

HUMILITY BEFORE THE MOST HIGH

PROLOGUE | Hebrew Introduction – Placing Daniel in Babylon (1:1-2:4)

PART 1 | Aramaic Main Body – Announcements to the Nations (2:5-7:28)

- A. Vision of kingdoms (ch 2 – image with four valuable metals, ultimately crushed)
 - B. Civil Disobedience (ch 3 – God delivers from the fiery furnace)
 - C. A Gentile king responds to the God of Heaven (ch 4 – Nebuchadnezzar)
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A. What is this unique chapter? (4:1-3)

1. The inscription shows that it was written by Nebuchadnezzar to the whole world as a royal _____. (v1)
2. The content is the personal _____ of Nebuchadnezzar. (v2)
3. The preview promises to tell us that the Most High God is _____. (v3)

**What heart-problem is addressed by this chapter?*

**Why is addressing this heart-problem valuable?*

B. What happened with Nebuchadnezzar's dream? (4:4-19)

1. At a time when the king felt most _____, another dream troubled him. (v4-9)
2. The king told the dream to _____ and asked for the interpretation. (v10-19)
 - a. The dream was about a great tree's downfall, but also about a _____ (see transition from "it" to "him" in the middle of v15), and it felt like divine revelation because of the angels.
 - b. The stated purpose of the "chop down the tree" decree is to _____ humans that God is in charge no matter who appears to be in charge. (v17)

- c. Daniel hesitated to share the interpretation, showing his concern over the predicted _____ in store for King Nebuchadnezzar (v18-19)

3. Daniel provides the _____ and some advice (v20-27)

- a. The flourishing _____ represents Nebuchadnezzar and his flourishing kingdom (v20-23)
- b. The chopping down of the tree represents Nebuchadnezzar's humiliation by means of an _____ which causes him to act like an animal until he learns the lesson. (v24-25)
- c. The _____ of the stump with a band of iron and bronze indicates that after the "seven times" (years), Nebuchadnezzar will learn the lesson and will have his position restored to him. (v26)
- d. Daniel advises a path of _____ humility. (v27)

C. How was the dream fulfilled? (4:28-37)

- 1. The events predicted in the dream were _____ fulfilled. (v28-33, 36)
- 2. The purpose of the dream was fulfilled in Nebuchadnezzar's _____. (v34-35)
 - *How long is the Most High God sovereign?*
 - *What are you compared to the Most High God?*
 - *Where is the Most High God sovereign?*
 - *Who can successfully challenge the Most High God?*
- 3. The purpose of the dream is fulfilled in your heart when you follow the _____ and heed the _____ of the king's royal proclamation. (v37)

**What kind of God do we have?*