

RUINED

Reduced to a state of decay, collapse, or disintegration. Having been irreparably damaged or harmed.



LIIONS

WE WALK AS



DANIEL



DANIEL I

“CONVICTION AMID CONFORMITY”





DANIEL 2

“PRUDENCE AMID PANIC”





DANIEL 3

“TRUST AMID TESTING”





DANIEL 4

“REASON AMID RUIN”



King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples,
nations, and languages, that dwell in
all the earth: Peace be multiplied to
you! ² It has seemed good to me to
show the signs and wonders that
the Most High God has done for me.

NEBUCHDNEZZAR PRAISES GOD

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

NEBUCHDNEZZAR PRAISES GOD

NIGHTMARE



I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease
in my house and prospering in
my palace. ⁵ I saw a dream that
made me afraid. As I lay in bed
the fancies and the visions of my
head alarmed me.

ALARMED!

⁶ So I made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

DECREE

⁷Then the magicians, the
enchanters, the Chaldeans, and
the astrologers came in, and I told
them the dream, but they could
not make known to me its
interpretation.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

⁸ At last Daniel came in before me—
he who was named Belteshazzar
after the name of my god, and in
whom is the spirit of the holy gods—
and I told him the dream, saying,

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9 “O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, tell me the visions of my dream that I saw and their interpretation.

TELL ME



¹⁰The 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.



¹¹ The tree grew and became strong, and its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth. ¹² 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.



¹³ “I saw in the visions of my head as I lay in bed,
and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down
from heaven. ¹⁴ 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.



¹⁵ 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.



¹⁶ 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.



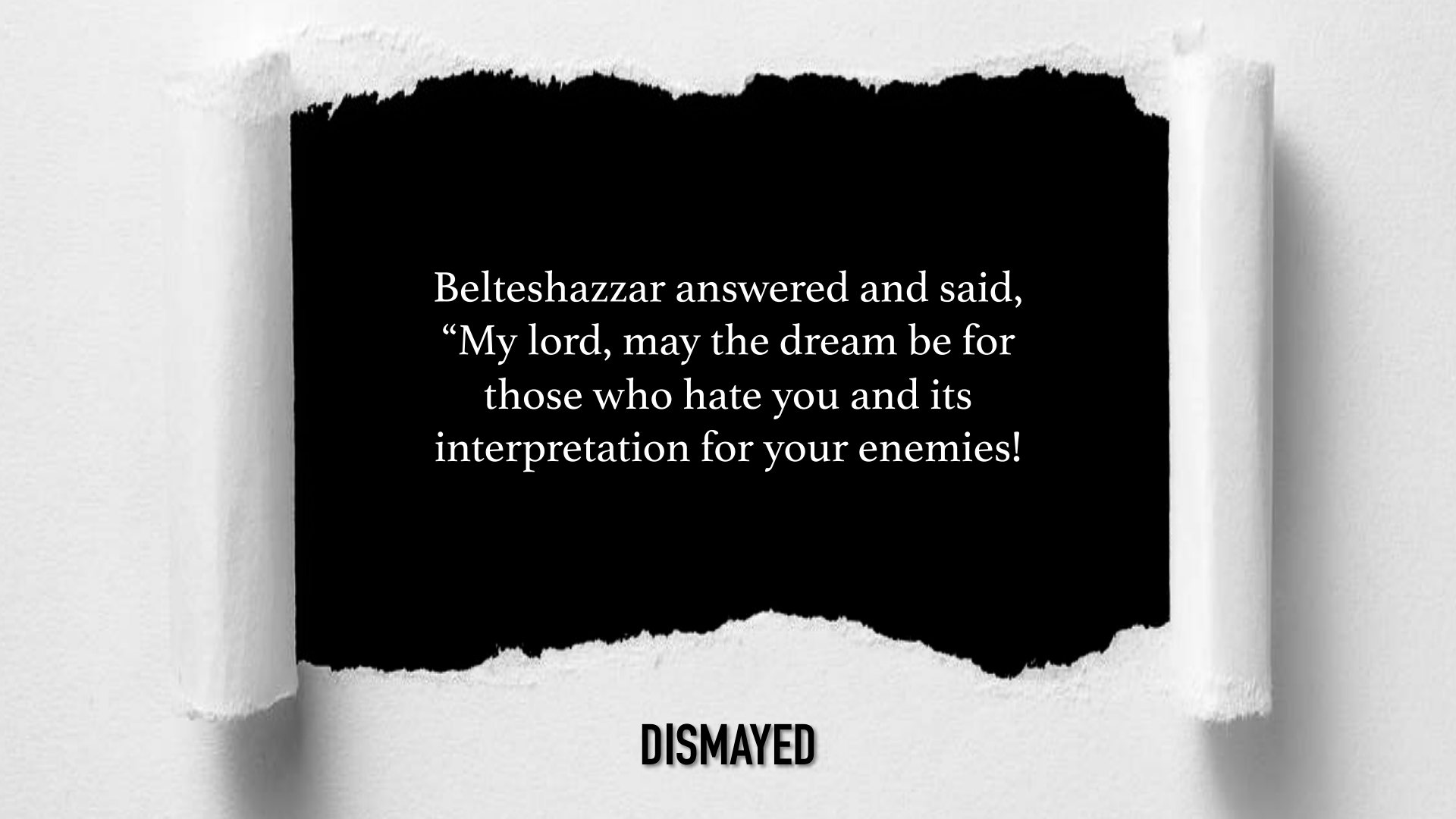
¹⁷The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.'

