

Daniel 4

Humility

#1 - Oil painting on Tower of Babel in Vienna 1563 by Pieter Breughel.

#2 – Poster: Europe: Many Tongues One Voice. This was a poster to promote formation of the European Union, years ago. Note the upside down stars (or pentagrams).



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European Union Headquarters building. Seems very similar to the poster and 1563 painting with the unfinished top



#5 – This statue of Europa sits outside the EU Headquarters Building. In Greek mythology, the Phoenician princess Europa was abducted by the king of the gods, Zeus. Europe was named after Europa!

#6 - Another statue of Europa that sits outside the Winston Churchill Building



#7 – A Euro coin minted by Greece that shows a woman riding a beast.

#8 – Europa now appears as watermark in official EU currency notes (2005)



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I. Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream

- Entire Chapter written by a pagan/gentile king to the entire world!
- Written after things talked about in the chapter

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: **Peace be multiplied to you.**

- Letter from the King of the World to the people of the World

Peace Multiplied to You?

- **Who is this guy?**

2 **I thought it good** to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me.

- **Good thing** to tell the whole world about:
 1. Signs and Wonders done by God of Israel
 2. These signs and wonders He did **FOR ME!**

Nebuchadnezzar's Testimony. Witness

3 How great are His signs, And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And His dominion is from generation to generation.

- **Praise from a formerly Pagan King:**
 1. Great signs
 2. Mighty wonders
 3. Everlasting Kingdom
 - Big gold head now humbled?
 4. His dominion is forever; i.e. generation to generation
 5. Long after I am gone...Go will continue to rule Heaven and Earth

How was he humbled? He will tell the world

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace.
5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

- Resting/Flourishing in my Palace; i.e. **all was well...has a second dream**
 1. After making 90 foot statue of gold
 2. After implying his kingdom would last forever
 3. After throwing 3 boys into fiery furnace
 4. After seeing 4th in the fire with them
 5. After seeing God's miraculous deliverance of the faithful boys...

Daniel 3:28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! 29 Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this." 30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

- **Nebuchadnezzar has a 2nd dream.**
- Same reaction as first; i.e. Statue representing 5 Kingdoms [his and 4 others]
 1. Afraid
 2. Thoughts/Visions troubled him

6 Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. 7 Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.

- Brings 4 groups of wise guys [ones left over from 1st dream]

Daniel 2:22 Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. [Soothsayers replace sorcerers here in Chapter 4]

- Just the interpretation this time: Doesn't want to run out of wise men
 1. Ch. 2: Answer dream or cut to pieces and house become a dung hill

Could not even interpret the dream

- Pretty easy to interpret. Maybe they could but were frightened

8 But at last Daniel came before me (his name is Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; in him is the Spirit of the Holy God),

- Finally Daniel shows up
 1. Daniel: Nebuchadnezzar calls him by his Jewish name
 2. Belteshazzar: Babylonian name

The Spirit of the Holy God is in him!

- At last: God/Godly advice sought as last resort
- Name of my god; i.e. Bel [his god before the chapter]

8b and I told the dream before him, saying: 9 "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.

- **Still speaking in a proclamation to the world...**

1. "I told Daniel the dream"
2. Daniel called "Chief of Magicians"

I asked him to please tell me what was going on!

10 "These were the visions of my head while on my bed: I was looking, and behold, A tree in the midst of the earth, And its height was great. 11 The tree grew and became strong; Its height reached to the heavens, And it could be seen to the ends of all the earth.

- Tall tree seen from everywhere on earth!

12 Its leaves were lovely, Its fruit abundant, And in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, The birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, And all flesh was fed from it.

- **Description of the Tree:**
 1. Beautiful leaves
 2. Filled with fruit
 3. Food enough for all
 4. Refuge for birds "of the heavens"
 5. All living creatures were fed from this one tree

13 "I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a **watcher**, a holy one, coming down from heaven.

- **I saw in visions:**
 1. Not a dream. Awake and peering into supernatural realm
 2. **Sees a Watcher**
 - Holy one
 - Coming down from heaven
- **Watcher:** OT term for Angel
 1. **Holy One;** i.e. separated unto God
 - Also used of OT Saints
 2. **Used only 3 times in** OT in Dan. 4:13, 17 and 23

14 He cried aloud and said thus: 'Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, Strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts get out from under it, And the birds from its branches.

- **A [singular] Watcher cries out**
 1. Chop it down!
 2. Cut off its braches!
 3. Pull off its leaves!
 4. Throw its fruit all around!
 5. Let all animals and birds get away from it!
- Watcher still talking in Nebuchadnezzar in vision...

15 Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth, Bound with a band of iron and bronze, In the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew of heaven, And let him graze with the beasts On the grass of the earth.

