

## HEAVEN RULES, NEBUCHADNEZZAR DROOLS

*Daniel 4:1-37 // November 19, 2023 AM*

### I. The Most High rules *history* (vv. 4-27).

- A. Heaven confounds the haughty (vv. 4-18).
- B. Heaven confirms the humble (vv. 19-27).

### II. The Most High rules *humanity* (vv. 28-37).

- A. Heaven confounds the haughty (vv. 28-33).
- B. Heaven confirms the humble (vv. 34-37).

#### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What are pride and humility? How do this vice and virtue relate to reality?
2. Why is prosperity more dangerous than poverty? How is this seen in Nebuchadnezzar?
3. What makes Nebuchadnezzar's dream so scary? Were his worldly wise men able to interpret it for him?
4. Why did Nebuchadnezzar wait to call Daniel last? Why did he call Daniel by his Babylonian name?
5. How does Daniel evidence both love and courage in his interpretation of the dream? How does living in the presence of God enable us to have both even when in the hands of wicked tyrants?
6. Did Nebuchadnezzar repent after Daniel interpreted the dream? What happened to him as a result?
7. How was Nebuchadnezzar's sanity and kingdom restored? How is this story a parable of all of us in our pride?

#### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. What is true humility? How does this story teach me that humility is obtained?
2. How has God used trials and temptations in my life to deliver me from my prideful anti-reality?
3. What achievements, relationships, opportunities, or abilities do I tend to take credit for? How does a passage like 1 Corinthians 4:7 put me in my rightful place?
4. Why is the lesson, "Heaven Rules," so hard for me to learn?