

*Why is the discovery of the books of Nahum and Zechariah significant?

*Daniel 4:1 King Nebuchadnezzar, To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly!

- 2 It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.
- 3 How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! <u>His kingdom is an eternal kingdom</u>; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

The Kings of the World will Exalt God

- 1. V:1-2 Nebuchadnezzar a pagan king announces he knows the Most High God and His Kingdom.
- 2. V:3 Nebuchadnezzar decrees to the world that God's kingdom is eternal and will endure forever.
- 3. Romans 14:11 Every knee will bow, and every tongue shall confess God. There are three verses in the Bible dealing with the subject Philippians 2:10-11 & Isaiah 45:23 are the other two that illuminate the key distinctive of God's supremacy.

How well do you understand Kingdom Citizenship?

- The Kingdom is God's idea, and should never be defined too narrowly! ~ Myles Munroe
- 2. Genesis 3 Adam & Eve rebellion ushered humanity into a world of sin. They did so by rejecting a Kingdom life.
- 3. The Kingdom of God has nothing to do with religion, it is all about the King.
- 4. Stop considering your faith as a religion, and see it as Kingdom citizenship.
- 5. We are ambassadors of the Kingdom of God and the Church is its Embassy. ~ Dr Tony Evans

13 "In the visions, I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. 14 He called in a loud voice: 'Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. 15 But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field. " 'Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him live with the animals among the plants of the earth. 16 Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let him be given the mind of an animal, till seven times pass by for him.

The Tree is cut & let him be given the mind of an animal for 7 years

- 1. Ezekiel 31:1-5 The Kingdoms of Egypt and Assyria with their kings are compared to Cedar trees.
- 2. Daniel 4:28-30 One year later, while Nebuchadnezzar was boasting about his kingdom, the judgement of God came upon him, while the words were still on his lips.
- 3. The Nations of the world will be cut down for 7 years and given the mind of animals.

*Daniel 4:24 "This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: 25 You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. 26 The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules.

When God has an Issue with you

- 1. Blessed is the person who receives a judgement in the here and now. It can become an opportunity for them to receive eternity.
- Jesus came to save us from the sin of pride. His ultimate desire is our restoration.

*Daniel 4:35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"

36 At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right, and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Will your life exalt and glorify the King of Heaven?