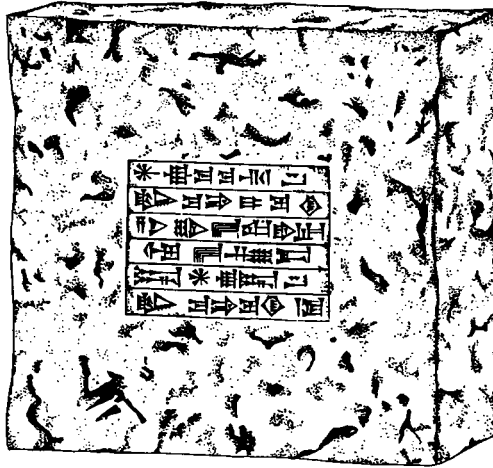


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**NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PRIDE**

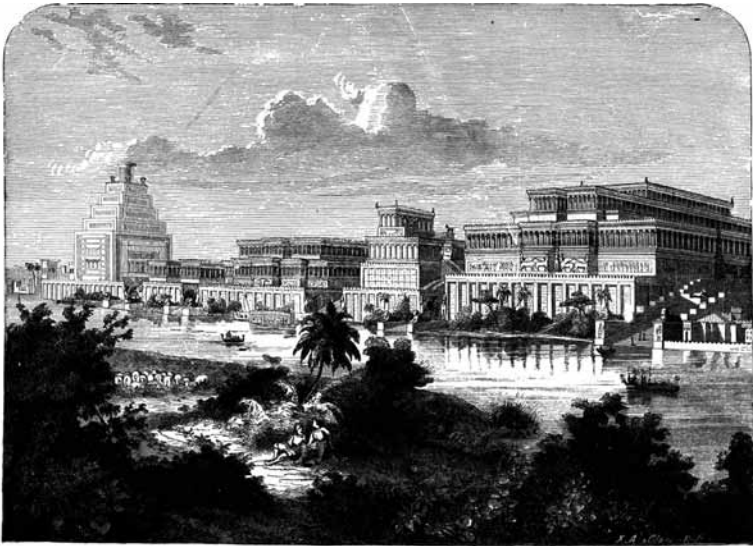

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**Nebuchadnezzar Inscription**

The Bible in Daniel chapter 4 states that Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had a dream that troubled him. So he called in the prophet Daniel to interpret his dream. Daniel told him that the following would happen to the king because of his pride:

"This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen . . . , and seven times (seasons) shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses . . . your kingdom shall be returned to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules." Daniel 4: 24-26

One year later as Nebuchadnezzar was walking about his royal palace the dream became reality:



The Bible records in Daniel 4:30 that the king spoke with great pride saying:

"Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"

While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! . . . and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses." That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar."

A similar quote of Nebuchadnezzar has been found outside the Bible that is almost identical to his statement in Daniel 4:30. The inscription known as The East India House inscription, records Nebuchadnezzar's building activities in Babylon and states the following:

"My name will be remembered throughout history for all time because I turned Babylon and

Esagila into a mighty fortress."

The greatness of Babylon was also mentioned by the Greek historian Herodotus, who traveled to Babylon some ninety years after the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. In his writings he said that he was overwhelmed by the large quantity of gold amassed in Babylon. He said many of the walls of Babylon were covered with gold overlay.

Nebuchadnezzar believed that it was by his own hand that he created such a magnificent city and that he reigned supreme. But God caused this mighty ruler to go insane for seven seasons to teach him the lesson that **GOD reigns Supreme**.

Actual Babylonian records from Nebuchadnezzar himself, also record the seven seasons period of his insanity:

"For four years my kingdom gave me no joy. During this time, not one building of any importance did I issue to be built. And in Babylon itself, no building was erected to pay tribute to my name or to give me glory. I did not sing praises to Merodach, my god, nor did I provide his sacrificial table with offerings, nor did I clean any of the waterways."

Note: In Babylon they counted only two seasons, Summer and Winter. Thus (seven seasons) equals 3 1/2 years. And Nebuchadnezzar stated he did not delight in his kingdom for 4 years. Wow!

Nebuchadnezzar finally learned to humble himself before God, as his dad, Nabopolassar, had learned before him. Nabopolassar, speaking on his humble beginnings recorded:

"As to my origins, I was born the son of a nobody . . . In my opinion, I was considered to be the least desirable among men, being held as unimportant in the eyes of others."

## **THE GREATEST STATEMENT MADE BY NEBUCHADNEZZAR KING OF BABYLON**

"And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding 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 is from generation to generation.

All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?". . .

Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

Daniel 4: 34-37

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