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The dream of the tree



Dreams are very important in the book of Daniel. The fourth chapter reports a further dream of King Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel writes as if Nebuchadnezzar was reporting his dream and experiences himself.

The dream is in three parts: First of all, there is a massive tree, visible on the whole earth and providing shelter to animals. Then comes a "watcher, a holy one" and commands for the tree to be cut down. It is strange that the roots should remain in the ground. Thirdly, the heart of the person represented by the tree should be changed into the heart of an animal, "in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He will" (verse 17). Daniel's interpretation will follow tomorrow.



- Which contrast can you find in Nebuchadnezzar's mood between verses 4 and 5? Why?
- 16. Who institutes kings and governments?



In connection with the four empires, a fifth empire should be mentioned: the Millennium. It will be established when the Lord Jesus comes in glory and power to this earth. It will have its centre in Israel and Jerusalem; the Lord Jesus will be acknowledged in the whole world and righteousness and peace will reign. At the end, Satan will be set free once again, but will be judged swiftly, before the judgment at the Great White Throne takes place (see info 2 December).



Those who sleep in deceitful quiet will be woken up by God.

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