
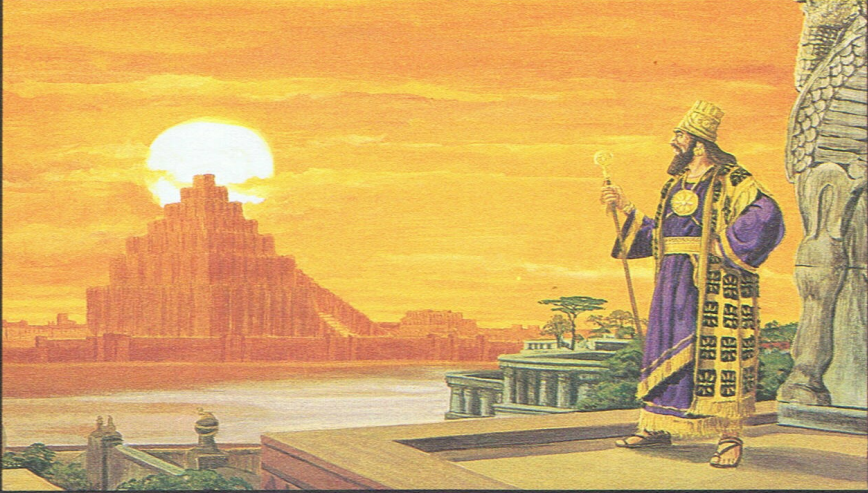




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# PROPHECY SEMINAR



## CONFLICT RESULTS IN CONVERSIONS

God patiently works with people. His longsuffering and patience is graphically illustrated in the book of Daniel through His attempts to reach Nebuchadnezzar with the gospel. Repeatedly Nebuchadnezzar appears to make strides in the right

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direction, but then relapses. Finally, in Chapter 4, God is forced to take drastic steps. As a result, it seems that Nebuchadnezzar acknowledges the true God.

We must never forget that God is as patient with us as He was with Nebuchadnezzar. Even though we slip and fall, He still loves us. He wants to save us more than we want to be saved. As you study Nebuchadnezzar's story, we pray that you will be drawn closer to Jesus. Remember that everything in the book of Daniel, including this story of Nebuchadnezzar, is focusing on last-day events. The only people who will overcome in the final days are those who have a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ, individuals who have been truly converted to God. Before Daniel gives us the graphic details of last-day events in the prophetic section, he makes certain that we understand the need for conversion.

## NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

### 1. Who is the author of Daniel 4? Daniel 4:1 (859) [8591].

NOTE: Chapter 4 is the only chapter in the book of Daniel not written by Daniel himself. This is Nebuchadnezzar's testimony, the story of how he found God. The very fact that he tells all the sad details of his resistance to the God of heaven is evidence that he had finally experienced a change of heart.

### 2. What did Nebuchadnezzar hope to reveal through his testimony? Daniel 4:2, 3

"The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that the Most High God has worked for me."

### 3. Who did Nebuchadnezzar call in when he had his dream this time? Daniel 4:4-6

"All the \_\_\_\_\_ men of Babylon."

### 4. Could the wise men interpret the dream? Daniel 4:7

NOTE: In Chapter 2, the wise men could not tell Nebuchadnezzar what his dream was. Now, in Chapter 4, they know the dream, but they still cannot tell the interpretation to the king. With each new revelation of the true God, the wise men become more stubborn in their rebellion against Him, while, in contrast, Nebuchadnezzar yields to the God of heaven.

### 20. What are four steps that people must take in coming to Jesus?

- \_\_\_\_\_ that God loves them. John 3:16
- Let the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ them to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Repentance means to turn away from sin in sorrow.) Acts 11:18
- \_\_\_\_\_ their sins to Jesus Christ. 1 John 1:9
- \_\_\_\_\_ their heart's door and \_\_\_\_\_  
Jesus in. \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 3:20

### 21. When people take these four steps and invite Jesus into their lives, will their prayers be answered? Mark 11:24(981)1995].

