

HUMBLED PRIDE (Daniel 4:1-37)

- I. Context and Introduction (Dan. 4:1-3)
 - A. A formal DECREE from Nebuchadnezzar
 - B. A pronouncement of PEACE throughout his kingdom
 - C. An exaltation of "the HIGH GOD"
 - 1. Recognizes His POWER
 - 2. Acknowledges His ETERNAL SOVEREIGNTY

- II. CONFOUNDING the Wise (Dan. 4:4-7)
 - A. A RESTLESS night
 - B. A USELESS exercise
 - 1. Assembled all the WISE MEN of Babylon
 - 2. Told them the DREAM
 - 3. Received NO HELP

- III. CONSULTING Daniel (Dan. 4:8-18)
 - A. A LATE arrival
 - B. A recognized SOURCE of WISDOM
 - 1. Used his HEBREW name
 - 2. Saw his relationship with "SPIRIT of the HOLY GOD"
 - 3. Acknowledged his ability to REVEAL SECRETS
 - C. An account of the DREAM
 - 1. Saw a great TREE that GREW to FILL the earth
 - 2. Heard a "WATCHER" demand the tree's DESTRUCTION
 - 3. Heard the PURPOSE is to prove GOD'S sovereignty to ALL
 - D. An appeal to Daniel to INTERPRET the dream

IV. COMMUNICATION from God (Dan. 4:19-27)

- A. A SPEECHLESS counselor
- B. A COMPASSIONATE introduction
- C. A DREADFUL pronouncement
 - 1. The tree represents NEBUCHADNEZZAR
 - 2. The dream is the DECREE of the MOST HIGH
 - 3. Nebuchadnezzar will be cut off from PEOPLE and dwell with BEASTS, eating GRASS and living EXPOSED
- D. A HOPEFUL expectation
 - 1. Nebuchadnezzar will ACKNOWLEDGE God's sovereignty and be RESTORED to his SENSES and his KINGDOM
 - 2. Repentance might REDUCE or POSTPONE judgment

V. CALAMITY of Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 4:28-33)

- A. A COMPLETE fulfillment in TWELVE months, triggered by BOASTING
- B. An AWARENESS of judgment
- C. A HUMILIATING descent

VI. CONVERSION of Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 4:34-37)

- A. A restoration of his MIND
- B. A recognition of God's ETERNITY, His SOVEREIGNTY, His TRANSCENDENCE, and His IMMANENCE
- C. A restoration of his KINGDOM
- D. A recitation of PRAISE for God's INTEGRITY, His JUSTICE, and His GLORY

