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# REVIEWING OUR SCRIPTURES

STUDY CHAPTER FOUR  
KEY VERSES  
4:4-9

*"I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace. I saw a dream and it made me fearful; and these fantasies as I lay on my bed and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. So I gave orders to bring into my presence all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. Then the magicians, the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners came in and I related the dream to them, but they could not make its interpretation known to me. But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteshazzar according to the name of my god, and in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and I related the dream to him, saying, 'O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, since I know that a spirit of the holy gods is in you and no mystery baffles you, tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation.'"*

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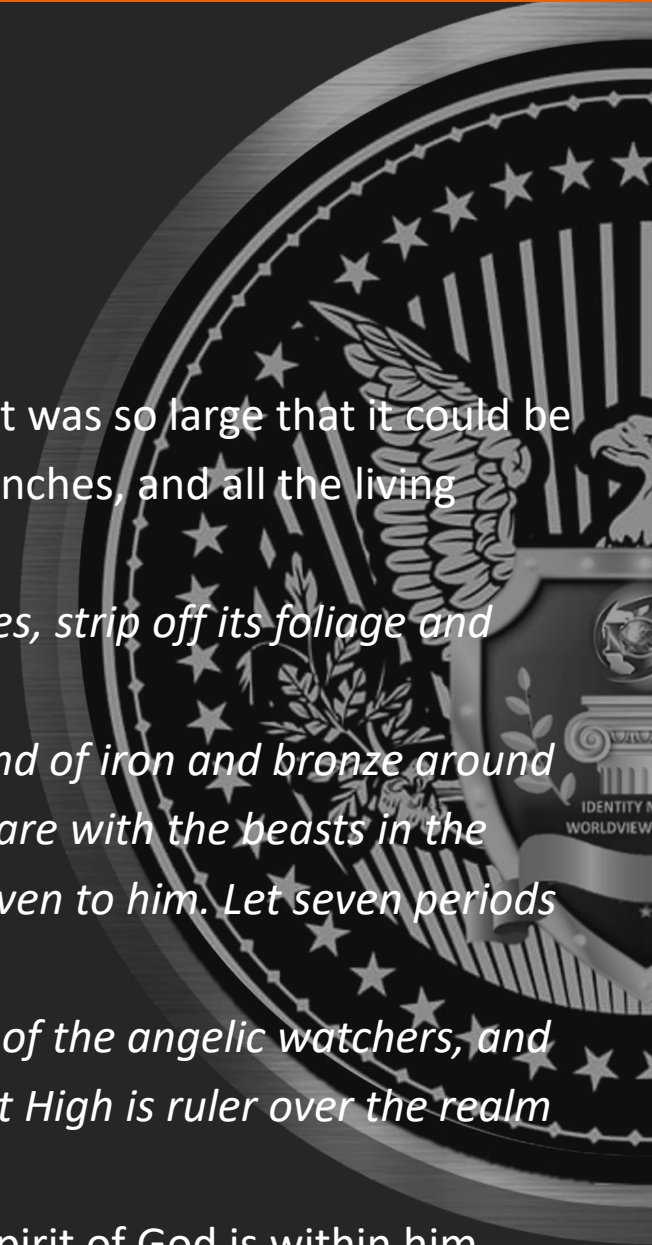
# DREAM



We come to the occasion of the royal king's cry for interpretation of his second dream. This was a dream that came with a God-sized fulfillment. While his first dream was about his kingdom, the second prophetic dream was about the king himself. For end times prophetic reasons, the dream was also about how God will delude the power of the final Antichrist.

# DETAILS OF THE DREAM

1. The king acknowledges that the Spirit of God is in Daniel.
2. He notes the magi, and such cannot help him.
3. The king proclaims that no mystery baffles Daniel.
4. The king reveals the details of the massive tree and how it grew large and became strong. It was so large that it could be seen to the end of the earth. Its foliage was beautiful and fruitful. The birds dwelt in its branches, and all the living creatures feed off its fruit.
5. An angel from heaven descended and shouted, *“Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit; let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches.”*
6. The angel goes on to say, *“Yet leave the stump with its roots and the ground, but with a band of iron and bronze around it. In the new grass of the field, let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him share with the beasts in the grass of the earth. Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let a beast's mind be given to him. Let seven periods (years) of time pass over him.”*
7. The angel proclaims the reasons for this majestic prophecy. *“This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers, and the decision is a command of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whom He wishes, and sets over it the lowliest of men.”*
8. King Nebuchadnezzar reinforces that Daniel can indeed interpret this dream because the Spirit of God is within him.



