

The events of this chapter probably occur around \_\_\_\_\_ BC, somewhere between the 30-35<sup>th</sup> year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign - about 15 years after Chapter 3. Daniel had been in Babylon for about 35 years and he was probably about \_\_\_\_\_ years old by now.

These are Nebuchadnezzar's last recorded words in Scripture. Nebuchadnezzar is starting to share his testimony with the world. We see the story of what has happened in the life of the ruthless tyrant and the captor of nations. Something has happened in Nebuchadnezzar's life that is completely different than what happened in the chapter before. He has met \_\_\_\_\_ in a completely different way. He was sharing what God has done in his life.

Nebuchadnezzar turned first to the world for his answers before ever turning to God. He turned to the same people he was going to have killed because they could not reveal his dream before.

A tree in scripture is often time symbolic of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Man desired to be useful, but God required holiness prior to service.

The band around the base of the tree was done in ancient times to keep the stump from splitting and allow the tree to grow again. This was a reminder that God still had a \_\_\_\_\_ for Nebuchadnezzar. The brass and iron at the base of the tree was to remind Nebuchadnezzar of kingdoms to come.

Zoanthropy is a type of insanity in which a man thinks he is an \_\_\_\_\_.  
Boanthropy is a type of insanity in which a man thinks he is an \_\_\_\_\_. Even eating grass, leaves, and twigs.  
Ezekiel 36:26

This dream was so hard to make positive that the soothsayers did not say anything, but Daniel was honest. Daniel was grateful for this king. Daniel was true to what God wanted – II Timothy 4:2.

Nebuchadnezzar was going to have \_\_\_\_\_ years to testing. Although it will take Nebuchadnezzar 7 years to acknowledge and accept the one true God, his kingdom would be restored.

After Daniel gives this interpretation, he gently encourages repentance, not only the breaking off from doing evil but also a learning to do good.  
A future judgment may be avoided with present repentance.

Babylon is just ruins today - an example of the \_\_\_\_\_ of man and a powerful evidence of the providence of God – I Corinthians 4:7, Proverbs 16:18.

In ancient days, there was a very strong superstition against harming an insane person, so in effect, this was Godly protection in disguise.

❖ **Our suffering lasts no longer than necessary to accomplish God's intended goal.** ❖

God restored Nebuchadnezzar's reason, reign and reputation and in the process, God also accomplished Nebuchadnezzar's redemption.

In Daniel 2:47, Nebuchadnezzar had a conversion of his \_\_\_\_\_.  
In Daniel 3:28-29, Nebuchadnezzar had a conversion of his \_\_\_\_\_. He knew of the one true God, but he did not believe anything strongly about Him.  
In Daniel 4, Nebuchadnezzar had a conversion of his \_\_\_\_\_. It took 7 years to sickness to bring Nebuchadnezzar to his senses and Nebuchadnezzar finally learned who was in charge.

Often the only cure for national pride is national calamity! But God's true desire is restoration not destruction. Having learned this for himself, King Nebuchadnezzar is impelled with a duty of sharing with others.  
Are we as faithful as Nebuchadnezzar?