



THE 'NEW MAN' OF VALOR FEBRUARY 3, 2025

DANIEL 4:29-31, 34 NKJV - (29) At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. **(30)** The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" **(31)** While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from Heaven: King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!

Daniel 4 is a story of faithfulness to God, and evidence of God's faithfulness unto His people. God chooses whom He wills, and Daniel was chosen as one of the youths of Israel to be brought to Nebuchadnezzar to learn the ways of the Babylonians, and to be train for service in the King's court; but Daniel made a resolute effort to remain faithful to his culture, and faithful to the Lord. Throughout the entire experience, God not only provided for Daniel's needs. His intelligence and hard work found favor with the king and was made one of the king's advisors. Not only did Daniel show great administrative skills and loyalty, he was given a special gift – through God's anointing, he was able to interpret dreams and visions.

According to Daniel, the Babylonian king suffered from mental illness, and lived isolated for several years, until he acknowledges the power of Almighty God; saying **(34)** "And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to Heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever!"

When the king was condemned by God to live as a beast for a certain period of time, Daniel kept the king's state of affairs in prayer that the period of punishment would be shortened, and God granted this prayer.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:17-24

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Life's circumstances and direction can change very quickly, yet the Lord oversees it all!