

20/20 Vision For The 21st Century

Daniel 4

Series: Generation Next - Part 4

Introduction

How we view things. . .makes all the difference in the world.

- ◆ When we **fail** to see the world for what it is, we're destined for **despair**.

- ◆ When we **fail** to see ourselves for who we are, we're destined for **destruction**.

- ◆ When we **fail** to see what we need to be, we're destined for **disappointment**.

- ◆ When we **fail** to see the light in times of darkness, we're destined for **depression**.

Daniel Chapter 4
The Testimony Of A Powerful Man

◆ **Historical Setting - Approximately 583-570 BC**

- Babylon And King At Their Zenith
- Daniel Is In Mid-life
- Israel In Babylonian Captivity

◆ **The Content Of Chapter 4**

- I. The King's Decree - An "Open Letter" - v. 1-7
- II. The King's Second Dream - v. 8-18
- III. Daniel's Interpretation & Warning - v. 19-27
- IV. The King's Punishment - v. 28-33
- V. The King's Repentance - v. 34-37

LIFE LESSONS FROM DANIEL 4

◆ **A Lesson In Perspective And History → World View**

1. He's Got The Whole World In His Hands.

◆ **A Lesson From Nebuchadnezzar → Self View**

2. If We Do Not Humble Ourselves, God Will Humble Us.

◆ **A Lesson From Daniel's Life → Other's View**

3. Integrity Is The Key To Inner Security And Outward Impact.

◆ **A Lesson From Israel → God's View**

4. Pain Is God's Megaphone To Our Soul!

Application Questions

1. How do you view the world?
2. How do you view yourself?
3. How do others view you?
4. How do you view pain and difficulty?

Discussion Questions

1. Why would this chapter be so important for the nation of Israel as they struggled in captivity?
2. How does knowing God is sovereign impact you emotionally? Intellectually? Spiritually?
3. Which of the "Life Lessons" spoke most vividly to your life today? Why?
4. What practical action step would demonstrate that you are allowing Christ to have His way in your life?
5. Why is it so critical that our children learn to develop a Biblical world view as we enter the 21st century?