

THE BOOK OF DANIEL
“Pride Goes Before a Fall”

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Daniel 4:1-37

“I want you all to know about the miraculous signs and wonders the Most High God has performed for me.” (v. 2)

1. THE *CRITICAL* NEED: (vs. 20-22)

“O king, you are that tree!” (v. 22)

Pride: “Undue confidence in and attention to one’s own skills, accomplishments, state, possessions, or position.” (Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Holman)

2. THE *CONDITIONAL* PROMISE: (vs. 23-27)

“Cut down the tree and destroy it. But leave the stump and the roots in the ground bound with a band of iron and bronze and surrounded by tender grass.” (v. 23 NLT)

“You will be driven from human society, and you will live in the fields with the wild animals.” (v. 25 NLT)

“King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right.” (v. 27 NLT)

3. THE *COMPLETED* JUDGMENT: (vs. 28-33)

“But all these things did happen to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later he was taking a walk on the flat roof of the royal palace in Babylon.” (vs. 28-29 NLT)

“As he looked across the city, he said, ‘Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty power, I have built this beautiful city as my royal residence to display my majestic splendor. While these words were still in my mouth...’ (vs. 30-31 NLT)

“O King Nebuchadnezzar, this message is for you! You are no longer ruler of this kingdom. You will be driven from human society. You will live in the fields with the wild animals.” (vs. 31-31 NLT)

4. THE *CHANGED* RESPONSE: (vs. 1-19, 34-37)

And then the king got it. Notice the significance of verse # 34:

“After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever.” (v. 34 NLT)

“And he is able to humble the proud.”

“Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in haven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11 NLT)