

## Daniel 4-5 Study Notes

**\*Purpose \*Prayer \*Perception \*Power**

### 1. Daniel had an excellent spirit

Heart change brings attitude change.

### 2. His enemies found out he prayed three times a day in chapter 6.

We know about his all night prayer ministry with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

### 3. His perception comes for another dream

### 4. Chapter 4 is Nebuchadnezzar's personal testimony

"Peace be multiplied" is a salutation of a believer

*"To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ"*  
(Eph 3:8 NKJV)

### 5. The dream had an angelic watcher with it. He was a reporter for Heaven.

*"I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven."* (Dan 4:13-14 NKJV)

### We have a glimpse of a heavenly court.

*"This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men."* (Dan 4:17 NKJV)

### 6. Nebuchadnezzar is cognizant of the Holy Spirit in Daniel. Daniel's power comes through the Holy Spirit.

*"And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules."* (Dan 4:26 NKJV)

### 7. Nebuchadnezzar is restored with excellent majesty.

*At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me.* (Dan 4:36-37 NKJV)

### 8. We will meet him in Heaven.

His name means "broken ceramic."

### 9. His grandson Belshazzar in chapter 5 also recognizes the Holy Spirit in Daniel.

*"Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation."*

*14 I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you."*(Dan 5:13-14NKJV)

### 10. Daniel prospered under four kings and two nations.

***So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.*** (Dan 6:28-7:1 NKJV)

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#### Sarah's Take Away

*God spoke to both Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar in dreams. He sent Daniel to interpret those dreams. God still speaks to us although we don't always catch that it's God. Job 33: 14 says, God does speak, now one way or another, though man doesn't always perceive it. I think that would be so valuable to us, especially in these last days; the end times—that we would know, recognize, perceive God's voice like we have never been able to in the past.*

*Then there's a great certainty, great security, great assuredly that God is watching out for you. God is protecting you. God is orchestrating these events. God knows what's in your life; the decisions you have to make. All of us, we need to know God's voice and we need to know it well.*

*Consider the contrast between Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar. Nebuchadnezzar was confronted, really confronted and challenged by God. He was in a position of pride and you need to bend your knee. Belshazzar was equally confronted. He was worshiping the wrong things and exalted himself.*

*One of these men changed. The Bible says he lifted his eyes to heaven and acknowledged that God is the creator of the universe. The other men never repented, never changed. This is a reminder for us to approach God with humility, to humble ourselves, to bow our knees, to bend our head to the lordship of Christ in our lives.*