

Nebuchadnezzar Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

What did Nebuchadnezzar see as the use of a god?

In what ways was Nebuchadnezzar a skillful ruler?

Why might the quick results of the food test of the young men have gotten the ruler's attention?

Why did he test the advisors by not describing the dream when asking for the interpretation?

Why was he surprised at Daniel's answer?

How was his pride gratified at the answer?

How did that keep him from getting the bigger picture?

Is building an enormous golden image just pride or might he have thought that building it was magically going to make it extend his kingdom?

Do you think he must have considered universal worship of the image to be critical in some way?

Why do you think he chose a fiery furnace as the punishment?

Do you think he expected it would have to be enforced?

What did his declaration after the fiery furnace include and what did it not include?

Why did his fall into insanity happen exactly when it did?

After his sanity was restored was it a forgone conclusion that he would repent?

What other response might he have had?

What lessons can we take from this for our own lives?

If you were Daniel, tasked with interpreting the dream of the tree, what might you have prayed for?

Would it be proper to pray for the "Nebuchadnezzar Therapy" for any prominent people in today's world?