

INTRODUCTION - "THE BOOK OF DANIEL" – Lesson 7 & 8

I. THE DREAM, INTERPRETATION, AND FULFILLMENT

A. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S FOREWORD... Daniel 4:1-3;

B. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM...

1. A dream which troubled him and made him afraid - **Daniel 4:4-5;**
2. His dissatisfaction with the wise men of Babylon - **Daniel 4:6-7;**
3. The dream is told to Daniel - **Daniel 4:8-18**

C. DANIEL'S INTERPRETATION and Counsel - Daniel 4:19-27;

D. THE DREAM'S FULFILLMENT - Daniel 4:28-33;

1. And the end of the time, understanding returned to the king - **Daniel 4:34-35;**
2. Nebuchadnezzar restored - **Daniel 4:36-37;**

E. THE MAIN POINT OF THE DREAM AND ITS FULFILLMENT...

1. Stated several times in this chapter
 - a. In the dream itself - **Daniel 4:17;**
 - b. By Daniel, in providing the interpretation - **Daniel 4:25-26;**
 - c. As spoken from Heaven when the dream came to pass - **Daniel 4:32**
 - d. By Nebuchadnezzar when he returned to his senses - **Daniel 4:34-35**
2. To learn that "**The Most High Rules In the Kingdom of Men**"
 - a. Which Daniel acknowledged from Nebuchadnezzar's first dream - **Daniel 2:20-21;**
 - b. And now does the king, from his second dream!

II. CHRIST NOW REIGNS IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN...

A. As foretold by the prophets -

1. In **Psalms 2:1-12**; the Scripture speaks of rejection, coronation, rule and the importance of kings and judges serving the Lord - **Psalms 2:10-12** -- **Acts 4:23-28** confirms that this passage refers to Jesus!

2. In **Psalms 110**, which tells of a) The rule of Christ in the midst of His enemies - **Psalms 110:1-2**;
b) The voluntary service of His people (the church), and the priestly service of their King - **Psalms 110:3-4**;
and c) The exercise of judgment among the nations - **Psalms 110:5-7**;
Acts 2:32-36 confirms that this passage refers to Jesus!

B. As taught by the apostles -

1. Governing authorities exist as appointed by God, to serve as ministers of God - **Romans 13:1-4**;
2. Why pray for those in authority, unless God through Christ can do something about it? - **1 Timothy 2:1-2**;

CONCLUSION: