

Don't Mess with God Daniel 4:1-37 (NKJV)

Two important facts about Daniel 4:

1. Unlike any other chapters in the book of Daniel, this one was written by King Nebuchadnezzar himself.
2. This chapter describes in great detail the king's most humiliating experience.

Nebuchadnezzar's dream (v. 10-18)

Nebuchadnezzar's dream had two distinct parts:

1. The king saw a vast tree with leaves and branches stretching as far as the eye could see. (v. 10-12)
2. The tree was cut down and stripped and the stump bound with iron and bronze. (v.14-15)

Daniel's interpretation of the dream (v. 20-27)

In the dream, who was the vast tree? Nebuchadnezzar (v.22)

Who will become like a beast of the field? Nebuchadnezzar (v.25)

Note: This divine judgment on Nebuchadnezzar is both disciplinary and punitive.

Note: The interpretation of the dream is King Nebuchadnezzar is going to lose his mind and will live as a wild beast and eat the grass of the field until he acknowledges that God alone is sovereign. God is going to put this arrogant king in his place.

Note: Nebuchadnezzar repents and is restored as king and praises Almighty God. (v.34-35)

Three principles from our study:

Principle #1: God seriously disapproves of pride and arrogance.

Principle #2: Though God hates pride He is patient and wants us to turn from this sin so that He will not have to discipline us.

Principle #3: God will acknowledge our cry for help when we truly repent of our sins and seek His help.