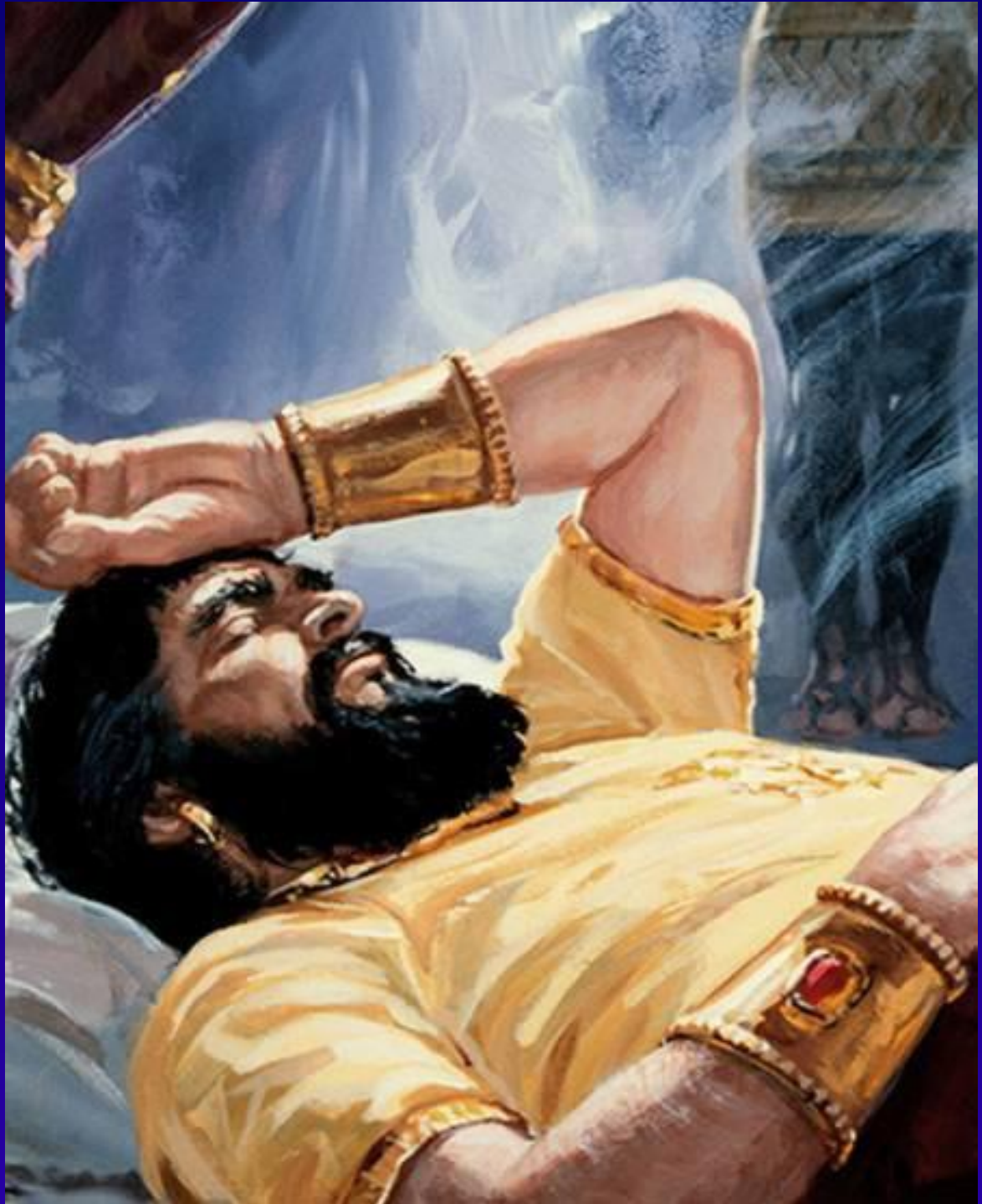


Daniel 4

Nebuchadnezzar's
Dream-a
Vision of a
Great Tree



I. Remarkable Section (vv. 1-3)

A. Only Portion of Scripture Written by a
Pagan Ruler

It rattled him

A personal encounter with God changes
you, humbles you

Isaiah, the prophet, "Woe is me, I am
undone" Isaiah 6:5

Peter said, "Depart from me Lord, I am a
sinful man" Luke 5:8

I. Remarkable Section (vv. 1-3)

"If your religion hasn't changed you, maybe it's time for you to change your religion

Nebuchadnezzar changes his religion

A. Only Person in Scripture with this Condition

B. Believes himself to be some animal form

I. Remarkable Section (vv. 1-3)

B. **Only** Person in Scripture with this Condition

C. King Nebuchadnezzar's condition: a form of insanity, psychotic disorder called insania zoanthropica or zoanthropy

Believes himself to be some animal form

I. Remarkable Section (vv. 1-3)

A. Only Psalm of Praise Written by a Gentile
King

B. God got hold of Nebuchadnezzar in the
nick of time

II. A Remarkable Story (vv. 4-16)

A. Nebuchadnezzar's dream-a vision of a
great tree

Beltashazar is the name he gave to Daniel
according to his gods

II. A Remarkable Story (vv. 4-16)

B. Another Dream of Prediction

1. He fell asleep and had a dream--a dream from God; a dream about his personal life
2. A dream doesn't make someone more special

II. A Remarkable Story (vv. 4-16)

i. Pharaoh (see Genesis 31:24)

ii. Laban (see Genesis 31:24)

iii. Midianites (Judges 7:13)

iv. Pontius Pilate's wife (see Matthew 27:19)

III. Another Dream with Interpretation

He consults with the psychics before he calls for Daniel

A. Nebuchadnezzar states that the purpose of his dream was for Daniel to hear

I. A Remarkable Statement

(vv. 17-18)

God Overrules in Political and Human Affairs

“This sentence is by the decree of the *angelic*
watchers

And the decision is a command of the holy
ones,

In order that the living may know

I. A Remarkable Statement

(vv. 17-18)

That the Most High is ruler over the realm of
mankind,

And bestows it on whom He wishes
And sets over it the lowliest of men.”

Romans 13:1-7

1. We're Responsible to God and Man

a. Respect it

b. Submit to it

c. Support it with taxes

d. Pray for it

e. Occasionally **disobey** it if it violates God's law

Romans 13:1-7

2. Start today

- a. Obey the speed limit
- b. Be honest on your taxes
- c. Pray for the government
- d. First step is to submit to God

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.