

## **#625 The Boston Stump – The Nebuchadnezzar Stump, part 1**

Nebuchadnezzar ruled Babylon from 605 B.C. until his death in 562 B.C. He captured Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple, and carried the people of Judah into captivity into Babylon.

Bible scholars believe that part and probably all of Daniel chapter 4 was written by Nebuchadnezzar himself. The narrative is a witness to the world that it is God who is in control of the rise and fall of kings, and in control of the entire course of human history. Many scholars believe that it was written about 564-563 B.C., shortly before Nebuchadnezzar's death.

The Lord ordained Nebuchadnezzar to have a dream of a great tree, representing not so much Babylon itself, but *Nebuchadnezzar's kingship* over Babylon, which he had built into a mighty empire. The tree was cut down, which did not represent the fall of Babylon itself, but rather the deposition of Nebuchadnezzar from power.



Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel

**Key Understanding: *The Nebuchadnezzar stump.*** The Nebuchadnezzar Stump refers to the fact that the dream entailed *the leaving of a tree stump with its roots*, indicating that after his humbling, Nebuchadnezzar would be restored to his former position of power in a Babylon that was still standing.

### **Daniel 4: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of a Tree that is hewn into a Stump**

*Daniel 4:1-18 (KJV) Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.*

*2 I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.*

*3 How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.*

*4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace:*

*5 I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.*

*6 Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream.*

*7 Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpretation thereof.*

*8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying,*

9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

10 Thus were the visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great.

11 **The tree grew, and was strong**, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth:

12 The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed of it.

13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;

14 He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches:

15 Nevertheless **LEAVE THE STUMP OF HIS ROOTS IN THE EARTH**, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth:

16 Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.



[The continuation and completion of the story in verses 19-37 is in the next Unsealing.]

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