

Daniel 4

Opening of encyclical letter

Sender

Recipients

Greeting

Reason for writing

To show ...

His great works ...

Done toward Neb.

Doxology

His power

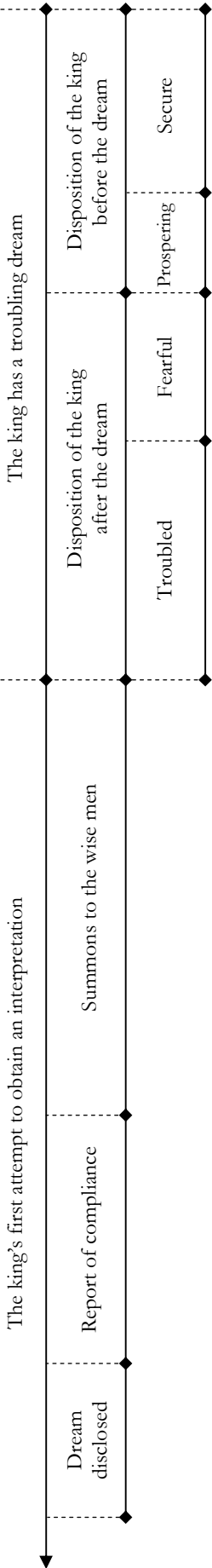
His sovereignty

¹ NEBUCHADNEZZAR
THE KING,
UNTO ALL
PEOPLE,
NATIONS, AND
LANGUAGES,
THAT DWELL
IN ALL THE **EARTH**;

PEACE
BE MULTIPLIED
UNTO YOU.

² I
THOUGHT IT GOOD
TO SHEW THE
SIGNS AND
WONDERS
THAT THE HIGH GOD
HATH WROUGHT
TOWARD ME.

³ HOW **GREAT**
ARE HIS SIGNS! AND
HOW **MIGHTY**
ARE HIS WONDERS!
HIS **KINGDOM**
IS AN EVERLASTING **KINGDOM**, AND
HIS **DOMINION**
IS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.



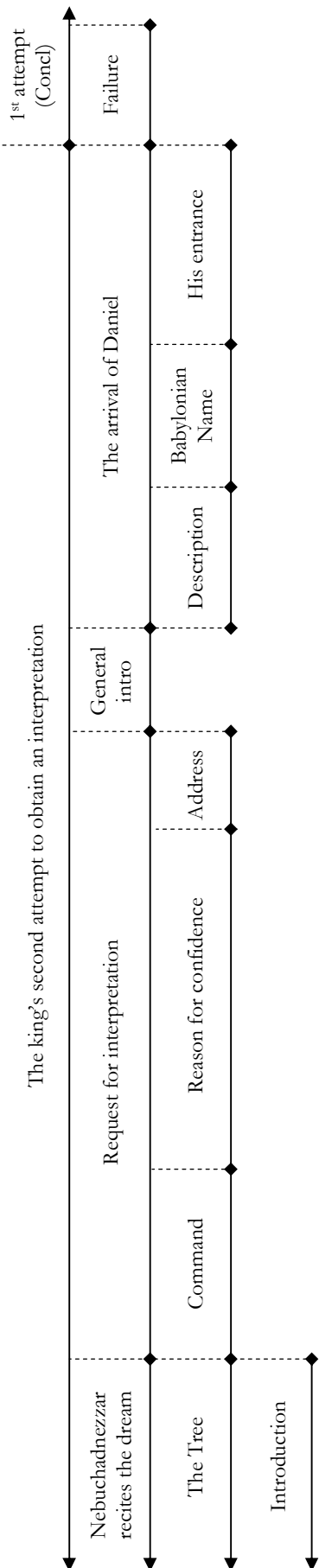
⁴ I NEBUCHADNEZZAR
 WAS
 AT REST
 IN MINE HOUSE, AND
 FLOURISHING
 IN MY PALACE:

⁵ I SAW
 A DREAM
 WHICH MADE ME AFRAID, AND
 THE THOUGHTS
 UPON MY BED AND
 THE VISIONS
 OF MY HEAD
 TROUBLED ME.

⁶ THEREFORE
 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.

⁷ THEN 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.

8 BUT 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*,

9 “O 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.