# DANIEL'S INTERPRETAION

1. Daniel appeals to the king that he wished that the dream was for those who hated the king – the king's adversaries. Then Daniel reveals the interpretation.
2. The tree in the dream, with its beauty and fruit, is the king himself.
3. Daniel connects the dots of Nebuchadnezzar becoming great & strong, while his majesty has become great and reached the sky, and his dominion reaches the end of the earth.
4. The angel the king saw was the Spirit of the Living God, and the angel's statement was a decree from God Himself.
5. Daniel unfolds that the king will be driven away from humanity, and his dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. Furthermore, he will feed on the grass, like cattle. Finally, he reveals that this will last for seven years.
6. Daniel reveals that it will take the full seven years for the king to recognize that the Hebrew God is ruler over the realm of humanity & its empires.
7. The stump with its roots is for the king to realize that God will restore the king and his empire after full repentance occurs.
8. Daniel implores the king to break away from his sins, but he does not heed Daniel's encouragement.



# IN CONCLUSION

While we would think that there is no possible way for Nebuchadnezzar to miss the meaning of his dream, he did. I guess sin truly does make us stupid. When Daniel finished the interpretation, the king must have seen a yearning for the king's repentance in the face of Daniel. As predicted, Daniel immediately took advantage of the opportunity of his own compassion and appealed to the king to repent. The results were fruitless. Daniel knew the enactment of the dream would occur without question.



# COMING UP NEXT

## #12 NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S HUMILIATION

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All this came upon king Nebuchadnezzar. All that was signified in the dream was his madness, his removal from the ruling over Babylon, and the brutal beastly life he lived for seven years. Keep in mind this was not a mere parable or symbolic fiction, as some have projected, framed to describe the state and punishment of a proud man, but was a real event in Biblical history.



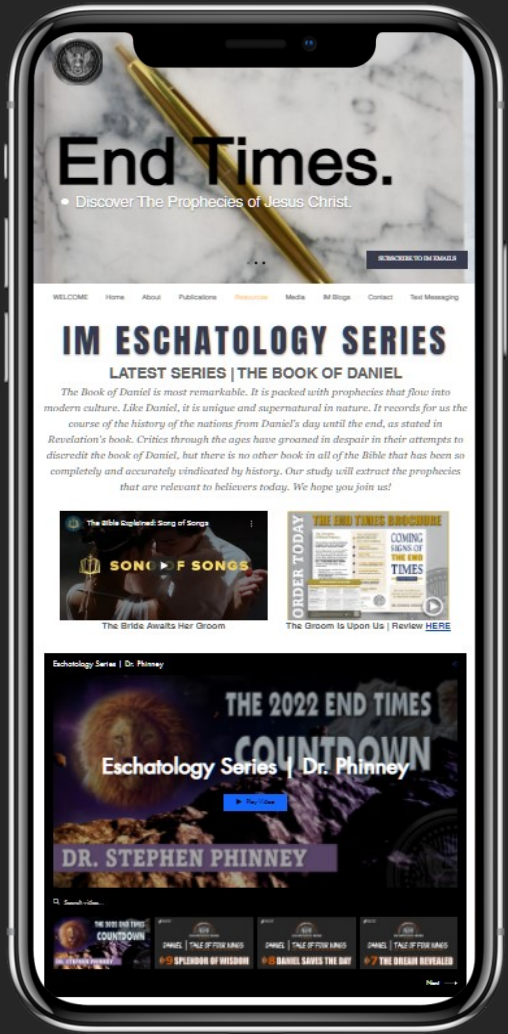
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