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DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 4 NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY, PART 2

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will continue studying Daniel 4 and show how pride caused Nebuchadnezzar to be humbled and afterwards, exalted by God.

2. As we covered in our last lesson, what did Nebuchadnezzar see in his dream? Daniel 4:20-26

3. The sin that Nebuchadnezzar was guilty of was pride. What does God say He will do to the haughty or proud? Isaiah 10:33; Proverbs 16:18

4. Twelve months after hearing the interpretation of the dream, how did Nebuchadnezzar manifest his pride? Daniel 4:29, 30

5. What truth had he forgotten? Daniel 2:20, 21

6. Pride is sin. With whom did sin originate? Revelation 12:7-9

7. **Note:** Let us now compare Nebuchadnezzar with Satan, whose name was Lucifer in heaven.
8. Read Isaiah 14:12 and notice every word carefully. What did God do to Lucifer because of his sins?

9. What did Lucifer manifest in his heart and say that he would do? Isaiah 14:13-15

10. What question will the nations ask when they see Lucifer receiving the judgment of hell's fire? Isaiah 14:15, 16

11. **Note:** Since Nebuchadnezzar was the ruler of the world at that time, we can infer that the nations must have thought and asked the same question concerning him when they heard that he was acting like an animal in the field; "Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?" Just as Satan was cut down by God, in the same manner, Nebuchadnezzar was cut down by God. Likewise, all who harbor pride will be brought low by Jesus, and if they choose not to repent, they will join Lucifer in hell's fire.
12. What happened to Nebuchadnezzar after he spoke those prideful words? Daniel 4:16, 30-32

13. Read Job 18:3. Why did God give to Nebuchadnezzar a beast's heart and make him dwell among the beasts? Psalm 73:22

14. In these last days, what will men receive who reject God? Revelation 13:16-17; 14:9-10 _____
15. **Note:** As we just learned, Nebuchadnezzar became like a beast, and many in the last days will receive the Mark of the Beast. Why will people receive the Mark of the Beast? Because they will choose not to surrender their pride, and they will

choose to remain willfully ignorant of God's truth, even though they had opportunities to know and accept it.

16. Daniel 4:32 says that Nebuchadnezzar had to eat grass for those seven years. What lessons was God trying to teach him by allowing him to eat grass?

a) Genesis 1:11, 29

b) Psalm 37:2; Matthew 6:30; Psalm 103:15-16

c) Psalm 103:17-19

17. Daniel 4:33 says that Nebuchadnezzar's hair would be grown like eagles' feathers. What lessons was God trying to teach him?

a) Exodus 19:4

b) Isaiah 40:31

18. Daniel 4:33 says that Nebuchadnezzar's nails would be like birds' claws. What lessons was God trying to teach him?

a) Ecclesiastes 9:10-12

b) Revelation 18:2 - **Answer: God was showing Nebuchadnezzar that he was in a fallen state because he had allowed his kingdom to be ruled by the principles of the devil and by his example, he was enslaving men in their sins just as a bird is caged. Likewise, people in these last days will be captivated by the things of the world, which are Satan's devices to ensnare them.**

19. Daniel 4:33 says that Nebuchadnezzar's body was wet with the dew of heaven. What lessons was God trying to teach him by allowing the dew to fall on him?

a) Deuteronomy 32:2-3

b) Job 38:26-28 - **Answer: The dew or the rain was given to satisfy Nebuchadnezzar's soul and to cause him to grow as the tender herb.**

20. Let us now transition and read Hosea 14, which was a direct appeal to God's ancient people, Israel, but it has applications to Nebuchadnezzar and us today. Hosea 14 is a message of repentance, and it reveals God's promise to give us the "dew," so that our hearts can be renewed in Christ.

21. Read Hosea 14:1. God told Israel to return unto Him. Like Israel, why did Nebuchadnezzar have to return to God, and why do we also need to return to God?

22. What should be our prayer when we choose to return to God? Hosea 14:2

23. What did God do for Israel & Nebuchadnezzar, which He also promises to do for us?

a) Hosea 14:4

b) Hosea 14:5

24. Remember Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 4. What part of the tree remained after it was hewn down? Daniel 4:15, 23, 26

25. What will happen to us when we allow God's dew to fall on us? Hosea 14:6-7

26. What will be our attitude when we experience the converting power of God's dew, His Word?

a) Hosea 14:8 _____

b) Hosea 14:9 _____

27. **Note:** Hosea 14 and the conversion of Nebuchadnezzar are powerful scriptures for us to meditate on today. The dew that God will give to us represents His Word (Deuteronomy 32:2). Just as the literal dew causes plants to grow, so God's Word will cause us to grow spiritually. According to Hosea 14:7, where must we abide to continue growing in Christ? We must abide under His shadow which points to the secret place of prayer and fasting (Psalm 91:1; Matthew 6:6, 18). As we do this, how will we know that we are growing in Christ? We will bear fruit (have a right character), we will be spiritually revived, and we will be reformed by getting victory over our sins. This is the dew or the early rain experience. Finally, once we are obtaining victory over our sins, God will pour out more of His Spirit, in the latter rain, to settle us in His truth and seal us.

28. Read Daniel 4:34-37 and meditate on the closing words of King Nebuchadnezzar after God returned unto him his reason and he was converted.

"Nebuchadnezzar Thoroughly Converted—In Daniel's life, the desire to glorify God was the most powerful of all motives. He realized that when standing in the presence of men of influence, a failure to acknowledge God as the source of his wisdom would have made him an unfaithful steward. And his constant recognition of the God of heaven before kings, princes, and statesmen, detracted not one iota from his influence. King Nebuchadnezzar, before whom Daniel so often honored the name of God, was finally thoroughly converted, and learned to "praise and extol and honour the King of heaven" (The Review and Herald, January 11, 1906). {4BC 1170.5}

"A Warm and Eloquent Testimony—The king upon the Babylonian throne became a witness for God, giving his testimony, warm and eloquent, from a grateful heart that was partaking of the mercy and grace, the righteousness and peace, of the divine nature" (The Youth's Instructor, December 13, 1904). {4BC 1170.6}