

## "NEBUCHADNEZZAR WORSHIPPING DANIEL"

### Introduction

1. A strange sight: Neb. worshipping Daniel!
2. Who were these men?
3. How are we to explain this?

### 1. DANIEL BOTH KNEW AND INTERPRETED NEB'S. DREAM

- 1) Neb. had an important dream: v.1
- 2) None of his wise men could interpret it: v.10
- 3) The King was furious: v.12
- 4) The steps taken by Daniel: v.14-18
- 5) God reveals it all to Daniel: v.19  
**APPLICATION**: Daniels' experience has lessons for us too.
- 6) The dream is told to Neb: v.31-35  
**Explain**:
  - (i) this dream not ordinary but special
  - (ii) it was prophetic  
**OBSERVE**: Why dreams used for Pharaoh + Neb.

### 2. DANIEL'S GOD WAS ABOVE ALL THE GODS OF BABYLON

- 1) We are asking why Neb. falls down: v.46
- 2) He realizes that God reads men's hearts  
**OBSERVE**: See 1 Cor. 14:24-25 = conviction  
**APPLICATION**: Have you realized God reads your heart?
- 3) There is no God like the true God: v.47  
**OBSERVE**: So Paul says: 1 Cor. 8:5-6  
**APPLICATION**: It is a shock when our secret life and secret thoughts are laid bare – as we see in John 4:16-19  
**APPLICATION**: Has this yet happened to you?
- 4) The interpretation is extremely important:
  - (i) head of gold – Babylon

- (ii) chest and arms of silver = Medo-Persia
- (iii) belly + thighs of brass – Greece
- (iv) legs of iron = Rome

- 5) Above all, the "stone...without hands" (v.34).  
This is Christ's Kingdom.  
**APPLICATION**: Let us be amazed – exactly true!

### 3. THIS MAY HAVE LED TO NEB'S. CONVERSION

- 1) Neb. was stunned
  - (i) the dream accurately reported by Daniel
  - (ii) the interpretation  
**APPLICATION**: God is in perfect control of all world events – Let us apply this principle to our day.
- 2) All this too reveals the fine character of Daniel:
  - (i) no pride
  - (ii) zeal for God
  - (iii) love for his brethren  
**APPLICATION**: Let us always help one another in every way we can.
- 3) Before too long Neb. has a humbling experience – recorded in chap. 4. It led him to praise God: 4:37  
**OBSERVE**: This may well be a real conversion.  
**APPLICATION**: Amazing! Neb. may be in heaven!
- 4) If so, Neb. and Daniel are now both falling down before God in the glory!

### CONCLUSION

Two mighty lessons are here!

1. God knows all your heart.
2. God is worthy of all your adoration and praise.

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<b>147: 1 – 8</b>
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<b>107: 40 – 43</b>
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<b>105: 20 - 22</b>
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