

INTRODUCTION

- * The Book of Daniel ... Revealing the Impact of his God, his life, and his writing.
- * Last week, we considered how God was seeking make Himself known to King Nebuchadnezzar first through the knowledge of, and interpretation of, his dream by Daniel, and then through the deliverance of Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah from the fiery furnace after they refused to bow down to the image of gold that he had made.
- * Today, we want to consider PHASE THREE of Operation Nebuchadnezzar. In this phase, the Most High God reveals that Nebuchadnezzar is but a pawn in His hand and that He, the Creator God and the Ultimate Ruler of the Kingdoms of men, can at His own choosing bring judgment and chastisement upon and remove Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom. What a beautiful display of the grace of God as He reveals Himself to this powerful man in a manner that he needs to see. May we learn from Nebuchadnezzar's experience and not force God to deal with us in similar fashion!
- * However, before we begin we need to take care of a distraction from the primary impact of this passage - the Watchers. First, we need to understand this is a dream of a polytheistic pagan king, who then describes it from that spiritual viewpoint.
 - > Their Identification (cf. Gen 6:1-4; Job 1:6; 2:1; Psalm 82:1; Daniel 3:25; 10:12-13,20; Eph 1:20-21; 3:10; 6:12; Col 1:15-16; 2:15; 1 Peter 3:22)
 - > The Correction by Daniel (v. 17,24) ... it is NOT the decree of the watchers ... but it is the DECREE of the MOST HIGH!

INSTRUCTION**I. HIS W _____ (v. 10-27)****A. Daniel's I _____ (v. 1)**

1. THE D _____ OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR (v. 19-25)
2. THE R _____ OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR (v. 26)

B. Daniel's C _____ to Nebuchadnezzar (v. 27)**II. HIS C _____ (v. 28-33; cf. Numbers 14:20-33)****A. Nebuchadnezzar's P _____ (v. 28-31, 37)****B. Nebuchadnezzar's P _____ (v. 31-33)****III. HIS C _____ (v. 1-3, 34-37)****A. The S _____ of YHWH (v. 34)****B. The E _____ of YHWH (v. 34)****C. The O _____ of YHWH (v. 35)****D. The G _____ of YHWH (v. 36)****E. The J _____ of YHWH (v. 37)****INTROSPECTION**

- * HOW PRIDEFUL ARE YOU? WHAT WOULD GOD SAY?
- * HOW MALLEABLE ARE YOU ... TO BE CHANGED BY THE WORD OF GOD?
- * HOW OFTEN DO GIVE GLORY AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Consider the motive, goal and results of chastisement recorded in Hebrews 12:1-17. Now consider how those are evidenced in our lives individually and as the body of Christ (local and larger).