"Lessons from Nebuchadnezzar" (10)

"It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation."

(Daniel 4:2-3)

Lesson #10: Man's Kingdom Fails; God's Kingdom Prevails

<u>Daniel 4:17, 25</u> – (17) "The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men... (25) ...you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will."

<u>Daniel 4:34-35</u> — (34) "At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; (35) all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, 'What have you done?'"

Transference

Colossians 1:13 – "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,"

Preference

Romans 14:17 – "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Key Point: Be Consumed with God's Consuming Kingdom

The Comedic Council

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

'Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.'

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision." (Psalm 2:3-4)

versus

The Proclamation of Assimilation

"Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and he shall reign forever and ever.'"

(Revelation 11:15)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message? Which Kingdom is consuming me? (Matt. 6:33; 13:33)

Past Lessons:

Lesson #1: Ease Breeds Disease - 4/10/11

Lesson #2: Revelation - Response = Rough Treatment - 5/15/11

Lesson #3: Replace Evil with Goodness - 6/12/11

Lesson #4: The Influential do not Fall Alone - 6/19/11

Lesson #5: Without God I'm a Driven Beast - 6/26/11

Lesson #6: God is the Most High/I am 'Most Low' – 7/10/11

Lesson #7: Those who walk in pride, God will Humble - 7/17/11

<u>Lesson #8: God is into Restoration</u> – 8/7/11

Lesson #9: Praise the Lord instead of Focusing on Fictions - 8/21/11

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