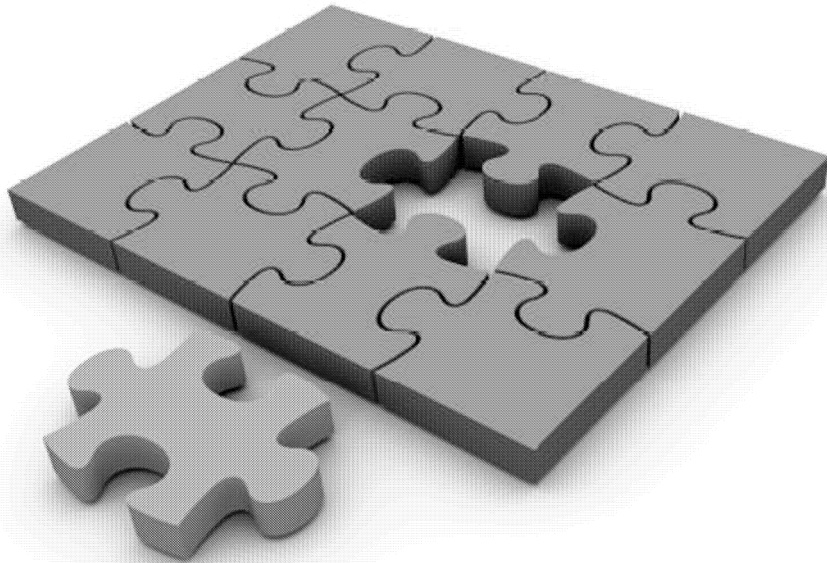


Studies in Daniel – (Study 13)  
“It is my pleasure to tell you...”

Reading: Daniel 4:1-4



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Daniel 4 comes to us in the form of an open letter from King Nebuchadnezzar. The passage in the middle; covering verses 19-33 is written in the third person, after which the king resumes the narrative to its dramatic end.



*It will be helpful to read the whole chapter before coming to this study as some of the questions are best understood in the wider context of the unfolding drama.*

- 1) Back tracking for a moment, what do we know so far about Nebuchadnezzar from the first three chapters of Daniel?

**Read Daniel 4:1-4**

- 2) Verse 1 reminds us of Nebuchadnezzar's power and his right to be heard by the rest of the known world. *In what way does this introduction make what follows in verses 2-3 so staggering?*
- 3) What does verse 2 tell us about the change in Nebuchadnezzar that has come through this dream?
- 4) What has the king discovered about God's kingdom and how does this differ from his own? What do you think has finally brought him to this understanding?
- 5) Verse 4 summarises the setting into which the details of this chapter fall. *Why in hindsight does the king feel this detail is significant (c.f. verse 30 and the declaration he makes in 3:28-29)?*
- 6) What would you say is the message for today that comes out of verse 4?