

The Book of Daniel

Chapter 4, The Wages of Nebuchadnezzar's Pride

God pickles the proud and makes preserves of the foolish

*Questions: What has **pride** cost you? What has **God's grace** gained you?
Which is the better paymaster?*

Chapter 2 records the Living God revealing to Nebuchadnezzar, the source of the greatness of his kingdom and rule over Babylon. **Chapter 3** records the hubris and stupidity that happens when a man thinks he has accomplished what God has kindly and Providentially granted. **Chapter 4** is the personal, painful memoir and public confession of a man painfully jerked up short by the leash of the Most High, who will not be mocked!

What is the source material for Daniel ch 4 (who wrote the original)?
How would Daniel have had access to copy it?

V13, 17, 23 – Who are the “watchers”, and why were they chosen to deliver this message to Nebuchadnezzar? See Isaiah 6, Revelation 8(all)_____

V19 – the **horror** of a man who cared for Nebuchadnezzar.

V20-26, the **interpretation** of the dream.

V27, the **personal application** of the dream. (The call of **the preacher – the Qohileth**, to listen, heed, the warning, turn from the sins, with offer of release and refreshment from God).

V29-30, the **personal rejection** of the warning! See Proverbs 17:24

V31-32, the **terrible pronouncement** of the angelic Watcher! (But there is that wonderful, “until”!)

V33, the **fulfillment** of the **threatened judgment**.

V34, The **repentant mind** of Nebuchadnezzar **yields beautiful fruit!**

Don't miss the sequence of sanity:

1-Raised the eyes heavenward. (Mentally looked away from self to God).

2-Then sanity returned.

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3-Then true and joyous worship of the Most High from a place of humility.

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4-Useful service to God and fellow man follows from humility and worship.

