graze with the beasts On the grass of the earth.

- Leave the Stump and Roots in the earth
 - With stump and roots there is hope for renewal
 - Nebuchadnezzar will be restored, reinstated as king, redeemed??
- Bound with a band of iron and bronze
 - Scholar are not certain regarding the meaning of this idiom
 - One suggests
 - ✓ It is the chaining of Nebuchadnezzar to his insanity for 7 yrs
- Let him gaze with the beasts on the grass of the earth
 - Notice "it" (tree) becomes "him"

Daniel 4:16 - Observations



¹⁶ Let his heart be changed from *that of* a man, Let him be given the heart of a beast, And let seven times pass over him.

Heart Changed

- Heart means understanding
- Judgment is complete
 - ✓ His heart is change from a man to a beast
 - ✓ He become as an animal ... because of his pride --- GOD HATES PRIDE!!

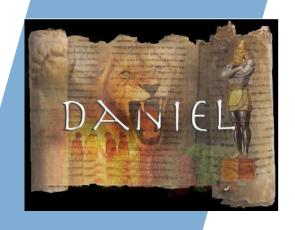
Seven times pass over him

- Seven years he will be in this condition
- · Seven is the number of perfection, completeness, fullness

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 4:10-16



Daniel Chapter 04			
Verse	Principle	Application	
Content of the Dream Daniel 4:10-16			
10-16	God hates pride.	I resolve to remain humble and resist any incursion of pride in my life. But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."	





The Green King Conclusion of the Dream

Daniel 4:17-18

Lesson 06 - Outline



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Daniel 4:17 - Observations



17 'This decision *is* by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.'

Decision

- Judgment is from God by decree of the watchers
- PURPOSE OF THE DECREE
 - ✓ The living may know
 - The Most High rules in the kingdom of men
 - God gives it to whomever He will -- SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!!
 - Sets over it the lowest of men reference/put down of Nebuchadnezzar
 - ✓ Only the living may know men on the earth and angels in Heaven
 - The time to act is when you are alive
 - Once you draw your last breath your eternity is fixed
 - If you die outside of Christ
 - » You will know the sovereignty of God but it will be too late!
 - » Today is the day of salvation.



Daniel 4:18 - Observations



¹⁸ "This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you *are* able, for the Spirit of the Holy God *is* in you."

Conclusion of Nebuchadnezzar Dream

- Nebuchadnezzar reiterates his confidence in Daniel
- Declare its interpretation
 - ✓ Almost a command
 - ✓ Knowing that Daniel can do what his other "wise men" could not do
 - He has learned that what Daniel is capable of doing is because
 - The Spirit of the Holy God is in you
- Is the Spirit of the Holy God in you?
 - It is if your are saved.
 - When you accept, believe and confess Christ you are saved
 - ✓ The Holy Spirit takes residence in your heart
 - ✓ Your body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 4:17-18



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Conclusion of the Dream Daniel 4:17-18			
17-18	God works through the Spirit of the Holy God in the believer.	I resolve to be used by God and allow His Holy Spirit to have His way in my life. John 16:13-14 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.	

