

DANIEL 4 THE CONVERSION OF A KING

INTRODUCTION

Chapter 4 is the pivotal chapter in the first half of the Book of Daniel from a literary point of view. The spotlight swings from Daniel and his companions to King Nebuchadnezzar. The conqueror is conquered.

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAN

Both of these principles are taught in the Word of God, neither can be omitted if we are seeking a Biblical understanding of salvation.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S LIFE BEFORE HIS CONVERSION (verse 4)

He testifies "I was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace."

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S CONVERSION (verses 5 - 35)

God broke in on Nebuchadnezzar's spiritual apathy by sending him nightmare that would scare the hell out of him - literally. To deal with his pride, Nebuchadnezzar was afflicted with a form of mental derangement known as *lycanthropy*, where a man regards himself as being an animal of some kind, often a wolf. At the end of "seven times" Nebuchadnezzar "lifted his eyes to heaven."

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S POST CONVERSION TESTIMONY (verses 1 - 3 and 36 - 37)

Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged the sovereignty of God. Nebuchadnezzar's experience demonstrates that no one is beyond the reach of the grace of God.