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COUNTER CULTURE SERIES

Part 4: A Humbled King

Scripture: Daniel 4:1-37 (ESV) p740

“Every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord”

1. (v1-3) Nebuchadnezzar Praises God - A Public Notice!

- A **Pagan King** publicly addresses a **Pagan World**, Praising the High God
- He admits **God’s Sovereignty**: Everlasting Kingdom and Generational Dominion
- This is a unique chapter in the Bible: it is the _____ of a Pagan King!

2. (v4-18) Nebuchadnezzar’s Second Dream

- Nebuchadnezzar has another dream and yet again: he “needs” the interpretation. The dream not only troubled him, but it has made Nebuchadnezzar _____.
- This time, Nebuchadnezzar recalls the dream to all the Wise Men, and the interpretation is obvious to them... but none have the courage to give the interpretation.
- Nebuchadnezzar requests for Daniel to interpret it, and Nebuchadnezzar acknowledges that the _____ of the the “holy gods” is with Daniel.

3. (v19-27) Daniel Interprets The Second Dream

- Daniel politely wishes that the dream was for the King’s enemies, however Daniel is honest and compassionate: Daniels tells Nebuchadnezzar that his dream is for himself.
 - The tree represents Nebuchadnezzar, who is a high earthly ruler that will be **cut down**.
 - Nebuchadnezzar will be _____ by God if he remains **proud**.
 - Nebuchadnezzar will be made into a lowly beast and driven away from mankind.
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4. (v28-37) Nebuchadnezzar's Humiliation and Restoration - "None can stay His hand"

- **One Year Later:** Nebuchadnezzar boasts in his accomplishments of Babylon ... he did not heed to the prophetic warning that was interpreted in his dream.

"The Kingdom has been departed from you"

- God declared from Heaven that Nebuchadnezzar shall be departed from his kingdom, driven from mankind, and made like a beast... until Nebuchadnezzar recognized:

_____ , _____

God not only commanded Nebuchadnezzar to not sin, but to also actively practice _____.

- ***"Sometimes it takes for us to fall before God uses us"*** - God has the ability to setup and remove earthly rulers and kingdoms... God also humbles the proud and exalts the weak or lowly: throughout the Bible God uses the unlikeliest of persons to accomplish the impossible!
- God preserved Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom and restored it to him: God has vindicated himself! God proves Himself as a capable God, unlike the the dead false idol gods.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why did God have to humble Nebuchadnezzar in this way?

Have you ever been prideful of your accomplishments? Have you ever been humbled?

How are we to act when others are being very prideful?

How can we actively practice righteousness?

Closing Prayer Topic:

Father God, we pray that you will remind us of your significance. Have us to only boast in You and Your accomplishments. Lord, help us to decrease so You can increase. Amen.

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