



HEAVEN RULES

Daniel 4:1-37 // Dr. Ron Jones

There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him:

¹⁷ *haughty eyes ...* PROVERBS 6:16-17 ESV

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

PROVERBS 16:18 ESV

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time. 1 PETER 5:6 NAS

“ ... and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.” DANIEL 4:37 ESV

How King Nebuchadnezzar Learned that Heaven Rules

- The Preamble / 4:1-3
- The King's Second Dream / 4:4-18

¹⁸ *This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. And you, O Belteshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because 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 gods is in you.”*

Nebuchadnezzar still embraces _____.

- Daniel's Second Interpretation / 4:19-27

²⁶ *“And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be confirmed for you from the time that you know that Heaven rules. ²⁷ Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.”*

- The King's Fall / 4:28-33

³⁰ *and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?”*

- The King's Rise / 4:34-37

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 ...*

Heaven's Unbreakable Rules

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- 2.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. PSALM 51:17 ESV