

## **“EYES LIFTED UP”**

1. Remember the school or team braggart? How did you feel being around such bragging people? How do you feel when people brag about you or yours?  

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2. What have you dreamed or daydreamed about your future? Were your dreams exciting? Ho hum? Morbid? What dreams have come true?  

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3. What position regarding "all the world" and the "Most High God" is Nebuchadnezzar assuming (vv.1-3)? If people do "prosper greatly", who would like to take the credit? What does that say about this king?  

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4. How does the king's handling of this dream (vv.4-9) differ from his handling of the earlier one (2:1-13)? How and why does he flatter Daniel this time?  

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5. How does the tree seem to fit the king (vv.10-12): In size? Appearance? Visibility? In ability to prosper others? In comparison to the gold statue of chapter 3? How would you interpret the tree if you were Nebuchadnezzar? If you were Daniel?  

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6. Where does the messenger fit into the dream of the tree? What hope is conveyed by letting the stump remain (vv.15,26)?  

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7. How does the king's being "given the mind of animal" (v.16) relate to God's message in verse 17 about authority? Power? Pride? Humility?  

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8. Are God's plans set in concrete or are they somewhat contingent upon our actions? What are the implications of verse 27 in this regard?  

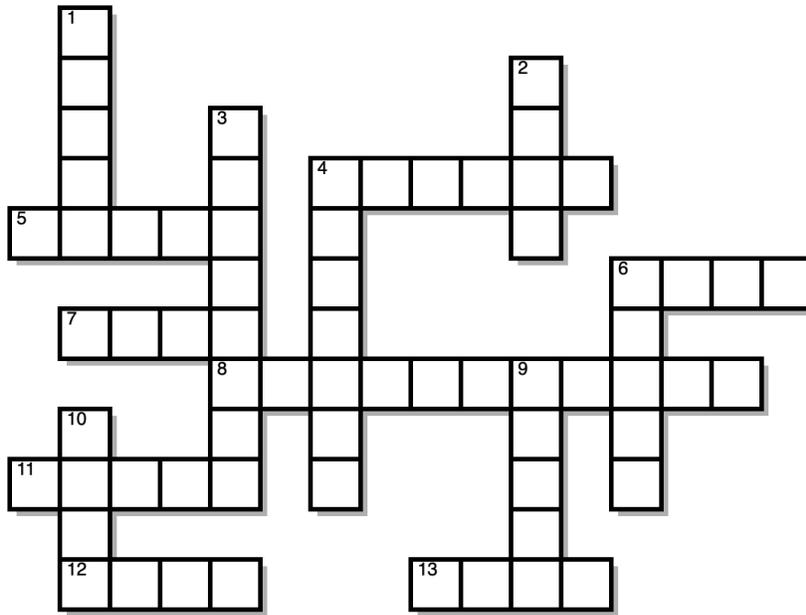
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9. How can you appreciate your accomplishments without bragging or putting yourself down? Whom do you credit for your prosperity?  

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10. What "tree" of yours has been cut down to size? To what do you attribute that?  

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11. How has God changed your "mind" regarding His authority or power?  

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12. How do you feel about God speaking via dreams in the past? How about now?  

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**Across**

- 4 God "gives grace to the \_\_\_\_\_." (James 4:6)
- 5 The king was given the heart of a \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 4:16)
- 6 Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar to start showing mercy to the \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 4:27)
- 7 Nebuchadnezzar here calls God "The Most \_\_\_\_\_ God". (Daniel 4:2)
- 8 What adjective does Nebuchadnezzar use to describe God's kingdom. (Daniel 4:3)
- 11 What food would Nebuchadnezzar be forced to eat? (Daniel 4:25)
- 12 Nebuchadnezzar's repentance began when he lifted his \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven. (Daniel 4:34)
- 13 Nebuchadnezzar calls God the "\_\_\_\_\_ of heaven". (Daniel 4:37)

**Down**

- 1 "And seek the \_\_\_\_\_ of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its \_\_\_\_\_ you will have \_\_\_\_\_." (Jeremiah 29:7)
- 2 The king tells Daniel that he called him to interpret the dream because "the Spirit of the \_\_\_\_\_ God is in you,". (Daniel 4:9)
- 3 The decree of the king's punishment was given by these. (Daniel 4:17)
- 4 The height of the object in Daniel's dream reached to the \_\_\_\_\_. (Daniel 4:11)
- 6 "\_\_\_\_\_ goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18)
- 9 How many years was the king afflicted? (Daniel 4:16)
- 10 The king saw in his dream a great \_\_\_\_\_.

**WORD SEARCH:**

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| Nebuchadnezzar | Beasts        |
| Daniel         | Birds         |
| Arrogance      | Flesh         |
| Haughty        | Branches      |
| Signs          | Leaves        |
| Wonders        | Stump         |
| Kingdom        | Seven         |
| Palace         | Oxen          |
| Visions        | Feathers      |
| Magicians      | Claws         |
| Astrologers    | Lifted        |
| Chaldeans      | Understanding |
| Soothsayers    | Blessed       |
| Chief          | Reason        |
| Tree           | Restored      |
| Abundant       |               |