- **Decree of the watcher as told by Nebuchadnezzar:**
 1. Leave the stump of the great tree and the roots
 2. Bind the stump with...
 - **Iron:** Strength
 - **Bronze:** judgment
 3. Leave it in the new grass of the field
 4. Let it be uncovered; without shelter from the dew of heaven
 5. Let "HIM" graze with the beasts on the grass of the earth

**So far...only stump the great tree left bound with Iron and Bronze
...Strong Judgment! Tree changed to "HIM"**

- Watcher continues:

16 Let his heart be changed from that of a man, Let him be given the heart of a beast, And let seven times pass over him.

- Give him the heart of an animal for 7 times; i.e. **seven years**
- **Later in Daniel:** Time, times and half a time is 3.5 years

17 'This decision is by the decree of the **watchers**, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.'

- Decree of the watchers. Decree from God
 1. Angels are "messengers" of God
- Reason for this strong judgment

.... that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.'

- **Lowest of men:** Nebuchadnezzar will be abased

18 "This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for the Spirit of the Holy God is in you."

- **Nebuchadnezzar to the world in his proclamation** [testimony]
 1. I told Daniel the dream
 2. I recognized Daniel as the only one to interpret my dream
 3. I recognized Daniel's God as Holy [separate] to the whole world

The Spirit of the Holy God is in you

SUMMARY: Nebuchadnezzar's Second dream. Large tree providing for the entire world cut down left a stump with an Iron and Bronze band around it.

II. Daniel Explains the Second Dream

19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for a time, and his thoughts troubled him.

- Daniel **Astonished:** Heb. *shemam*; i.e. to be appalled, to be stunned
- Thoughts were **Troubled:** Heb. *behal*; i.e. frighten, alarm, dismay

19b So the king spoke, and said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation trouble you." Belteshazzar answered and said, "My lord, may the dream concern those who hate you, and its interpretation concern your enemies!"

- **Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar friends**
- Relationships between God's people and leaders
- Herod loved to hang out with John the Baptist...

Mark 6:20 ...Herod feared [respected] John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, **and heard him gladly.**

- Later on his birthday Herod had J the B head cut off. Fear of man [woman, his wife]
- Paul had converts in Caesar's house...

Philippians 4:21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar's household.

- Herod disrespected Jesus...

Luke 23:8 ...when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. 9 Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing.

- Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar became friends

Daniel: I wish this dream was about your enemies my friend!

20 "The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which could be seen by all the earth, 21 whose leaves were lovely and its fruit abundant, in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home— 22 it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

- **Nebuchadnezzar:** That's what I thought

23 "And inasmuch as the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave its stump

and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field; let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him'; 24 this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king:

- Decree of the Most High. Much higher than the tree!
- **What I say next is the will of God for you!**

25 They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen.

- **You will be driven away from your kingdom into the wilderness**
- They say eggs are bad for you...**Who are "they"?**
- **"They" here in Chapter 4: 13,17,23 are Angels; i.e. The Watchers**
 1. Drive you from men; Lit. Chase away, thrust out, to cast out
 2. Drive you out with the wild animals
 3. "They" ; i.e. angels shall make you eat grass like oxen
- **"They"** in Chapter 2: Demons?

Daniel 2:43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will **mingle with the seed of men**; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

- DNA switcheroo?

Testing Concludes That JZ Knight and Ramtha Have Distinct, Separate DNA Results confirmed by three separate labs in different locations

YELM, Wash., March 12, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- DNA samples taken from JZ Knight before and during a period while she was channeling Ramtha have produced a startling scientific result – the DNA from JZ Knight and the DNA from Ramtha are dramatically different.

Samples of cheek swabs were taken from JZ Knight and sent to independent laboratories in California, Florida, and Missouri specializing in DNA testing. All three of those DNA samples resulted in exact matches for Knight with gene markers of R1B Y DNA with QM242 with a DNA sequence of TACTGATCG indicating a person of French European descent.

Two days later two cheek swab DNA samples were taken from Knight as she channeled Ramtha. The results indicated dramatically different DNA from Knight – a R1B Y DNA with CM217 with a sequence of ACCAGCTGC indicating a person with American Indian and Viking descent. The mathematical probability that three separate lab samples sent to three different laboratories would get the exact same DNA sequencing, two separate times, is astronomical, proving that the methods were scientifically sound and the results are truly astonishing.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the DNA from JZ Knight in her everyday life and from Ms. Knight when she was channeling Ramtha demonstrate an incredibly rare scientific phenomenon," said Dr. Matthew Martinez, JZ Knight's personal physician, who collected the cheek swabs and sent the samples at the same time to three different laboratories. "There is no debate – the DNA samples indicate completely different people."

