Daniel Lesson 4

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INTRODUCTION

- And there's kind of a disillusionment, I think, with those kind of belief systems because we don't see that.
- People aren't getting better over time. History repeats itself.

1 Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream

Isaiah 2; Job 33:14–18

- So he's reigning over nations, peoples, and languages.
- The Lord of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty.
- God speaks in one way or in two, though man does not perceive it, in a dream, in a vision of the night.
- Now, why would God in a dream seek to terrify the king of the world? Turn him back.

2 The Tree and the Watcher From Heaven

Daniel 4:10–17

- In order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever he will.
- He calls God the watcher of mankind. Why is he the watcher of mankind? He's the creator, he's the judge.
- It is you, O king, who have grown and become strong, for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens.

3 The Purpose: Break Off Your Sins

Daniel 4:27; Job 33:14–18

- Break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor.
- When God speaks in dreams, what's the purpose? To keep back his soul from the pit, to turn back his life from perishing.
- He tells us to repent. And if we repent, he relents.
- So many people have said seven months is not long enough, maybe seven seasons, but certainly seven years.

4 Symbols That Meant a Lot to This King

- We know that when they looked at their reign, they considered that their reign was an act of their God.
- The idea that the AST, the Assyrian sacred tree, represents the king as the perfect man, seems to me to be connected.
- I think he's quickly convicted in his own mind that the gods have directed that I'm to be chopped down. Because I'm the tree.

- So I don't think God chose random symbols, and the king had to figure out the symbolism. I think he chose symbols that meant a lot to this king.

5 Who Is Nabonidus?

- I, Nabonidus was stricken with an evil disease for seven years. And from that time I was likened to a beast, and I prayed to the Most High.
- Anything he did was erased and burned by Cyrus.
- Most of the arguments are based on silence.
- The prayer of Nabonidus certainly does not keep Daniel from being true.

6 The Most High Rules in the Kingdom of Men

Daniel 4:28–37; Psalm 73

- Is not this great Babylon that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?
- Here he's saying he rules over me, and not just me, but everybody on earth.
- Is it possible that God works in kingdoms today and just doesn't tell us? It's possible.
- So when we see evil kings come on place, that doesn't mean that God chose him, but God has set bounds on them.
- God just doesn't let man run willy-nilly. He tries to turn them back to him.

MY NOTES