10 *THUS WERE* THE VISIONS
 OF MINE HEAD
 IN MY BED;

The king's second attempt to obtain an interpretation (continued)

Nebuchadnezzar recites the dream (continued)

The Watcher

Introduction

Its usefulness

Shelter
for fowl

Food
for all

Shelter
for beasts

Food
for all

Description
of growth

Its great height

Location

Intro
(concl)

I SAW, AND

BEHOLD

A TREE

IN THE MIDST

OF THE EARTH, AND

THE HEIGHT THEREOF

WAS GREAT.

¹¹ THE TREE

GREW, AND

WAS STRONG, AND

THE HEIGHT THEREOF

REACHED UNTO HEAVEN, AND

THE SIGHT THEREOF

TO THE END

OF ALL THE EARTH:

¹² THE 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.

¹³ I SAW

IN THE VISIONS

OF MY HEAD

The king's second attempt to obtain an interpretation (continued)

Nebuchadnezzar recites the dream (continued)

The Watcher (continued)

Intro
The Watcher
comes from heaven :
(concl)

Introduction

Cut down the Tree

The Watcher's decree

Leave its stump

Wet with
dew

His lot with
the animals

UPON MY BED, AND,
BEHOLD,

A WATCHER AND
AN HOLY ONE

CAME DOWN

FROM HEAVEN;

¹⁴ HE

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:

¹⁵ NEVERTHELESS

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

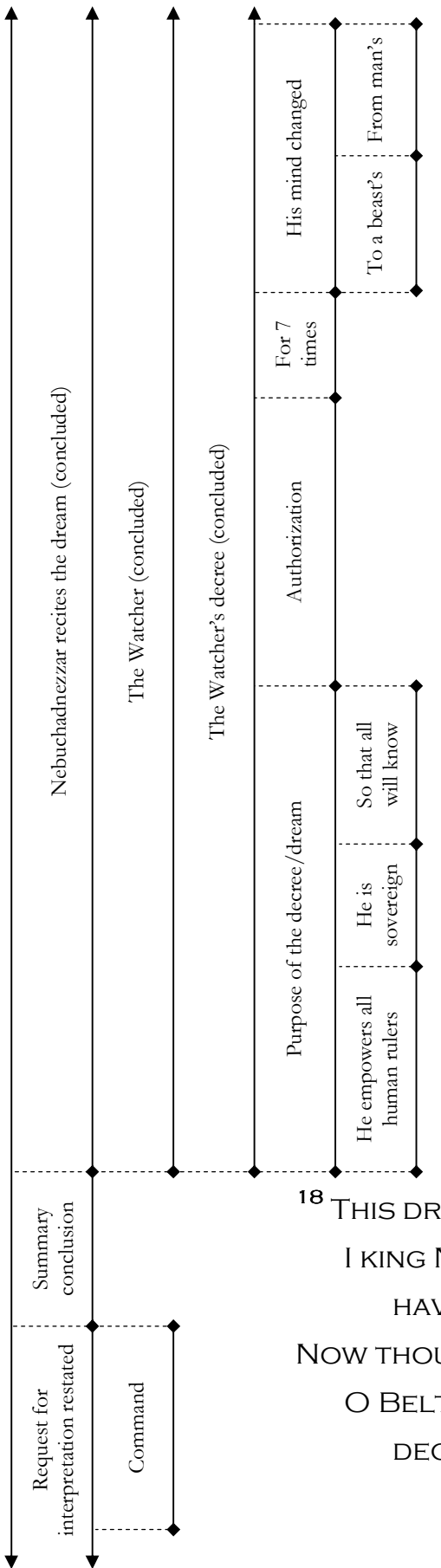
WITH THE DEW OF HEAVEN, AND

LET HIS PORTION BE

WITH THE BEASTS

IN THE GRASS OF THE EARTH:

The king's second attempt to obtain an interpretation (continued)



Request for interpretation restated

Summary conclusion

Command

The Watcher (concluded)

The Watcher's decree (concluded)

