

**“King Nebuchadnezzar’s (I Am Second) Testimony”**  
“Daniel—A Testimony to the Power of God” - Part 5  
*Daniel 4*

***Daniel chapter 4 is unique in all the Bible,  
as it is an official autobiographical document,  
prepared by the king of Babylon as a testimony  
to all the people of his kingdom.***

King Nebuchadnezzar,

To the peoples, nations and men of every language, who live in all the world: May you prosper greatly! It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:1-3

**1. My testimony begins with a nightmare.**

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in my bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me. So I commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be brought before me to interpret the dream for me. When the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners came, I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me. Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream...

Daniel 4:4-8

**Some things to consider:**

After Nebuchadnezzar’s first dream he was troubled; after his second dream he was terrified. The wise men of Babylon are baffled. Nebuchadnezzar calls Daniel by his Hebrew name. This shows the closeness of relationship that had grown between Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar.

**2. I knew my nightmare was a warning from God.**

“The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of men.”

Daniel 4:17

**Some things to consider:**

The size of the tree  
The appearance of a “holy one, coming down from heaven”  
The judgment from heaven “cut down the tree.”  
The stump bound with iron and bronze  
The verdict

**3. Daniel interpreted my dream and warned me how to save my life.**

"This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes. The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. Therefore, O king, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue." Daniel 4:24-27

**Some things to consider:**

Nebuchadnezzar's confidence in Daniel

Daniel's personal concern for Nebuchadnezzar

The tree represents Nebuchadnezzar.

God will restore Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom when he acknowledges the sovereignty of the Most High God.

Daniel's personal advice and warning

How much better to get wisdom than gold,  
to choose understanding rather than silver!  
The highway of the upright avoids evil;  
he who guards his way guards his life.  
Pride goes before destruction,  
a haughty spirit before a fall.  
Proverbs 16:16-18

**4. I now know, God keeps His word.**

All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" The words were still on his lips when a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like cattle. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes."

Daniel 4:28-32

**Some things to consider:**

God's Word never fails to fulfill its purpose.

God graciously gave the king a whole year.

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 (NKJV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief...  
2 Peter 3:9-10

## **5. God's grace restored and rewarded my life when I turned my eyes toward Him.**

At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?' At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble. Daniel 4:34-37

### **Some things to consider:**

The restoration began with the king lifting his eyes to God.

The first thing he did was worship and praise God.

Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged God's sovereignty.

Nebuchadnezzar gave joyful witness to all peoples.

I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless.

Isaiah 13:11

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