

# Nebuchadnezzar's Lesson

Daniel 4:19-26

## Introduction:

- A. Nebuchadnezzar was a dreamer - Daniel was the interpreter.
  - 1. The dreams were given by God.
  - 2. The dreams interpreted by God.
- B. Nebuchadnezzar had to learn a two-fold lesson that all need to learn.

## Discussion:

### I. Heaven Is in Charge.

- A. It was true then (vv. 25-26; Dan. 2:21; Psa. 22:28).
  - 1. Made the king of Assyria his rod without his consent (Isa. 10:5-12)
  - 2. Made Nebuchadnezzar his servant without his consent (Jer. 27:6)
- B. It is true now.
  - 1. All authority has been delegated to Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20)
    - a. He is King of king and Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14).
      - (1) Same language applied to heads of empires (Dan 2:37; Ezra. 7:12)
      - (2) Suggest power over other kings and lords.
    - b. His rule is above all other rule (Isa. 2:2, 17; Acts 7:49; Eph. 1:19-23)
    - c. He is head over all things to the church (a kingdom within a kingdom)
      - (1) Whole world subject involuntarily.
      - (2) Church subject voluntarily.
    - d. He is in charge of our personal affairs as well as national (Matt. 6:25-33)
  - 2. Jesus will deliver authority back Father at the end. (1 Cor. 15:22-28)

### II. Man Needs to Recognize This.

- A. In time of international turmoil and uncertainty.
  - 1. In the news, we only see the stage in the news.
  - 2. In the news, we see the Great Director and Producer behind the stage
- B. By voluntarily submitting to His authority – obeying him (Heb. 5:8,9)
  - 1. Believe in Jesus as God's Son with all authority (John 8:32)
  - 2. Repent of sins (Luke 24:47)
  - 3. Be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
  - 4. Be added to the church/kingdom (Acts 2:47; Col. 1:13,14).
  - 5. Seek the kingdom first (Matt. 6:33)
  - 6. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10)
- C. We can participate in His rule by our prayers (Jas. 5:16-18)

## Conclusion:

- A. Let us take comfort in knowing that Jesus is still on his throne.
- B. Let us submit to his authority and be prepared for heaven no matter what happens.