

Assignments on Daniel 4

Please read Daniel chapter 4 and answer the following questions.

1. Whose message is recorded in chapter 4? To whom was it addressed – 4:1?

2. What was the purpose of his message – 4:2?

3. How did he describe God in 4:3? (Think: Does this mean that Nebuchadnezzar had come to believe in God as the one true God?)

4. **Special Assignment:** Consider Nebuchadnezzar's history and explain why it was important for God to teach him the lessons discussed in this chapter.

5. What happened to Nebuchadnezzar, and how did he react – 4:4,5?

6. Whom did he call and what request did he make – 4:6,7? What was the result? (Think: Of what previous event does this remind us?)

7. Who was called next? Why did Nebuchadnezzar have confidence in him – 4:8,9?

8. What did Nebuchadnezzar see in his dream, and how did he describe it – 4:10-12? (Think: Could this be a literal tree? Explain.)

9. What did he see next, and what instruction was given about the tree – 4:13,14?

10. What was left of the tree, and what happened to it – 4:15?

11. What happened then – 4:16? How long did this last?

12. **Special Assignment:** What would be the difference between the heart of a man and the heart of an animal? How does this help us understand at this point that the vision is not really about a literal tree?

13. What would be the purpose of this event – 4:17,18?

14. How did Daniel first react when he heard the dream – 4:19? What reason did he give for this reaction? Explain.

15. What was the symbolic meaning of the tree – 4:20-22? Explain the similarity.

16. What did Daniel say was the significance of what happened to the tree – 4:23-25? (Think: Consider the significance of the seven times.)

17. Why was the stump of the tree left in the ground – 4:26?

18. What advice did Daniel give to Nebuchadnezzar based on the dream – 4:27? (Think: What does this show about Nebuchadnezzar?)

19. When was the dream fulfilled, and what was Nebuchadnezzar doing – 4:28,29?

20. What did Nebuchadnezzar say – 4:30? (Think: Why might a great ruler like Nebuchadnezzar be tempted to say things like this?)

21. **Special Assignment:** What did this show about why he needed the lesson that the dream predicted – 4:30?

22. What happened as Nebuchadnezzar spoke that brought about the fulfillment of the dream – 4:31,32?

23. Describe the circumstances that then came upon Nebuchadnezzar – 4:33.

24. **Special Assignment:** How would these circumstances be a great change for a man like Nebuchadnezzar? What effect would such an event tend to have on him?

25. What happened to Nebuchadnezzar at the end of the time – 4:34?

26. What did Nebuchadnezzar then understand about the nature of God?

27. List other **passages** about the eternal nature of God.

28. What did Nebuchadnezzar learn about the power of God – 4:35?

29. List other **passages** about the power of God.

30. **Application:** Based on the lessons Nebuchadnezzar learned, what can we conclude about the true God as compared to idols?

31. What happened to the king after he learned these lessons – 4:36?

32. How did he describe God at the end – 4:37?

33. **Special Assignment:** List and explain other *passages* about the proper role of government.

34. **Application:** What lessons should rulers today learn from these events?

35. Give examples that show that rulers today often have the same problems that Nebuchadnezzar had.

36. **Application:** What lessons should we as citizens learn?

37. Explain how the lessons of the chapter can help us especially in times of government corruption and wickedness.