

gods At War

Part 6—god of Me

1. Nebuchadnezzar's Testimony.

Daniel 4:1-3—¹King Nebuchadnezzar, to the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly! ²It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. ³How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation. (NIV)

- Nebuchadnezzar has basically written a _____ here
 - He goes from being the ultimate _____-worshiper to worshiping the _____

Daniel 4:4—⁴I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. ⁵I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in my bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me. (NIV)

- Notice how things are going for him—he's _____ and _____

Daniel 4:13-16—¹³In the visions I saw while lying in my bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. ¹⁴He called in a loud voice: "Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him live the animals among the plants of the earth. ¹⁶Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let

him be given the mind of an animal, till seven times pass by for him." (NIV)

Daniel 4:22a—²²Your Majesty, you are that tree! (NIV)

- Remember, in the dream the tree gets _____

Daniel 4:25—²⁵You 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. (NIV)

- God's going to give this king—who _____ he is god—a reality check
- He's going to make it clear that He is the _____ true God

2. Some Self-Diagnostic Questions.

- Question #1: What _____ you?
- Question #2: What is your standard for _____?
- Question #3: What's your source of _____?

Daniel 4:30—³⁰The 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?" (NASB1995)

- Question #4: What's the _____ of your life?

3. The Result of Worshipping the god of Me.

Daniel 4:27—²⁷Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue. (NIV)

Daniel 4:33—³³Immediately 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. (NIV)

Daniel 4:34-35—³⁴At 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. ³⁵All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?” (NIV)

- This man, who thought he was _____, is made into a _____ and eventually realizes he’s just a _____

Daniel 4:37—³⁷Now 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. (NIV)

Action Step . . .

- Stop playing God!