\_\_\_\_\_ "Whatever things you ask when you pray,  
\_\_\_\_\_ that you receive them, and \_\_\_\_\_  
will \_\_\_\_\_ them."

NOTE: When people in simple faith pray and invite the Lord Jesus to come into their hearts, to rule their lives, they can know that He has come in. The Bible says it happens when people believe it. Not because they are good, not because they feel something special, but because Jesus has promised to come in when He is invited to come in.

### 22. Will you pray the prayer of acceptance below and invite Jesus into your heart right now, that you may receive the same peace that Nebuchadnezzar experienced?

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"Dear God, I recognize that I am a sinner. I have been trying to rule my own life. I have failed miserably. I need Jesus Christ in my life. I know that You love me, that You have sent Your Son to die for me. I invite You to come into my heart right now. Thank You for coming in. In Jesus' name, Amen."

NOTE: It took God over thirty years to reach Nebuchadnezzar but, at long last, Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged Him as the true God. No longer did Nebuchadnezzar exalt himself; instead he exalted and praised the God of heaven. Once people recognize God as the rightful ruler of their lives, they have true peace.

## HOW GOD SAVES PEOPLE TODAY

What God did for the ancient Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, He wants to do for men and women today. God is eager to save people now, just as He was to save Nebuchadnezzar. Sometimes He has to permit us to go down to the very gutter before He can lift us up and redeem us, but He will allow whatever needs to happen in order to reach us with the truth of the gospel. God did not save Nebuchadnezzar because he was good. He was a proud and arrogant ruler. Yet God loved him and looked for the fruits of grace which He extended to him. Sometimes people feel that God cannot save them because of what they have done, but the story of Nebuchadnezzar ought to encourage everyone that God can save people in spite of their past experiences.

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### 17. How does God save people today? Ephesians 2:8, 9

"For by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved through \_\_\_\_\_  
... not of \_\_\_\_\_ lest anyone should boast."

NOTE: Grace is the unmerited favour of God. People do not deserve it; they do not earn it. It comes as a free gift through faith in Jesus Christ.

### 18. What does the apostle Paul call salvation? Romans 6:23

"The \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

NOTE: Salvation is free. People cannot earn it or work for it. They can only reach out and accept it.

### 19. What must person do to accept the free gift of eternal life offered by Jesus Christ? Acts 16:30, 31

"\_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will  
be \_\_\_\_\_."

NOTE: The word "believe" means to have implicit trust, confidence and faith in Jesus Christ. It is not referring to mere intellectual assent. People must, like Nebuchadnezzar, allow God to fully control their lives.

### 5. Who does Nebuchadnezzar now call in before him? Daniel 4:8,9

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### 6. Fill in the blanks regarding the vision that Nebuchadnezzar related to Daniel in Daniel 4:10-18 (859-60) (859-860).

- He saw a \_\_\_\_\_ and its height was \_\_\_\_\_.
- "The tree grew and became \_\_\_\_\_; its height reached to the heavens, and it could be seen to the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the \_\_\_\_\_."
- The tree was to be \_\_\_\_\_ down.
- Leave the \_\_\_\_\_, bound with a band of iron and bronze.
- The stump was to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.
- "Let him graze with the \_\_\_\_\_ on the grass of the earth."
- "Let his heart be changed from that of a man, let him be given the heart of a \_\_\_\_\_."
- "Let \_\_\_\_\_ times pass over him."

### 7. What was the purpose of the dream? Daniel 4:17 (860) [860].

"That the living may know that the Most High \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will."

NOTE: Only when people allow God to rule their lives are they truly converted.

## DADNIEL'S INTERPRETATION

### 8. How did Daniel respond when he heard the dream? Daniel 4:19

He "was astonished for a \_\_\_\_\_."

NOTE: Daniel knew that this was a difficult message for Nebuchadnezzar. He knew that the king could have him killed for stating what this dream clearly revealed. Daniel did not gloat that a calamity was about to fall upon Nebuchadnezzar, but showed the real concern of a true servant of God. God's people never rejoice when the wicked suffer. They have pity and concern for people who are outside of Christ.

