



Sunday, Oct. 11th

Dare To

CARE

STUDIES IN THE
BOOK OF DANIEL FOR
21ST CENTURY CHRISTIANS

Dare



- ✓ Read a chapter of Daniel weekly.
- ✓ Keep a journal—record God's "mighty acts."
- ✓ Do what Daniel encourages you to do.
- ✓ Help with Trunk or Treat.

Daniel Review

Daniel 1 – Dare to be Loyal

Daniel 2 – Dare to be humble

Daniel 3 – Dare to Decide

Today – Daniel 4 – Dare to Care



God's view of Pride:

Proverbs 16: 18 - Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 8: 13 - The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.

Proverbs 29: 23 - A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.



“Pride is worthy of condemnation because it violates the first commandment: to have no other gods before God Himself. God alone is to be worshiped and served because His will is supreme. But pride asserts that man should take supremacy over God. God proclaimed through Isaiah, “My glory I will not give to another”; Isaiah 48: 11. James 4: 6 summarizes God’s response to pride: He resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”

John MacArthur



Daniel 4: 8 - 9, NIV

Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.) I said, "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me.



Daniel 4: 10 - 12, NIV

“These were the visions of my head while on my bed: I was looking, and behold, a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great. The tree grew and became strong; its height reached to the heavens, and it could be seen to the ends of all the earth. Its leaves were lovely, its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all.

The beasts of the field found shade under it, the birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.



Daniel 4: 13 - 18, NIV

“I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven. He cried aloud and said thus: ‘Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts get out from under it, and the birds from its branches. Nevertheless leave the stump and roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him graze with the beasts on the grass of the earth. Let his heart be changed from that of a man, let him be given the heart of a beast, and let seven times pass over him.”



Daniel 4: 13 - 18, NIV

‘This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will,

And sets over it the lowest of men.’ “This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for the Spirit of the Holy God is in you.”



Daniel 4: 19, NIV

Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for a time, and his thoughts troubled him.

*So the king spoke, and said,
“Belteshazzar, do not let the dream
or its interpretation trouble you.”*

*Belteshazzar answered and said,
“My lord, may the dream concern
those who hate you, and its
interpretation concern your
enemies!”*



Daniel 4: 27, NIV

Daniel 4: 27 - Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”



Daniel 4: 28 - 29, NIV

*All this happened to King
Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve
months later, as the king was
walking on the roof of the royal
palace of Babylon,*



Daniel 4: 30, NIV

he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”



Daniel 4: 31, NIV

Daniel 4: 31 – Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you.



Daniel 4: 34 - 37, NIV

At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.



Daniel 4: 34 - 37, NIV

No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?" At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.



DARE TO CARE

Who has God placed on your heart even now to pray for, and seek ways to extend God's grace to them through caring for them, and especially caring about their eternal destiny? Pray for them now and ask God to give you direction in reaching them.

