

# Daniel 4

## Study Guide

Read Daniel chapter 4 in its entirety, and then reread it answering the following questions.

Remember to incorporate the 3 C's & 5 W's

(Content, Context, Cross-reference)

Who, What, Where, When, Why)

Additionally, as you read, note where God's influence is evident.

**Context:** This story takes place about 30 years after the fiery furnace incident. Nebuchadnezzar recently finished building his palace. There is no war going on. It is a time of peace.

**Read verses 1-8:** Who writes this chapter, and who is the intended recipient? Does this change your view of the Bible? Why does God send a second vision to Nebuchadnezzar? How does Nebuchadnezzar's response to the second dream differ in comparison to the first one in Daniel 2?

**Read verse 9-18:** Verse 11 mentions the tower. Is there another story of a tower in the bible extending high up as if it were trying to reach the heavens? Is there any connection to Babylon and its location?

**Read verses 19-27:** What is God trying to teach Nebuchadnezzar? Could he not have simply replaced him? What does verse 27 reveal about Nebuchadnezzar that has God concerned? Is this part of Nebuchadnezzar's character?

**Read verses 29-37:** Why do you think God took Nebuchadnezzar away from his position of authority? According to Nebuchadnezzar in verse 35, how big is God's sovereignty and power? Nebuchadnezzar praises God after his 7 year trial. Why does he give God praise instead of cursing?

While Nebuchadnezzar was gone for 7 years, how did the kingdom run? Why didn't someone step in and assert their authority?

**Questions:**

1. What are the differences between the first dream in Daniel 2, and the second in Daniel 4?
2. Should we have any pride, or is it something we shouldn't even consider in our life?
3. Chapters four and five deal with the issue of pride? Where in your life have has pride gotten you in trouble, and what steps can you take to lead with humility?
4. Is there any benefit to a time where it is challenge? If so why?
5. Does God allow challenging times to help us grow in faith and be molded as disciples?
6. What is the hardest thing you have had to deal with, but God helped you overcome it?
7. Does Nebuchadnezzar's view of the other god's he has worshipped changed after his 7 year ordeal?
8. Does God still work and influence political leaders today?