

**September 4, 2022**  
**Daniel 4:1-27**  
**“Ruler Of Heaven And Earth”**

Apparently a number of years passed between **chapters 3 and 4**. Nebuchadnezzar reigned for a total of 43 years, 7 of which we learn today that he went insane. After this he returns to normal and reigns for a short period more before his death. This event is estimated to have occurred around 570 BC. This event and the fiery furnace event were spaced out about 30 years. It is estimated that this event in chapter 4 occurred when Daniel was about 50 years old. (Gleaned from, *J. Dwight Pentecost*)

At this point Nebuchadnezzar was still a polytheist though he had acknowledged Yahweh’s sovereignty years before. A polytheist believes in many gods all at once.

The king was learning that it was God who rules according to His will and uses those whom He chooses as His instruments. God is in control of this world even now.

This vision was designed to be a part of God’s revelation of Himself and His authority over the prideful king who had foolishly exhaled himself above God. Pride = fall.

The thing that makes this chapter unique is that it is the only one in all of Scripture composed under the authority of a pagan. This chapter is written from Nebuchadnezzar’s view point. (Gleaned from *Gleason L. Archer, Jr.*)

At this point the king does not have a genuine heart conversion, however intellectually convinced he may have been. Saving faith has to take an 18 inch drop from one’s head to one’s heart.

Holy watcher is a good description of God’s angels, they are holy and they watch over the activities of human beings. This watcher comes with a word of warning.

**I Corinthians 6:3**, we will one day judge angels.

**Application:**

**James 2:19**, “You believe that God is one. Good! Even the demons believe—and they shudder.” To believe about is God is good. To believe in Him for salvation is essential. There is an old saying, there are many who say they are standing on the promises but in reality are just sitting on the premises. God has brought about this dream with the express purpose to show the most powerful man on earth Who gave him this kingdom and to demolish this man’s pride in the process. Who is on the throne of your life?