

Series: The Prophecy of Daniel

Title: Learning the Hard Way

Text: (Daniel 4)

Daniel 4 is a vivid picture of what is wrong with World leaders & how to fix it. (Rom 1:18, 21-22, 28, 32)

The Answer is repeated 4 times in (Daniel 4)
Repentance & Acknowledgment of God's Sovereignty.

I. Neb-K's Salvation Testimony: (Vs 1-3)

- A. (Vs 1) The "*Times of the Gentiles*" (Lk 21:24)
- B. (Vs 2-3) Neb-K's First Person Declaration.

II. NebK's Troubling Dream: (Vs 4-18)

- A. (Vs 4) Defeated all his Enemies
- B. (Vs 4) Built Massive Palace, w/ Wall, w/ Mote.
- C. (Vs 5) Neb-K could not Shut out God.
- D. (Vs 6-7, 18) Neb-K's - UN General Counsel
- E. (Vs 8-9) NebK recognized Daniel
- F. (Vs 10-12) NEb-K refers to the Tree as "IT"
- G. (Vs 13-14) Watcher~Angelic Messenger
- H. (Vs 15) The Bands are for Preservation,
- I. (Vs 16) Personification of the Tree "His/Him"
- J. (Vs 17) The Stated Purpose for this Dream

III. Daniel's Troubling Thoughts: (Vs 19-22)

- A. Daniel's Compassion: (Vs 19)
- B. (Vs 20-22) Trees are often used as symbols Kings.
- C. (Ezek 17:31)(Hosea 14)(Zech 11:1-2)(Lk 23:31)

IV. Daniel's Troubling Interpretation: (Vs 23-27)

- A. Daniel didn't Divorce Truth from Responsibility.

B. I have the same Responsibility:
(2 Tim 4:1-4)(Col 1:28-29)(1 Tim 5:20)

- C. Daniel Calls for Repentance: (Vs 27) (Is 55:6-7)
1. Call for leaders to Humble themselves: (Jer 13:18)
 2. Repentance is for Christians Also: (2 Chron 7:14)

V. Neb-K's Troubling Pride: (Vs 28-33)

- A. (Vs 28-29) 12 Months of Grace
- B. (Vs 30) Neb-K's Pride: He forgot (Dan 2:37-38)
- C. (Vs 31-32) Neb-K's Psychosis:
- D. Neb-K's Pain: (Vs 31-33)(Prov 16:18)(Matt 21:44)

VI. Neb-K's Recovery: (Vs 34-37)

A. Neb-K's Awareness of the Lord

1. Epiphany: (Vs 34)
2. Understanding: (Vs 35a)(Job 12:10)(Deut 8:18)

B. Neb-K's Acknowledgment of God's Sovereignty:

1. The main lesson God wanted him to learn (Vs 35b)
2. Mentioned 4 times in this chapter (Vs 17, 25-26, 32)

C. Neb-K's Restoration: (Vs 36)

1. God blessed Abundantly above. (Eph 3:20-21)

D. Neb-K's Praise: (Vs 37)

E. Neb-K's Witness: (Vs 1-3)

1. Neb-K's Testimony was to lead men to acknowledge the true God of Heaven.
2. Neb-K ends his testimony with a Warning (Vs 37b) (James 4:8-10) (Is 13:11)