

# OUTLIERS



A study of Daniel

Part 5

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# Daniel 2:47

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





# Romans 10:14-15

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"



# Daniel 4:1-3

Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation





# Daniel 4:4-7

I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace: I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream. Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.



# Daniel 4:8-9

But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying, O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.





# Daniel 4:10-16

The visions of my head as I lay in bed were these: I saw, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great. The tree grew and became strong, and its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth. Its leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the heavens lived in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.



# Daniel 4:10-16

"I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven. He proclaimed aloud and said thus: 'Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches.'





# Daniel 4:10-16

But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. Let his mind be changed from a man's, and let a beast's mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him.



# Daniel 4:19

Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was dismayed for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him.



# Daniel 4:19

Belteshazzar answered and said,  
"My lord, may the dream be for  
those who hate you and its  
interpretation for your  
enemies!"



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# Daniel 4:19

The king answered and said,  
"Belteshazzar, let not the dream  
or the interpretation  
alarm you





# Daniel 4:20-22

The tree you saw, which grew and became strong, so that its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth, whose leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which was food for all, under which beasts of the field found shade, and in whose branches the birds of the heavens lived-- it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong. Your greatness has grown and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth.



# Daniel 4:23-26

And because the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field, and let him be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven periods of time pass over him,'





# Daniel 4:23-26

this is the interpretation, O king:  
It is a decree of the Most High,  
which has come upon my lord the  
king, that you shall be driven from  
among men, and your dwelling shall  
be with the beasts of the field.



# Daniel 4:23-26

You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will. And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be confirmed for you from the time that you know that Heaven rules.





# Daniel 4:27

Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity



# Daniel 4:29-30

At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"





# Daniel 4:31, 33

While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, ... Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.



Clinical zoanthropy is a rare delusion in which a person believes himself or herself to be an animal





**Boanthropy:**

thinking and acting  
like a cow or ox.





Lycanthropy:

thinking and  
acting like a wolf





# Principle 1:

The Cause of Pride -  
Where Does it Come From





# Daniel 4:30

The king spake, and said, Is not  
this great Babylon, that I have  
built for the house of the kingdom  
by the might of my power,  
and for the honour of my  
majesty?



Failure to Recognize  
Everything I Have  
Comes From God





Thinking that what  
I have is going to  
last forever







# Job 1:21

And said, Naked came I out of my  
mother's womb, and naked shall I  
return thither: the LORD gave,  
and the LORD hath taken away;  
blessed be the name of the LORD



# Principle 2:

The Characteristics of Pride -  
how does it show up?





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Competitiveness







## 2 Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not make ourselves of  
the number, or compare ourselves  
with some that commend themselves:  
but they measuring themselves by  
themselves, and comparing themselves  
among themselves, are not wise.



Inggratitude





# Romans 1:21-22

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,





## 2 Timothy 3:1-2

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,



Entitlement





# James 4:5-7

Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain,  
The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?  
6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith,  
God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto  
the humble. 7 Submit yourselves  
therefore to God. Resist the  
devil, and he will flee from you





# 1 Corinthians 4:7

For who sees anything different  
in you? What do you have that  
you did not receive? If then you  
received it, why do you boast as  
if you did not receive it?



Stinginess





# Daniel 4:27

Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.





# Acts 20:35

I have shewed you all things, how  
that so labouring ye ought to  
support the weak, and to remember  
the words of the Lord Jesus, how he  
said, It is more blessed to give  
than to receive



Principle 3:

The Cure of Pride





# Daniel 4:34

And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar  
lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine  
understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the  
most High, and I praised and honoured him that  
liveth for ever, whose dominion [is] an  
everlasting dominion, and his  
kingdom [is] from generation to  
generation:



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