**9. Who did Daniel say that the tree represented? Daniel 4:20-22**

King \_\_\_\_\_.

**10. What was to happen to Nebuchadnezzar during these seven years? Daniel 4:23-25**

'They shall \_\_\_\_\_ you from men, your dwelling shall be with the \_\_\_\_\_ the field, ... shall make you eat \_\_\_\_\_ .. wet you with the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven."

NOTE: What terrible prediction! Nebuchadnezzar was to go insane. He who thought he could rule the world so well was to behave like a dumb animal.

**11. What did God hope Nebuchadnezzar would learn through this experience of insanity? Daniel 4:25**

"That the Most High \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."

NOTE: Nebuchadnezzar must learn the basic gospel truth. He must be willing for God to rule his life. It is God who sets up kings; it is God who dethrones kings. Again the message of God comes through: God is in control of world events. God is vitally interested in people and wants them to recognize Him as the rightful ruler of their hearts.

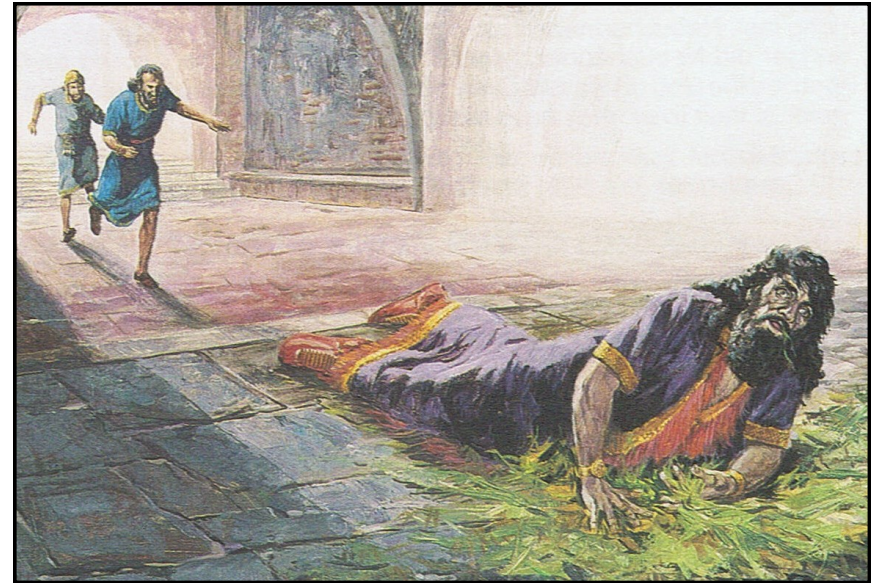
**12. Was Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom to be sure during this period of insanity? Daniel 4:26**

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**13. What counsel did Daniel give Nebuchadnezzar? Daniel 4:27**

"\_\_\_\_\_ your sins by being righteous, and your \_\_\_\_\_ by showing mercy to the poor."

NOTE: The only way that Nebuchadnezzar could avoid the tragedy before him was to turn his heart over completely to God. Only by total commitment of his life to God would he be able to avert the coming calamity. He must acknowledge God as the rightful ruler of his life.



**NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S INSANITY AND REFORMATION**

**14. What happened to Nebuchadnezzar one year later? Daniel 4:28-33**

"That very hour the word was \_\_\_\_\_ concerning Nebuchadnezzar."

NOTE: God is so patient. Even after His fateful warning, He waited one full year, hoping that Nebuchadnezzar would respond. Sometimes God has to let people sink to the depths before they recognize their need of Him. This is what happened to Nebuchadnezzar. The prophecy was fulfilled to the letter and the king was insane for seven years.

**15. Who did Nebuchadnezzar bless when his sanity returned seven years later? Daniel 4:34**

"The \_\_\_\_\_."

**16. "What are the last words of Nebuchadnezzar's testimony? Daniel 4:35-37**

"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the King of heaven, all of whose works are \_\_\_\_\_, and His ways \_\_\_\_\_. And those who walk in pride He is able to \_\_\_\_\_."