

DANIEL 4:1-37

PART II

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Daniel 4:4-19b (NASB95)

⁴ "I, **Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace.** ⁵ "I saw a dream and **it made me fearful**; and *these fantasies as I lay on my bed and the visions in my mind* **kept alarming me.** . .

. . .¹⁷ "This sentence is by the decree of the *angelic* watchers And the decision is a command of the holy ones, **In order that the living may know That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind,** And bestows it on whom He wishes And sets over it the lowliest of men."

¹⁹ "Then Daniel, whose name is Belshazzar, was **appalled for a while as his thoughts alarmed him.**

The king responded and said, 'Belshazzar, **do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.**'

Daniel 4:19c-27 (NASB95)

Belshazzar replied, 'My lord, *if only* the dream applied to those who hate you and its interpretation to your adversaries!

²⁰ '**The tree** that you saw, which **became large** and **grew strong**, whose **height reached to the sky** and was **visible to all the earth** ²¹ and whose foliage was **beautiful** and its **fruit abundant**, and in which was **food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt** and **in whose branches the birds of the sky lodged**—

²² **it is you, O king**; for you have **become great and grown strong, and your majesty has become great and reached to the sky and your dominion to the end of the earth.** ²³ "In that the king saw an *angelic* watcher, a holy one, descending from heaven and saying, "**Chop down the tree and destroy it**; yet leave the stump with its roots in the ground, but with a band of iron and bronze *around it* in the new grass of the field, and let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him share with the beasts of the field until seven periods of time pass over him,"

²⁴ this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:
²⁵ that **you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field**, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, **until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.** ²⁶ 'And in that it was commanded to leave the stump with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you **after you recognize that it is Heaven that rules.**

²⁷ '**Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: break away now from your sins by doing righteousness and from your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.**'

Daniel 4:28-37 (NASB95)

²⁸ "**All this happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king.**

²⁹ "Twelve months later **he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon.** ³⁰ "**The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?'**

³¹ "While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven, *saying*, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you, ³² and **you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field.** You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you **until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.**'

³³ "**Immediately** the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers* and his nails like birds' *claws*.

³⁴ "**But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.** ³⁵ "**All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'**

³⁶ "At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty , and surpassing greatness was added to me.

³⁷ "**Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.**"