Part 9
Daniel 4:1-18

Daniel 4:1-18 AMPC 1 Nebuchadnezzar the king to all people, nations, and languages that dwell on all the earth: May peace be multiplied to you! 2 It seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed toward me. 3 How great are His signs! And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation. [Dan. 7:13,14; Luke 1:31-33]

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house and prospering in my palace. 5 I had a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts and imaginations and the visions of my head as I was lying upon my bed troubled and agitated me. 6 Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. 7 Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers, came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not make known to me the interpretation of it. 8 But at last Daniel came in before me—he who was named Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God—and I told the dream before him saying, 9 O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you and no secret mystery is a burden or troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen and interpretation of it. 10 The visions of my head [as I lay] on my bed were these: I saw, and behold, [there was] a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great. 11 The tree grew and was strong and its height reached to the heavens, and the sight of it reached to the end of the whole earth. 12 its leaves were fair and its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all. The living creatures of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches; and all flesh was fed from it. 13 I saw in the visions of my head [as I lay] on my bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven. 14 He cried aloud [with might] and said, Cut down the tree and cut off its branches; shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the living creatures flee from under it and the fowls from its branches. 15 Nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the midst of the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of the heavens, and let him share the lot of the living creatures in the grass of the earth. 16 Let his nature and understanding be changed from a man's and let a beast's nature and understanding be given him, and let seven times [or years] pass over

him. 17 This sentence is by the decree of the [heavenly] watchers and the decision is by the word of the holy ones, to the intent that the living may know that the Most High [God] rules the kingdom of mankind and gives it to whomever He will and sets over it the humblest and lowliest of men. [Dan. 2:21; 5:21] 18 This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. And you, O Belteshazzar [Daniel], declare now its interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for the Spirit of the Holy God is in you.

Let's talk about patterns. Why do you think people follow patterns?

What about Nebuchadnezzar, what is the pattern that is emerging in the book of Daniel?

What are some things that the bible says about patterns?

What about you, what are some patterns that you see that are emerging in your life?

Are they good or bad?

We have mentioned a couple of times the patterns that we see in some scriptures. What are some patterns we see emerge in the book of Daniel?

What about dreams, do you have dreams that scare or inspire you? Do you ever feel that God is trying to talk to you in your dreams?