

DANIEL - Chapter 4: Addendum --Christ in Daniel

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Dream of the Tree Reaching to Heaven—Cut it Down!

In Daniel 4 we also can see Christ revealed through the dream the Lord gave him, as part of his redemptive process of Nebuchadnezzar. It also typifies the experience of all who must be humbled hopefully, by choice, that they may “lift up their eyes unto heaven” and at last saved for eternity. Let us see how this is so:

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Literal

King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed again and saw a great tree in the midst of the earth, which grew, was strong and whose height reached unto heaven in sight to the end of the earth. The leaves thereof fair, and fruit much, and meat for all. The beasts of the field found refuge and the fowls dwelt in its boughs.

vs.10-12

Spiritual

Jesus can be seen as a “great tree” that came to earth, grew up as a tender plant (Isa.53.2), and grew and developed into a “perfect Tree” whose height “reached unto heaven.” (John 1:51; 3:13), whose leaves were very fair (His righteousness) and fruit much. From the beginning, all creation found refuge within His boughs.

A Watcher and Holy One, came down from heaven (to investigate /examine). He cried aloud, and said “Hew down The tree, cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, scatter the fruit. Let the beasts get away and fowls from his branches.

vs.13,14

At the appointed time, “by the determinate counsel” (Acts 2:23), the Father gave the command “Awake O sword against my Shepherd...” (Zech.13:7) The Son of man was “cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people” (Isa.53:8,9). It was by choice that He laid down his life, it was not taken from him, like with Nebuchadnezzar.

“But leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field, wet with the dew of heaven. His portion with the beasts in the earth.

vs.15

Christ was brought low, very low in His humiliation, even to that of “a worm” (Ps.22:6). Just as Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom was to remain—stump in the earth--, so Christ’s Kingdom was to last forever. (Daniel 2:44)

The Decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones” was “to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, giving it to whomsoever He will.”

vs.17

The Decree of the Holy Ones (the Council of Peace (Zech.6:13), between the Father and the Son was “to the intent that all might know” the Son “was given dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages, should serve Him.” (Dan.7:14)

“The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men,” (In actuality, the king was as though he had died for seven years.)

vs.33

At the hour appointed, Christ breathed His last (was taken from among men) and laid in the tomb (John 19:30; Luke 23:53)

At the end of the days, Nebuchadnezzar lifted up his eyes unto heaven, and his understanding returned unto him and he “praised and honored Him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation.”

vs.34

So, King Jesus praised and honored His Father in His resurrection, “whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His throne from generation to generation.” (Daniel 7:27; Lam. 5:19)