

IN SOVEREIGN HANDS

DANIEL: GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO HIS GENERATION

PART 7

TIMMBERRRRRR!

When Your Life Comes Crashing Down...for Good!

(Daniel 4:1-37)

INTRODUCTION:

*"Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before stumbling.
It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly
Than to divide the spoil with the proud."*

—Proverbs 16:18, 19

THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY:

- **God is working with...** _____ . (Ch. 2-4) And He wants him to know that **there is a God in Heaven...**

1. ...WHO IS THE _____ OF _____. (CHAPTER 2)

*"However, **there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries**, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days."*

—Daniel 2:28a

*"The king answered Daniel and said, 'Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and **a revealer of mysteries**, since you have been able to reveal this mystery.'"*

—Daniel 2:47

2. ...WHO IS THE _____ OF _____. (CHAPTER 3)

*"But if you do not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and **what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?**"*

—Daniel 3:15a

*"Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation or tongue that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as **there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.**"*

—Daniel 3:29

3. ...WHO IS THE _____ OF _____. (CHAPTER 4)

*"...until you recognize that **the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind** and bestows it on whomever He wishes."*

—Daniel 4:25b, 32b

THE STRUCTURE OF THE NARRATIVE:

1A. A ROYAL _____ . (v. 1-3)

"Nebuchadnezzar the king to all the peoples, nations, and men of every language that live in all the earth: 'May your peace abound! It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me..."

2A. A ROYAL _____ . (v. 4-36)

"I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace..."

—Hebrews 11:32f.

1B. Act 1: The _____ that _____ the King (v. 4-27) [569 BC]

"...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." (v. 4, 5)

2B. Act 2: The _____ that _____ the King. (v. 28-33) [568 BC]

"All this happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king. Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon. The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?' While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you, and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes."

3B. Act 3: The _____ that _____ the King. (v. 34-36) [562 BC]

"But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever..."

3A. A ROYAL _____ . (v. 37)

"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

CONCLUSION: