

The High Price of Pride **Daniel 4**

Dream described (1-18)—1st person

- ❖ Verses 1-3 = declares new perspective (S,M,A helped too).
- ❖ Tree imagery for leaders: Ezek. 31, II Kgs. 14:9, also Ps. 1:3
- ❖ Watchers (angelics carry message of divine decree by God)

Dream interpreted (19-27)—3rd person

- ❖ Nebuchadnezzar's faults appear in 27 and especially 5:20.
- ❖ Daniel's response (19, 27) implies true concern for the king's, welfare, and no doubt he helped much in the king's absence.

Dream fulfilled (28-37)—1st person

- ❖ The king's insanity is a rare case of boanthropy, as predicted.
- ❖ The gradual "re-education" of the King is complete. Why did he merit such opportunity (Jer. 27:7:6 and prayers of Daniel?)
- ❖ Once the king cries "uncle" and humbles himself, he is exalted.

Why is pride an insane problem? What does it lead to? Js. 4:6, I Pt. 5:5, Prov. 11:2, 16:18, 29:23, Isa. 2:17 (contra Phil. 4:8-11)

