

## NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PROPHETIC DREAM

### Daniel 1 —

In the beginning God purposed to have a 'man' in His image and likeness and for that man to have dominion over all the works of His hands. Such a man is a ruler ... a king. This desire was spoken into Adam and all following generations and was later covered up with substituted selfish thoughts and plans. We now come down the course of **HIS**tory to Nebuchadnezzar and this purpose or destiny was not fully 'dead' in him ... neither is it fully dead in you. Later in Daniel 2 where we read this, Daniel declares that God gave Nebuchadnezzar his kingdom (v.37). We have been given the keys to the kingdom of heaven which must open doors to the throne and reigning therefrom.

This account of God's dealings with Nebuchadnezzar will outline for us the probable dealings or processings that God is working in you and I. The 'target' or the pivotal point in achieving success in our calling and destiny of 'ruling and reigning' is accomplished through an unbroken relationship with our Father, the Most High God.

#### APPREHENDED ONES ... TAKE NOTE!

Apprehended 'Kings' take note — here is THE JOURNEY TO THIS NECESSARY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, OUR FATHER and experiencing what hitherto we have just known about. Desiring to know from the Lord the profit and life from this word, we were led to take a new look at it ... what is God saying with this word that can encourage our maturing? We acknowledge this account in Daniel also has a historic unveiling and we take nothing away from that insight.

**NEBUCHADNEZZAR** .... his name we were told many years ago means in the essence of it, "*He doesn't know where the treasure is*". (I have not been able to confirm this in my research ... we will just take my source on trust ... thanks).

The King of Babylon at the start represents a religious lifestyle which all stems from his thinking that he was in charge of his life ... you could say he, being king, was on the throne of his life but deep in his heart, in his spirit, Nebuchadnezzar sensed there was much, much more and even though he didn't know what it really was, he desired it. God puts a desire in each heart and, if you do not cover it up, He will grant that desire in your heart and, more than likely, will dispense such in challenging ways particularly as one interacts with others on the same path.

**GOD GAVE NEBUCHADNEZZAR A VIVID DREAM** that touched him deeply and, at the time (in the night) it really troubled him — but he could not recall the dream when he awoke. Frustrated he used all his natural resources but could not recall it. Nebuchadnezzar put himself under stress and acted carnally ... especially towards those closest to him.

**DANIEL** was a prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nebuchadnezzar thought that Daniel was his prisoner so, as the custom was, selected prisoners were given new names. Daniel was given the Chaldean name of **BELTESHAZZAR** which in essence means '*He does know where the treasure is*'.

The account in Daniel chapter one shows that four prisoners from Judah were of the king's seed ... of royal spirit and calling and they were skilful in wisdom, sciences which most certainly included knowledge of the

stars (heavens). Daniel and his three mates were deemed teachable and for three years learned the languages of their new surroundings so that they could communicate freely with any citizen of Babylon. They were privileged prisoners who were even allowed to have a say in their diet — what goes into your life is very important. Above all Daniel had a one-on-One relationship with Father. From this flow Daniel was able to hear from God the detail of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and the answer to what was troubling him. It could only come by REVELATION via one who knows where the treasure is of relationship with Father.

**HERE IS THE DREAM ...** here is the path that the Overcomers of this hour will need to take to become 'God's man' — His mature son, and thus led to be in the right place at the right time on this path! One's mind will thus be renewed and stretched to include all these areas and many new horizons.

In his dream Nebuchadnezzar saw an image of a man with each part made from what had been taken from the earth. Remember, God's first 'man' was taken from the earth and today, God is taking His 'man' out of earthbound natural thinking and bringing him up higher!

**THE HEAD** — the highest part that man could attain ... was **GOLD** which speaks of the nature of God in which is the thinking of God. Nebuchadnezzar's potential is shown here ... God's provision here shows that He had provided a kingdom for Nebuchadnezzar and he was the king of it. The Church-at-large started out so well, flowing with the life and desires of God. This great start did not continue for long, because God's supreme vision and destiny for His people fell along the way ... for the most part wrecked by what carnal man substituted for it and called it 'progress'. All this even though we had the mind of Christ all along.

**BREAST AND ARMS** were the next part seen of the image and was made of **SILVER** which speaks of redemption and salvation. Breast and arms were lower than the gold head ... lower than God's unadulterated thinking and purposes. Now the total emphasis of the Church has been focused on 'rescuing the perishing' (which by the way, God had already accomplished!) whilst God's heart-cry and say in the Church's affairs was blocked out by fanatical and competitive evangelism and building into the people a dependency upon 'Church' in lieu of a true dependency upon Father. Emotion now played a big part and dramatic pictures of the unsaved burning in hell came on the scene. This caused God's true nature and His plans, purposes and methods of attaining His 'man' (king) to be almost fully covered up and forgotten turning God's 'spiritual-word' into a 'literal-word' confusion.

**BELLY and THIGHS** became the next emphasis. These were made of **BRASS** which speaks of judgment which follows on from finding the accused guilty and thus condemned and awaiting sentencing. The religious systems of 'Church' have had a vindictive attitude which resulted in the unmerciful sentencing of the guilty sinner to unending punishment and torment in hell with no hope of parole. This stance has completely overlooked God's merciful acquittal provided in Christ-Jesus at Calvary for all along He has slowly been dragging all men into Himself (John 12:32).