¹⁸ This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. And you, O Belteshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because 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 gods is in you.”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

¹⁹ Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was dismayed for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and said, “Belteshazzar, let not the dream or the interpretation alarm you.”

DISMAYED



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

DISMAYED



²⁰ 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, ²¹ 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—

²² 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.

YOU ARE THE TREE



²³ 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,’

²⁴ This is the interpretation, O king: It is
a decree of the Most High, which has
come upon my lord the king,
²⁵ that you shall be driven from among
men, and your dwelling shall be with
the beasts of the field.

YOU WILL FALL

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.

YOU WILL FALL



²⁶ 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.

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.

BREAK OFF YOUR SINS



TIMBER DYNAMIC

“Those moments in our lives when we are warned of impending danger and are forced to react or be ruined.”



“Before a downfall the heart is haughty”

PROVERBS 18:12

“God opposes the proud”

JAMES 4:6

“Pride leads to disgrace.”

PROVERBS 11:2



TIMBER DYNAMIC

“Those moments in our lives when we are warned of impending danger and are forced to react or be ruined.”

What do I need to
BREAK OFF NOW
before I **CRASH**
DOWN LATER?

TIMBER!!
DYNAMIC



⁹ At the end of twelve months he was walking
on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon,



³⁰ 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?”



³¹ 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,



³² and you shall be driven from among men,
and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field.
And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox,



And seven periods of time shall pass over you,
until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of
men and gives it to whom he will.³³ Immediately the word
was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar.



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³³ 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.



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³⁴ At the end of the days
I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven,
and my reason returned to me,
³⁴ and I blessed the Most High,
and praised and honored him who lives forever,
for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,



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And his kingdom endures
from generation to generation;
³⁵ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;



³⁵ “And none can stay his hand or say to him,
“What have you done?”

³⁵ At the same time my reason returned to me.



And for the glory of my kingdom,
my majesty and splendor returned to me.
My counselors and my lords sought me,
and I was established in my kingdom,
and still more greatness was added to me.



³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar,
praise and extol and honor the King of heaven,
for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those
who walk in pride he is able to humble.



REASON AMID RUIN

5 REASONS GOD ALLOWS RUIN



“At that same time, my reason returned to me.”

DANIEL 4:35



PRIDE BRINGS DEFEAT

SELFISH AMID RUIN

1.

“Before a downfall the heart is haughty,
but

PROVERBS 18:12



HUMILITY BRINGS HONOR

SELFLESS AMID RUIN

1.

“Before a downfall the heart is haughty,
but **humility comes before honor.**”

PROVERBS 18:12



PRIDE BRINGS HUMILIATION

INDEPENDENT AMID RUIN

2

**“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled,
but**

LUKE 14:11



HUMILITY BRINGS BLESSING

DEPENDENT AMID RUIN

2

**“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled,
but those who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

LUKE 14:11



PRIDE BRINGS MOCKERY

SCORNFUL AMID RUIN

3.

“The LORD mocks proud mockers,

but

PROVERBS 3:34



HUMILITY BRINGS FAVOR

WORSHIPS AMID RUIN

3.

**“The LORD mocks proud mockers,
but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.”**

PROVERBS 3:34



PRIDE BRINGS CONFLICT

STUBBORN AMID RUIN

4.

“God opposes the proud,
but

JAMES 4:6



HUMILITY BRINGS GRACE

PEACE AMID RUIN

4.

**“God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.”**

JAMES 4:6



PRIDE BRINGS FOLLY

MOPES AMID RUIN

5.

Pride leads to disgrace,

but

PROVERBS 11:2



HUMILITY BRINGS WISDOM

REJOICES AMID RUIN

5.

**Pride leads to disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.**

PROVERBS 11:2

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5 REASONS GOD ALLOWS RUIN

1. HUMILITY BRINGS HONOR (PROV 18:12)
2. HUMILITY BRINGS BLESSING (LUKE 14:11)
3. HUMILITY BRINGS FAVOR (PROV 3:34)
4. HUMILITY BRINGS GRACE (JAMES 4:6)
5. HUMILITY BRINGS WISDOM (PROV. 11:2)





REASON AMID RUIN

HUMILITY VS. PRIDE

**“Humble yourselves, therefore,
under God’s mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due time.
Casting all your cares upon Him,
for He cares for you.”**

1 P E T E R 5 : 6 - 7



Lord, I know You desire humility. Forgive me of any pride that You see within me. Use this trial to humble our world, our nation, our leaders, Your church, and especially me.

Lord, I know You are good. I boldly ask in the name of Jesus Christ for You to remove this disease and heal our desperate land.

Lord, I know you are merciful. Thank you for hearing my prayer. May Your church trust You to take what the enemy intended for evil and turn it for our good. Amen.

AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER

2 CHRONICLES 7:13-15