



PRIDE Pt 2

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Daniel 4 & 5

THREE "P" PEOPLE:

- **POWER**
- **PRESTIGE**
- **POSSESSIONS**

Daniel 4

(v. 4) *I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous.*

(v. 5) *I had a dream that made me **afraid**.*

(v. 17) *The holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that –*

...the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes.

(v. 24) *This is the decree the Most High has issued against **YOU** –*

(v. 25) *You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that*

...the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes.

(v. 26) *The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules.*

(v. 30) *"Is this not the great Babylon **I** have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of **MY** majesty?"*

(v. 31) *Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been **taken** from you."*

(v. 32) *You will be driven away from people and you will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that*

...the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes.

(v. 33) Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

(v. 34) At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. **Then I praised the Most High;** I honored and glorified Him who lives forever. HIS dominion is an eternal dominion; His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

(v. 37) Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. **And those who walk in pride – He is able to humble!**

Daniel 5

(v. 17) Then Daniel answered the king, "You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.

(v. 18) Your Majesty, the Most High God **gave** your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor.

(v. 20) But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory.

(v. 21) ...until he acknowledged that –

...the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes.

(v. 22) But YOU, Belshazzar – have **NOT** humbled yourself, though you KNEW all this.

(v. 23) Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from His Temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not HONOR the God who holds in His hands your life and all your ways.

(v. 24) Therefore – he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

(v. 25) THIS is the inscription that was written:

• MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN

(v. 26) Here is what these words mean: **Mene** – God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

(v. 27) **Tekel:** You have been weighed on the scales and found WANTING!

(v. 28) **Peres:** Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."