Purpose of the decree/dream

Authorization

For 7 times

His mind changed

He empowers all human rulers

He is sovereign

So that all will know

To a beast's

From man's

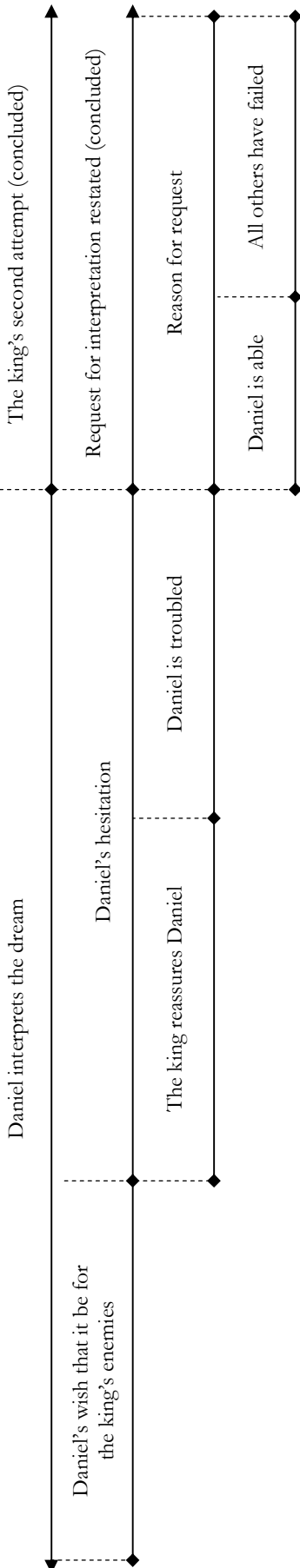
¹⁶ LET HIS HEART
 BE CHANGED
 FROM MAN'S, AND
 LET A BEAST'S HEART
 BE GIVEN
 UNTO HIM; AND
 LET SEVEN TIMES
 PASS OVER HIM.

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.'

¹⁸ THIS DREAM
 I KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR
 HAVE SEEN.

NOW THOU,
 O BELTESHAZZAR,
 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.”

¹⁹ Then Daniel,
 whose name *was* Belteshazzar,
 was astonished
 for one hour, and
 his thoughts
 troubled him.
 The king
 spake, and said,
 “Belteshazzar,
 let not
 the dream, or
 the interpretation thereof,
 trouble thee.”
 Belteshazzar
 answered and said,
 “My lord,
 the dream *be*
 to them that hate thee, and
 the interpretation thereof
 to thine enemies.

Daniel interprets the dream (continued)

Interpretation of the Tree

Recital of the Tree portion of the dream

Application to Nebuchadnezzar

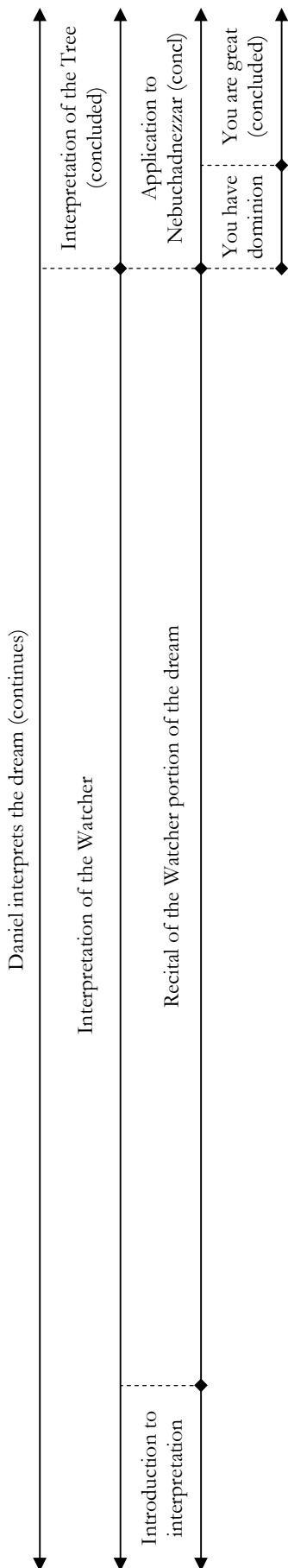
You are
great

You are
strong

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:

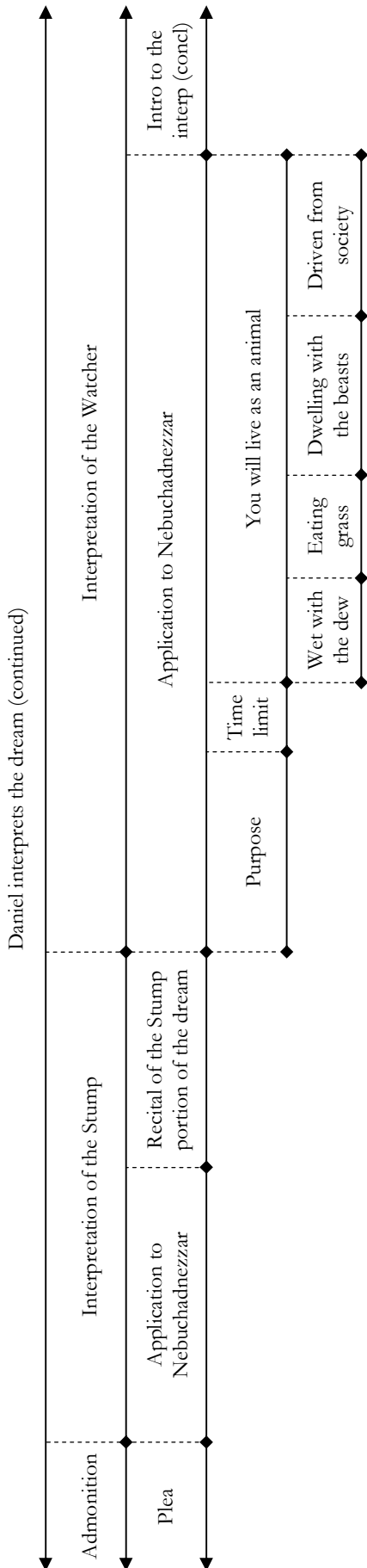
²² It *is* thou, O king,
that
art **grown** and
become **strong**:
for
thy **greatness**



is **grown**, and
 reacheth
 unto **heaven**, and
 thy **dominion**
 to the end of the **earth**.

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;’

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,

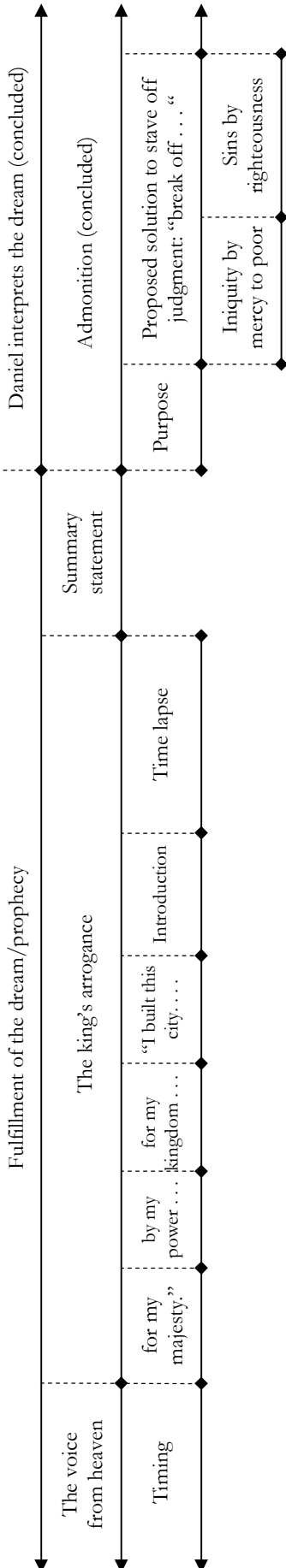
after that thou

shalt have known

that the **heavens** do **rule**.

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.”

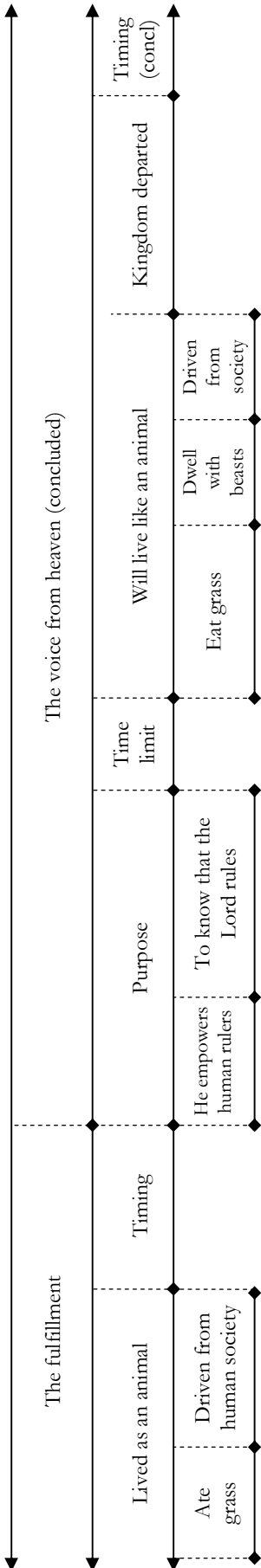
²⁸ All this
 came upon
 the king Nebuchadnezzar.

