

DANIEL

BUILDING FAITHFULLY IN BROKEN KINGDOMS



Today's Notes

NEBUCHADNEZZAR,
THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

A MAD KING,

A BEASTLY FALL,

AND RESTORING GRACE.



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DWELL IN ALL THE EARTH: PEACE BE MULTIPLIED TO YOU!

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MOST HIGH GOD HAS DONE FOR ME.

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HEAVEN

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CHALDEANS, AND THE ASTROLOGERS CAME IN, AND I
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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...

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15 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.

17 The 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.'

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The Most High
rules the
kingdom of
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DANIEL 2:21

"HE REMOVES KINGS AND SETS UP KINGS..."

DANIEL 2:44

"THE GOD OF HEAVEN WILL SET UP A KINGDOM THAT SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED..."

***DANIEL 4:17**

"THE MOST HIGH RULES THE KINGDOM OF MEN AND GIVES IT TO WHOM HE WILL..."

***DANIEL 4:25**

"...TILL YOU KNOW THAT THE MOST HIGH RULES THE KINGDOM OF MEN AND GIVES IT TO WHOM HE WILL."

***DANIEL 4:32**

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DANIEL 4:34-35

"HE DOES ACCORDING TO HIS WILL AMONG THE HOST OF HEAVEN AND AMONG THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH..."

***DANIEL 5:21**

"...THE MOST HIGH GOD RULES THE KINGDOM OF MANKIND AND SETS OVER IT WHOM HE WILL."

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.”

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

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.

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27 “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you?
For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you?
For even sinners do the same.

35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.
36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6

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**BUT NOT ONE
MOMENT MORE...**

**GOD HAS PLACED A LIMIT ON
YOUR SUFFERING!**

Nebuchadnezzar's suffering had:

- a purpose,
- a boundary,
- and an ending.

Yours does too.

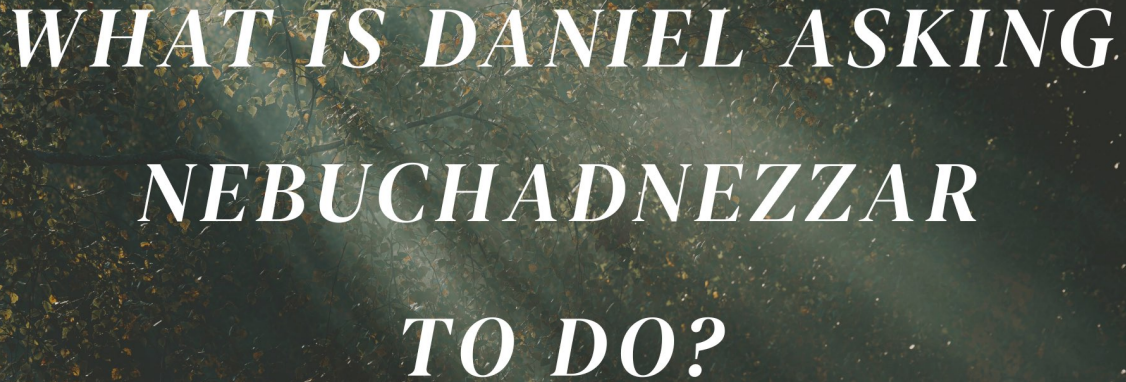


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25 ...till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.

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.”

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*WHAT IS DANIEL ASKING
NEBUCHADNEZZAR
TO DO?*



29 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?”

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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."

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29 At the end of twelve months...

A standard year has:

31,536,000 seconds

(365 days × 24 hours × 60 minutes × 60 seconds)

$31,536,000 \div 8 = 3,942,000$ seconds

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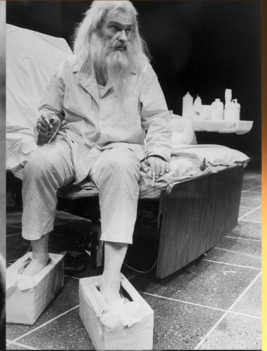
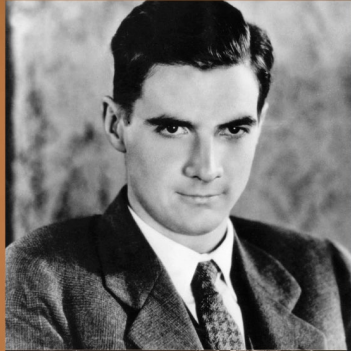


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Howard Hughes

1905-1976



Nebuchadnezzar

Pride → Humiliation → **Humility** → Restoration

Howard Hughes

Pride → Humiliation → **Deterioration** → Tragedy

34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason 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 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; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

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36 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.

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1 year
of mercy

8 seconds
of pride

7 years
of humiliation

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AND HOW LONG DID
RESTORATION
TAKE

Just 1 moment
before the King of Heaven.



The goodness or badness of a season

IS DETERMINED

by what it produces.

Let's reflect...

1. *Has God been warning you about something you continue to ignore?*
2. *What if the season you resent most is the season God is using most deeply?*
3. *What would it look like for you to “lift your eyes to heaven” today?*

Let's respond:

Sing together | Fill out a response card | Give an offering | Join prayer on the Porch