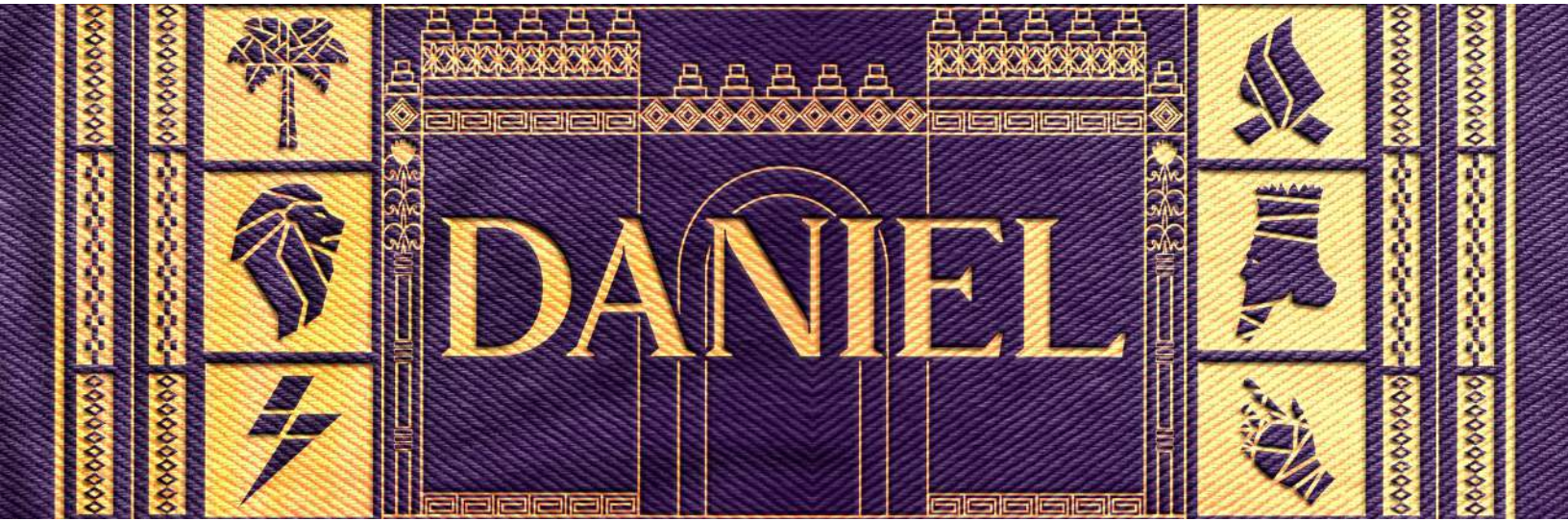


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## **Daniel 4 — Heaven Rules**

**God humbles the proud so that we might see, savor, and surrender to his sovereign glory.**

### **CONNECT — Recognizing Our Pride**

1. Think of a time when something you depended on—your abilities, accomplishments, position, or plans—was suddenly threatened or taken away. What did that experience reveal about where you were finding your security?

### **EXPLORE — Understanding God's Word**

Read *Daniel 4:24–27* and *28–37* together.

2. Nebuchadnezzar had repeatedly witnessed God's power, yet in verse 30 he still declares, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power?" How can someone acknowledge God's greatness while continuing to live as though they are in control? Where do you see that tension in your own life?

3. In verse 34, Nebuchadnezzar says, "I lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me." What changed when he finally looked away from himself and toward God? What does this reveal about God's purpose in humbling us?

### **RESPOND — Living Under Heaven's Rule**

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4. Nebuchadnezzar's story begins with a man admiring his own glory and ends with a man worshiping God's glory. If someone examined your decisions, anxieties, ambitions, and prayers this past week, whose glory would they conclude you were living for? **What would it look like to surrender one specific area of your life to God's rule this week?**

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

Read *Daniel 4:37* aloud together.

Ask God to reveal where pride has blinded you to his greatness. Confess the places where you have sought your own glory, and pray that the Holy Spirit would give you more than the willingness to surrender—that he would give you **joy in knowing that heaven rules.**