



A DREAM EXPLAINED

A SECOND DREAM--THIS TIME ABOUT A GREAT TREE

THE BIGGER THEY ARE THE HARDER THEY FALL DANIEL 4:19-27

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. • When Pastor Joe's commentary is added, God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with commentary in the smaller faced text. • Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets. Pastor Joe's email is Joe@southreno.com. This passage can be found in the Pew Bible, in the Old Testament on pages 632.

“Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone;
Dare to have a purpose firm, Dare to make it known.”

-Phillip Paul Bliss, *Dare to be a Daniel*, (Circa 1873).

STUDY SECTION

THE DEAD-END STREET CALLED PRIDE

1. Daniel's _____.

Daniel 4:19, NASB -¹⁹ “Then Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while as his thoughts alarmed him. The king responded and said, ‘Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.’ Belteshazzar replied, ‘My lord, if only the dream applied to those who hate you and its interpretation to your adversaries!’

Daniel 4:19b, NLT -¹⁹ “[Daniel] replied, ‘I wish the events foreshadowed in this dream would happen to your enemies, my lord, and not to you!’

2. Daniel's _____.

Daniel 4:24–26, NASB -²⁴ ...*this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:*²⁵ *that you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass [lit., Squash] to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; 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.*²⁶ *‘And in that it was commanded to leave the stump with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you after you recognize that it is Heaven that rules.*

3. Daniel's _____.

Daniel 4:27, NLT -²⁷ “‘King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right. Break from your wicked past and be merciful to the poor. Perhaps then you will continue to prosper.’”

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

“Pride is effective because it is deceptive.”

- The late Dr. Adrian Rogers

Pride is the ultimate declaration of independence. Spiritually, it says, “God, I am self-sufficient. I have everything I need. Your services are no longer required.” Please know that pride is deadly—**Pride will kill you.** Forever. Pride is the sin most likely to keep you from crying out for a Savior. Those who think they are well will not look for a doctor.

A. Pride Provokes Deity. (Proverbs 16:5, Isaiah 14:12-14, Genesis 1-7)

B. Pride Proves Depravity. (Daniel 4:27, Proverbs 16:5)

C. Pride Promotes Dissention. (Proverbs 13:10)

D. Pride Promotes Dishonor. (Matthew 23:12, Isaiah 14:13)

E. Pride Precedes Destruction. (Proverbs 15:25)

“Pride must die in you, or nothing in Heaven can live in you.”

- Andrew Murray

Answers: 1. Hesitation, 2. Interpretation, 3. Plea.