

Daniel 4
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1 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.	all ... in all the earth: echoed in Matt. 28:19 and Rev. 14:6 Peace ... multiplied: compare 6:25; 1Pet. 1:2; 2Pet. 1:2; Jude 2
2 I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.	signs = how great! and wonders = how mighty! the high God: reaffirm lesson of 2:27 (3:15) toward me: personal testimony
3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.	kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; everlasting (05957) 2:44; 4:34 (x2); 6:26; 7:14, 18, 27 [<i>Theme #16 "Everlasting" describes God's kingdom</i>] dominion is from generation to generation = God's kingdom does not await the fall of the fourth kingdom!
5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.	compare 2:1, 3
6 bring in all the wise men of Babylon ... make known unto me the interpretation	compare 2:2 compare 2:5, 6
7 I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof	contrast 2:4 tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation
9 O Belteshazzar, ... the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, ... tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof	see verse 18; 5:11; compare 2:6, 26 -but here Nebuchadnezzar tells Daniel the vision
10 tree in the midst of the earth; height ... great	
11 unto heaven; to the end of all the earth	
12 meat for all; all flesh was fed of it	
13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;	watcher: compare Matt. 24:42 holy one (06922) all occurrences = 4:8, 9, 13, 17, 18, 23; 5:11; 7:18, 21, 22, 25, 27; Hebrew equivalent -6918 in 8:13, 24
14 Hew down ... cut off ... shake off ... scatter	
15 leave the stump ... band of iron and brass ... his portion be with the beasts in the grass	
16 his heart be changed from man's ... beast's heart ... seven times pass	contrast 7:4
17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the	

basest of men.	
19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.	astonied (08075); Hebrew word equivalent "desolate" (08074) 8:13, 27 ; 9:18, 26, 27; 11:31; 12:11 troubled: same word as vs. 5 (0927, idea of alarm, haste), but different word from vs. 9 "no secret troubleth thee"; compare 7:15,28; all occurrences (2:25; 3:24; 5:6, 9, 10; 6:19; 7: 15, 28)
20 The tree ... 22 is thou, O king	compare 2:38 "Thou <i>art</i> this head of gold"
24 decree of the most High	same word as 4:17 of the watchers
25 till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will	<i>Theme #11: God removes and sets up kings.</i> Need to understand the basis of His authority. He is not just a bigger version of Nebuchadnezzar! Understand the authority of self-sacrificing love, the "law of life for the universe."
26 leave the stump ... thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.	the heavens do rule; first occurrence 2:18 "God of heaven" = location of "most High [who] ruleth"; again, what type of rule?
27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.	break off thy sins -- righteousness thine iniquities -- shewing mercy to the poor = repentance
29 end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon	
30 Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?	Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power , and for the honour of my majesty ? = observe Daniel's summary later of this point in time: 5:20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride , he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him" = must see allusions to Rom. 1
31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. [32 decree]	departed: other key occurrences: 2:21 removeth; 5:20 took; 7:26 take away; contrast 7:14 not pass away decree identical to 25
33 he was driven from men ... eat grass as oxen ... his body was wet with the dew of heaven ... his hairs ... like eagles' ... his nails like birds'	compare Rom. 1:23 changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and

	fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
34 ¶ And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation:	Compare Psa. 121:1, 2 understanding (04486): 2:21 knowledge; 4:36 reason; 5:12 knowledge blessed the most High praised (07624) 2:23; 4:37; [created] 5:4, 23 honoured (01922) 4:37; glorified in 5:23; compare Rev. 14:7 Him that liveth forever whose dominion = everlasting kingdom = from, to Compare 4:3
35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?	army (02429): compare 3:20 Compare Rom. 11:33-36
36 At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.	glory (03367): 2:37; 5:18, 20; 7:14; honour in 2:6; 4:30 honour (01923): 5:18; majesty in 4:30; [verb: 4:34, 37] brightness (02122): 2:31; countenance in 5:6, 9, 10; 7:28 majesty (07238): 5:18, 19; greatness in 4:22; 7:27
37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.	praise (see 4:34) extol (07313): set up in 5:19; lifted up 5:20, 23 [Hebrew 07311 taken away in 8:11; lifted up in 11:12; exalt in 11:36] honor (see 4:34) King of heaven [only occurrence] works = truth (07187) 2:47 ways = judgment (01780) 7:10, 22, 26 walk in pride: able to abase (08214) put down in 5:19; humbled 5:22; subdue 7:24 [Theme #7 What defiles] outcome of great controversy; [walk in humility: able to exalt; see Matt. 23:12]