Teachings of hell, lake of fire and separation are all a part of the dire consequences imposed for not obeying the dictates of the Church hierarchy. This place of introverted reproduction caused many a division ... into **TWO LEGS** ... the 'them and us' scenario! The countless divisions of the people of God into denominations (including some end-time groups) who could never get it together so that this 'man' could walk! Cults got labelled, other religions declared as demonic ... all adding up to a superior image of the man of their false imagination.

**LEGS** of **IRON** speaking of one's walk which became hard and unyielding ... my way or no way!. Excommunica-

tion, separation and wall-building, denominational cliques ... emphasising that relationship could only be found with folk of the same persuasion. This attitude has supported the whole body even under a false balance of rigid dogmas. Non-pliable iron-like attitudes have wrecked havoc among God's people, dividing the huge resources so that each part became ill-supplied with finances which affected so many decisions.

**FEET** made of **IRON and CLAY** ... not fully one or the other. The weakness of the whole image was compromise ... A **CLAY** attitude being scared of *the water of the word* which would turn its supposed strength into a sloppy mess. The **IRON's** strength was derived from the unyielding 'letter word' proponents which cause many divisions and separations but could not impart its strength or stance to the simplicity of walking in truth. God has never blessed mixture! There are only His thoughts and He never mixes His word with the interpretations of man. What God has planned in Himself shall surely come to pass — the opposite of this image-man of the dream who will never progress or walk.

God was purposing to reveal to Nebuchadnezzar the principles of the downhill path — no wonder that Nebuchadnezzar was troubled. He was crying out within his spirit for enlightenment. In this dream God showed the king what had 'gone wrong' as man's thinking had replaced God's. Nebuchadnezzar wanted to know where the treasure was; he would discover it was a walking-talking relationship with the Most High God whom we know as our Father. Nebuchadnezzar in his frustration was crying, 'Help!'

**GOD'S REMEDY** ... Now comes the unveiling of the plan of God because with His foreknowledge, He is never is taken by surprise for HE IS and He is the beginning and the end.

**THERE IS A MOUNTAIN** ... a place where one can 'Come up higher' and progress to that higher place and vision in God. Mount Zion pictures all the saints of God and among them there is a people or order whose gaze is fixed entirely on the Lord Jesus Christ, our God. They have already by God's grace ascended towards the summit (Him ... the Highest). God doesn't need any assistance from religious man, the Church system quoting letter-word scriptures, for He now does His supernatural work of separating a people from that mountain who will be His timely vessel. This fairly small rock is carved out of and separated from this mountain of His people. Now this stone goes into God's workshop where this remnant is completed by the removal of all the rough corners that are left... such workings can be quite painful bringing with it a feeling of being alone. However, for those who have been apprehended for this purpose of ruling and reigning with Christ in His Kingdom, they are compacted together in a special place in the spirit where God's finishing work takes place,

There is shown here the steps that God is taking to bring forth His 'man', His king, His ruling-and-reigning company without any fanfare of trumpets. This stone needed every bump and blemish removed so that it could do the work it was designed for. It was to be let loose from near the top of the mountain so that it could gather momentum and power to destroy all the religious idols and cultish ways of mankind, for then this chosen people will see God's Kingdom fill all the earth.

**DESTINY OF 'THE SONS'** ... There is a preparation work that is carried out up the mountain for when this many-membered king company is released. This corporate mature 'son' will have sufficient momentum (authority) to roll down the mountain and make contact with this hindering image for the first commission is to remove the great false religious system idols (beliefs as well as set-ups) with all its programs that have manipulated, intimidated and dominated mankind creating disillusionment and chaos with its anti-Christ (= instead of Christ) teachings and expectations. The strength of this moving stone (the manifested fullness of Christ) will be seen in their walk. The walk will be simplistic without the encumbrance

of rules, it will thus expose the system's mixture in their walk and they will capitulate and crumble to the desire of the Lord God.

This **FIRST-FRUIT COMPANY** of Melchisedec priest-overcomers makes up this specifically carved out stone of this parable. This stone struck the stationary feet of this false (anti-Christ) image that was not going anywhere!

**THIS OVERCOMER STONE** destroys all the aspects of this image that man had built ... breaking every part into smithereens including the memory of all that it thought it had achieved ... it became unrecognisable dust clouds.

This same unified **STONE** was then able to take on the full manifestation of the sons of God that creation was and is yearning for. They would see the Kingdom of God increasing and expanding to fill all the earth. This Kingdom which will never be changed or pass away, will simply swallow up all these previous 'kingdoms' of man's so-called progress.

Personally with Nebuchadnezzar a short while later with his destiny/vision still strong within him, **HE TRIES TO MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN BY HIMSELF by creating an image all of gold. From the head-knowledge gained,** his vision was somewhat short-sighted. His natural understanding interpreted the 'word of the Lord' and then had to experience his image over a seven year period in which his thinking became that of a beast (grass-flesh being his diet) and at the end of which time he said his (uninhibited) thinking came back to him and he was now able to have a relationship with the Daniel's God — the same relationship that Adam had with His Source of Life in the beginning in his garden.

Are you willing to go through the stages of God's dealings so that you can fully express His kingdom in the earth? Are you prepared to allow God's 'spotlight' to shine upon your life and thinking to expose many of your beliefs (idols?) that you have hung on to? Be blessed of Him who has all things in His hands. §

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