

Nightmare  
Daniel 4:4 – 37  
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**Main Idea:** God puts the arrogant in their place.

Introduction

I want to continue to tell you about my life in Babylon. It was so different from what I was used to in Israel. Today's part of the story contrasts the humility that my friends and I tried to show with the pride and arrogance of King Nebuchadnezzar. Despite all of the examples of humility that we gave and at times where he would speak of our God in such a good light, King Nebuchadnezzar never seem to wrap his head around the idea of being humble before the God of the universe. In today's part of the story, the king continues to show his pride and God sends him a dream that shows how God will humiliate him.

**Text – Daniel 4:34–35**

**34** At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; **35** all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

- I.** God warns the arrogant about idolatry (vv. 4 – 18).
  - A The arrogant place themselves as God.
  - B God warns the arrogant of their peril.
- II.** God uses his servants to proclaim the truth (vv. 19 – 27).
  - A Even the ungodly know the power of God's servants.
  - B God uses his servants for his message.
- III.** God teaches the arrogant their proper place (vv. 28 – 37).
  - A God tests the arrogant by hobbling them.
  - B The arrogant learn the hard way that God allowed is King.

Conclusion

so we see how God humbled King Nebuchadnezzar first by warning him in a dream that if he did not stop being so arrogant that God would make him like the animals in the field. For second time periods King Nebuchadnezzar was forced to live like an animal in the land. This time of blessing as the King of the great Babylonian Empire ended for seven years. God took him from a

place of prominence to employees of humility. We must be humble before God and before others. God resists the proud but he gives grace to the humble. It is so much better to be humble than to be prideful. It is better to be taken to a higher place rather than to be put into your place.