²⁹ At the end of twelve months
 he walked
 in the palace
 of the **kingdom** of Babylon.

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**?”

³¹ While the word
was in the king's mouth,
 there fell a voice

Fulfillment of the dream/prophesy (continued)



from **heaven**,
saying,

“O king Nebuchadnezzar,
 to thee it is spoken;

The **kingdom**

is departed from thee.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.”

³³ The same hour

was the thing fulfilled

upon Nebuchadnezzar: and

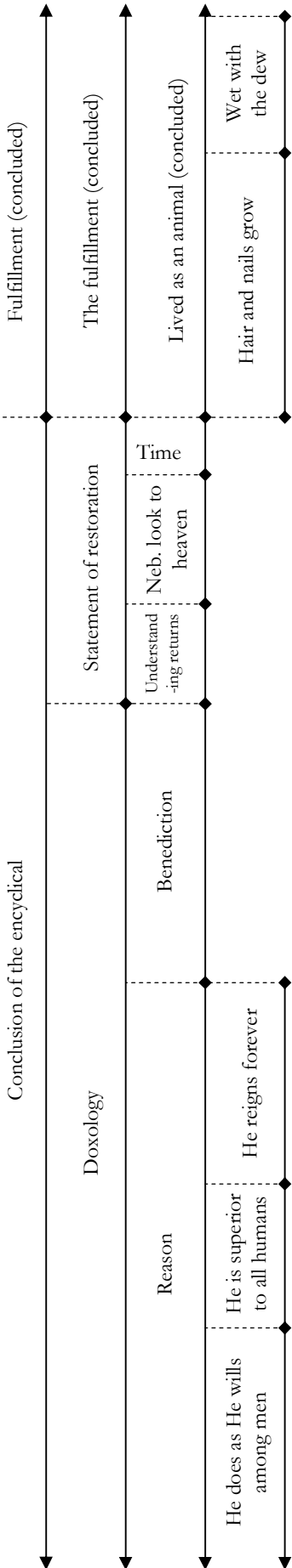
he

was driven

from men, and

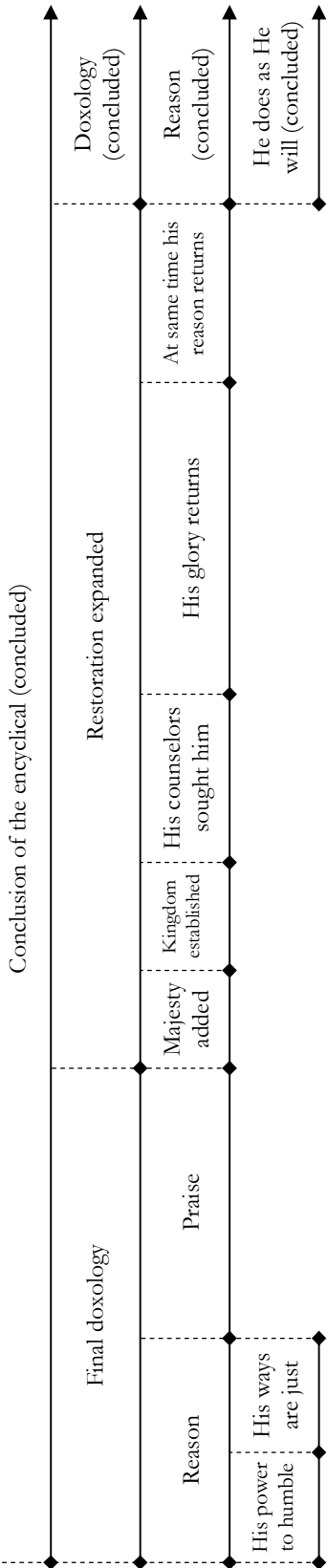
did eat grass

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*.

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:
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?”

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.

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.