

From Dream to Nightmare

Daniel 4

4-part plot in each chapter:

- Politics of the nation (vv. 4-8)
- Ploy of satan (vv. 9-18)
- Plan of God (vv. 19-33)
- Praise to God (vv. 1-3, 34-37)

Personal Application:

- Politics – The king was content to leave God out of his life after witnessing all that God could do. Are we ever guilty of doing the same thing?
- Ploy – The king let himself take credit for things that he shouldn't have taken credit for. Are we ever guilty of taking the credit for the blessings God bestows upon our life?
- Plan – Daniel was placed between a rock and a hard place; should he or not tell the king the truth when telling a lie would be easier. Do we always tell the truth when lying would be easier?
- Praise – The king definitely learned his lesson, but only after a tragedy took place in his life. Do we have to be forced to praise God only after He delivers us from tragedy, or do we daily give Him the praise He deserves?

Points to Ponder:

- When we live our lives, we need to include Him!
- When we see the blessings God has bestowed upon us, we need to acknowledge Him!
- When satan would have us lie, we need to rebuke him!
- When God delivers us from a tragic event, we need to praise Him!