DNA testing is now widely used to test for inherited diseases, to determine ancestry and biological relationships. The biochemical tests can find changes in chromosomes, proteins, and genes. Sampling DNA through cheek swap collection has become common in recent years. Many companies offer DNA sampling services for tracing family lineage and learning about one's genetic propensities.

A study from scientists in Switzerland in a Reuters story noted the "reconstructed DNA profile of the boy Pharaoh,"

also known as King Tut, "belong to a genetic profile known as haplogroup R1b1a2, to which more than 50 percent of all men in Western Europe belong, indicating that they share a common ancestor." Both JZ Knight and Ramtha express the R1B gene group of the Tut/Akhenaten lineage. **SOURCE Ramtha's School of Enlightenment????**

- They here are the watchers; i.e. Holy Angels
- **They shall drive you from your kingdom...**

25b They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.

- **They also shall:**
 1. Cause you to have no shelter
 2. Cause you to be in the wilderness seven years
- **Seven:** Completeness

**You will be out there until you completely understand that God is God
And you are not!**

V25...the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses. [Even you...the most base of men]

- This was never about you...I used you to judge My people but now you will be judged

26 "And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, **your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules.**

- Amazing

27 Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity."

- **Advice from a friend**

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend...

1. **Break off your sins by being righteous**
 - Go and sin no more; fruit of repentance
 2. **Breakoff your iniquities by showing mercy**
 - Not repaying evil with evil
- Perhaps the lord will hold back this judgment for a while...but it will happen
 - Godly advice to repent

2 Timothy 2:24 ... a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his

will.

We might think that Nebuchadnezzar had more reason than most to be proud - after all, he was a great king. Still, he should have remembered the principle Benjamin Franklin put forth in one of his proverbs: "The greatest monarch on the proudest throne, is obliged to sit upon his own rear end." [Guzic]

SUMMARY: Daniel explains the Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream: You will be humbled after exalting yourself with the gold stature. You can stay judgment if you repent but it will happen. Driven from your kingdom with the beasts in the wilderness.

III. Nebuchadnezzar's Humbled

28 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.

- Nebuchadnezzar still speaking to the world by proclamation
- Speaking now in 3rd Person:

All this happened to me and this is how it played out

29 At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon.

- One year after judgment pronounced:
 1. Walking around my Royal Palace of Babylon

30 The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"

- **Pride Manifested in words: AC Boastful words**
 1. Great Babylon
 2. I have build for my royal self
 3. I built with my own mighty power
 4. I build for the honor of my majesty

My Kingdom will never end!

- Hanging Gardens
- Palace, walls around city, victories, etc.

Most of the bricks found in the excavations of Babylon carry this stamp: "Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, supporter of Esagila and Ezida, exalted first-born son of Nabopolassar, king of Babylon."

31 While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! 32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."

- **While still boasting**

I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my maj....

- **Voice from heaven validating Daniel's interpretation: One step too far**

33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.

- Word of God fulfilled as always:

Isaiah 55:10 "...as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout ,And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;**11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty,** Without accomplishing what I desire ,And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

1. Driven from men
2. Ate grass
3. Hair matted like feathers
4. Nails like talons

The form of insanity in which men think of themselves as animals and imitate the behavior of an animal has been observed. Some call it generally insania zoanthropica and more specifically in Nebuchadnezzar's case, boanthropy, the delusion that one is an ox.

Abydenus, a Greek historian, wrote in 268 B.C. that Nebuchadnezzar was "possessed by some god" and that he had "immediately disappeared." [Wood]

SUMMARY: Nebuchadnezzar Humbled. One step too far. Refuse to humble self...be humbled by God who hates pride.

IV. Nebuchadnezzar Praises the Living God

34 And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation.

- Nebuchadnezzar's proclamation to the world
- After God's judgment; i.e. After **Seven Years of humbling**
 1. I lifted my eyes to heaven
 2. I received understanding
 3. I praised and honored Him Who lives forever.
 - **HIS Dominion** is everlasting
 - **HIS Kingdom** is from generation to generation...not mine

"The God whom we serve not only exists, but reigns. No other position would become him but that of unlimited sovereignty over all his creatures." [Spurgeon]

James 4:6 "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing;He does according

to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

- Every living thing is nothing in comparison to the Living God
- He uses the Army of Heaven; i.e. **Watchers to move the chess pieces**

No one can stop him before he acts; no one can question Him after He acts

36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and splendor returned to me. My counselors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me.

- Nebuchadnezzar back as king of Babylon now serving King of Heaven

Never forget that God's goal is RESTORATION after the potter's wheel

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice.

- **Praising the Living God in front of the entire world: Unashamed**
 1. I praise Him
 2. He is the King of Heaven
 3. He is a God of Truth and Justice
 4. And one more thing...

37b And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

SUMMARY: Nebuchadnezzar praise the Living God