

# GOD HUMBLER THOSE WHO WALK IN PRIDE

## Daniel 4:1-37

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**Theme of Daniel:** The absolute \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God.

### **Eight Scenes that Recount God's Humbling of Nebuchadnezzar:**

1. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S OPENING PRAISE (4:1-3)
2. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S THREATENING DREAM (4:4-18)
3. DANIEL'S RELUCTANT EXPLANATION (4:19-26)
4. DANIEL'S EARNEST EXHORTATION (4:27)
5. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S UNRESTRAINED PRIDE (4:28-30)
6. GOD'S STRIKING DISCIPLINE (4:31-33)
7. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S HUMBLE REPENTANCE (4:34-36)
8. NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PARTING PRAISE (4:37)

### **Parallel Warning in Deuteronomy 8:10-18**

- **The warning:** "Beware that you do not **forget** the Lord your God..." (Deut. 8:10a)
  - This was Nebuchadnezzar's first problem: *sinful forgetfulness of all the Lord had shown him and done for him.*
- **The temptation:** *ease, wealth, flourishing in comfortable houses* (Deut. 8:12-13)
  - This was Nebuchadnezzar's temptation as seen in Dan. 4:4
- **The sinful result:** "*then your heart will become proud, and you will forget the Lord your God*" (Deut. 8:14)
  - Clearly the same for Nebuchadnezzar. Again, **forgetfulness (which is sinful negligence)** is at the center.
- **The nasty fruit of this pride:** Saying, "*My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.*" (Deut. 8:17)
  - This is the exact thing that Nebuchadnezzar claims.
- **The solution to this pride:** "*But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth...*" (Deut. 8:18a).
  - This is THE lesson God and Daniel wanted Nebuchadnezzar to learn.