

DANIEL LESSON 12 QUESTIONS

Daniel 4:19-27

Review (4:1-18)

1. What is the purpose of Nebuchadnezzar's letter in 4:1-3?

2. To whom was the letter addressed?

3. What does Nebuchadnezzar request of Daniel? Why does he have confidence in Daniel's answer?

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4. What is Daniel's initial response to the king's request? Why might he have had this response, in contrast to his confident response in 2:16?

5. What does the king say to Daniel in v. 19? What might this comment indicate about the king's relationship to Daniel?

6. What is Daniel's first response to the king in v. 19? Why would he say this?

7. What are the details describing the tree in the king's dream in v. 20-21?

8. What does Daniel reveal about this cosmic tree in v.22?

9. How is a tree used as a symbol of prideful man in other passages of the Old Testament? (Consider Isa 2:12-13; 10:34; Ezek 31:3-17...)

10. What is the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11:1-4? How is this reminiscent of the tree in Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

11. How does the LORD respond in Gen 11:5-9? Why does He do this?

12. What is the definition of the term "hubris"? How might this word apply to the people in Gen. 11 and to King Nebuchadnezzar?

13. What other examples can you find in Scripture of highly placed people who were humbled or disciplined for failing to give glory to God? Consider Acts 12:20-23; Pharaoh in Exodus. What other examples come to mind?

14. What does Scripture teach about pride? Give examples.

15. Who does Daniel reveal has given the decree through **a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven?** (v. 23, 24) Why is this significant?

16. How does Daniel explain the interpretation of the dream to Nebuchadnezzar? What has the Most High decreed to happen to him?

17. How long will the decree last? What must Nebuchadnezzar do to end the decree? What does Daniel counsel him to do to prevent or delay its happening?

18. What is biblical repentance? When have you been called upon to repent, or to exhort someone else to repentance? How have you responded? Why is this so difficult? What have you learned from Daniel's example?
