

Introduction: Daniel 4:1-14/ Daniel 4:24-33

Our fifth message, in this series, the Hebrew children went through a fiery trail in chapter 3, where Jesus Christ stepped in, Daniel had revealed the image in chapter two and we have the second dream and Daniel is last.

1. This chapter, Nebuchadnezzar is out in the cold....

Daniel 4:25

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.

Note:

Things don't last or things will last when we realise that it is God who is in control...

James 4:13

Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

Lesson:

The world has always tried to get rid of the Jew by extreme measures, as to heat the furnace in **Daniel 3:20** seven times hotter than it was. A picture of Jesus Christ delivering them from the tribulation.

Matthew 24:21

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Note:

King Nebuchadnezzar is described, as "none like him". **Daniel 5:18-19.**
(A dictator)

But he couldn't get rid of the Jew, as also in the book of Esther and much as the world has tried to get rid of the Jews beginning with Pharaoh in Genesis, Herod in the book of Matthew, Hitler in the Second World War and finally the Dragon by a flood in **Revelation 12:13-17.**

Note:

Daniel 9:26 *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the*

sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

1. The Bible says the believer is a Jew:

Romans 2:29

But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

2. Our salvation is made without hands without hands **Colossians 2:11**.
(And therefore will last.)

Note:

The world does not like the Jew, nor the born again Christian. Preachers want to get rid of this fact by not rightly dividing the word of God.

“Luke 1:67-71”.

- A horn in the Bible is a king. (Crucified and Rejected)
- Jesus and John preached the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand. (Could have been fulfilled in Acts seven, as at the first advent Jesus Christ was cut off, but rose again.)

Note:

Matthew 27:62, the chief priest and Pharisees came to Pilate, and requested that the tomb was guarded unto the third day.

- Daniel didn't see Israel rejection of their King and the mystery of the church age.

A. Nebuchadnezzar consulted from afar: Daniel 4:4-8.

3. The one that should of been first was last.
4. The carnal mind wont consult with that which will last, the eternal.
(Beware of lip service **Luke 6:46ff**, beware of living afar off from other believers **Luke 16:19**, beware of building your house **Luke 12:19-20**.)
5. **Daniel was petrified** astonished at what was about to happen. **Daniel 4:9-19**

Statement:

Daniel was called in chapter five as one who had the Spirit of God
Daniel 5:12

*Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, **and dissolving of doubts**, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.*

1 Peter 1:11

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

Note:

Daniel saw the end of Nebuchadnezzar pride (**Daniel 4:27-31**)

B. Nebuchadnezzar is humbled by God.

1. The word spoken personally.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2. Nebuchadnezzar had 12 months to repent: **v29**
3. He is a man that looks like a beast (anti Christ in type) **Daniel 4:32-33.**

Note:

Men and kingdoms are called beasts. (supplementary lesson 3 will cover terminology's)

C. Nebuchadnezzar confessed. Daniel 4:34-37.

1. He saw what David said in **Psalm 144:1-15.**
2. Nebuchadnezzar could look into heaven and see the most high...his eyes were on the eternal,

Daniel 4:17

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.

Isaiah 13:19

And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

Conclusion: Don't live a life far from him, the Bible tells us to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God,

Revelation 1:17

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.