

# Daniel

# Chapter 4

# Homework

When we get to Chapter 4, several things have taken place in the lives of Daniel and his friends. After they were exiled into Babylon from Jerusalem, they were chosen by the King to be educated and converted for the purpose of entering the King's personal service. From the beginning Daniel was resistant to Babylon's indulgent culture, and by negotiating with those in authority over him, he was able to maintain his dietary (and perhaps religious) preferences.

God blessed Daniel by giving him knowledge (concerning the King's dream) and wisdom (in interpreting the King's dream). God's message to the King through Daniel resulted in outcomes favorable to Daniel:

Daniel was promoted and allowed to appoint his friends into administrative positions, Daniel's request to spare the Babylonian wise men would give him favor with them, Nebuchadnezzar recognized Daniel's Most High God—among the many others that the King worshiped.

Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah were tested when the King set up a huge statue to be worshiped by everyone in the land, and they refused to bow down. The penalty was death. As they were faithful to God and refused to worship the King's idol, they testified to the sovereignty of God regardless of their fate. Their dramatic rescue would impress upon the King once again the power of the Most High God. The faithful three were restored and prospered by the King's hand.

**Daniel 4:1—3** Once again Nebuchadnezzar acknowledges the Most High God. This chapter begins with a proclamation from the King which went to \_\_\_\_\_.

Can you imagine the heralds and town criers spreading this announcement!

What is the salutation? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the King say that would give himself credit? (2 things)  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The King calls attention to three qualities of God. To what would each of the following refer?  
signs and wonders \_\_\_\_\_

everlasting kingdom \_\_\_\_\_

dominion from generation to generation \_\_\_\_\_

Earlier, Nebuchadnezzar had praised God. Let's look at it again. Daniel 2:47

What is revealed as he called Him Daniel's God? \_\_\_\_\_

To what divine qualities does the King refer by the following?

God of gods \_\_\_\_\_

Lord of kings \_\_\_\_\_

Revealer of mysteries \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel had testified about the character and position of God. For what does Daniel praise God in Dan. 2:20 \_\_\_\_\_

2:21 \_\_\_\_\_

2:22 \_\_\_\_\_

2:23 \_\_\_\_\_

2:27—28 \_\_\_\_\_

2:37—38 \_\_\_\_\_

2:45 \_\_\_\_\_

Perhaps Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah had the most powerful testimony of all. Dan. 3:16—18  
The King asked them a question: \_\_\_\_\_

Even when facing certain death, their answer had three main points:

1. We do not need to \_\_\_\_\_
2. Our God, whom we serve is able to deliver us from \_\_\_\_\_  
and out of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Even if He does not, we are not going to \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_

Even if King Nebuchadnezzar recognizes the Most High God, praises His name, and makes proclamations about His power throughout the land, why is this NOT to be understood as an act of conversion or righteousness?

Ex. 20:3 \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. 20:4—5 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Thes. 1:9 \_\_\_\_\_

Polytheism (worshiping multiple gods) or syncretism (worshiping God plus other god or gods) are not acceptable to God. Can you think of examples today where people want to be known as Christians, but they obviously worship other gods as well?

As the children of Israel were entering the Promised Land, they were required to shout from the mountain tops the blessings of obedience and the curses of disobedience. What was the first thing prohibited? Duet. 27:15 \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Dan. 4:4—18          Dream No. 2**

v. 4—5 What emotions were provoked by this dream? \_\_\_\_\_

v. 6—7 What action did the King take? \_\_\_\_\_  
What was the outcome? \_\_\_\_\_

v. 8—9 How is Daniel described here? \_\_\_\_\_

What request is made of him? \_\_\_\_\_

v. 10—12 This dream is about a tree. Describe it: \_\_\_\_\_

v. 13—17 Who enters the King's dream? \_\_\_\_\_ What three things are revealed about him? 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

What does he command to be done? v. 14 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 15 \_\_\_\_\_

v. 16 \_\_\_\_\_

From these verses, a pronoun gives us a clue about the identify of the tree! \_\_\_\_\_

What time frame is stated? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the purpose of the outcome of the dream? \_\_\_\_\_

v. 18 Why does the King think "Belteshazzar" can interpret the dream? (2 reasons)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and 2. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4:19—27          The Dream Interpreted**

v. 19 What was Daniel's initial reaction? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

v. 20—26 The dream is highly symbolic. Tell the symbolism and significance of the following  
tree \_\_\_\_\_  
its size and strength \_\_\_\_\_  
That it is chopped down \_\_\_\_\_  
band of iron and bronze \_\_\_\_\_  
dew \_\_\_\_\_  
sharing with beasts of the field \_\_\_\_\_  
seven periods of time \_\_\_\_\_  
What will be the purpose of this experience for the King? \_\_\_\_\_

v. 27 What hope is there for the King? If he will \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
then \_\_\_\_\_

**4:28—33 What happened to Nebuchadnezzar?** \_\_\_\_\_

When will this take place? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the King doing on the roof? \_\_\_\_\_

What specifically does he attribute to himself? \_\_\_\_\_

How is this contrary to what Daniel had told him earlier? Dan. 2:37  
\_\_\_\_\_

An audible voice from heaven! Four things will take place:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Until how much time passes? \_\_\_\_\_

At which time the King will \_\_\_\_\_

From v. 33, how soon did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

The King is described as driven away \_\_\_\_\_

eating \_\_\_\_\_

his body was \_\_\_\_\_

his hair \_\_\_\_\_

his nails \_\_\_\_\_

his reason (according to v. 34) \_\_\_\_\_

**4:34—37 Nebuchadnezzar's Testimony**

The King's testimony is characterized in three ways:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

First he repeats himself saying the Most High's dominion is \_\_\_\_\_

and His kingdom \_\_\_\_\_.

What do the inhabitants of the earth have to offer in comparison? \_\_\_\_\_

How is God's sovereignty described? \_\_\_\_\_

To whom is God accountable? \_\_\_\_\_

What was restored to Nebuchadnezzar? \_\_\_\_\_

To what extent? \_\_\_\_\_

What had the King learned about is what due God? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What had the King learned about himself? \_\_\_\_\_

Pride is considered by many to be the root cause of all sin. What is learned from . . .

Prov. 8:13 \_\_\_\_\_  
Prov. 11:2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Prov. 16:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Prov. 29:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark 7:21—22 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Cor. 5:11—12 \_\_\_\_\_  
1 John 2:16 \_\_\_\_\_  
James 4:15—16 \_\_\_\_\_  
Eph. 2:8—9 \_\_\_\_\_  
1 Cor. 1:30—31 \_\_\_\_\_

**Some questions for further thought:**

1. Sometimes we have to learn a lesson the hard way. Think about a time when this happened to you or someone you know.
2. What risks did Daniel face in telling the king the bad news of the dream?
3. Daniel had courage to tell the truth. How does this relate to our responsibility to speak God's Word in our world? What would give us courage?
4. Would you like to know your future for the next seven years? Why or why not?
5. The king knew he would face hardships. How should he have reacted? How do our national leaders need to act differently in light of God's Word?
6. What keeps us from repenting even when we are clear about our wrongdoing?
7. It has been said that pride is the basis of all other sins. Do you agree or disagree? Why? Give some Biblical examples.
8. Life's experiences change us. What changes to you see in Nebuchadnezzar when he was given a second chance?