Lesson Five - DANIEL 4

Readings:
Daniel 4 – God, the humbler of the proud

Key Verse: 'This decision is by the decree of the watchers, And the sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.’ - Daniel 4:17

Outline of Daniel Four
I. The dream stated (1-18)
   a. Nebuchadnezzar’s confession (1-3)
   b. The helpless advisors (4-7)
   c. Telling the dream to God’s man (8-18)
II. The dream interpreted (19-27)
   a. Daniel’s reluctance (19)
   b. The significance of the tree (20-22)
   c. The significance of cutting it down (23-27)
III. The demonstration (28-33)
   a. The bragging king (28-30)
   b. The grass-munching king (31-33)
IV. The confession (34-37)

1 The Visions of Daniel

There are several dreams or visions recorded for us in the book of Daniel. Match the items on the right with the visions on the left. Some of the items may match more than one vision.

Chapter Two
   a) Eyes of fire
   b) Seen by Daniel
   c) A stone

Chapter Four
   d) A ram
   e) Seen by Nebuchadnezzar
   f) Horns

Chapter Five
   g) A watcher
   h) Interpreted by Daniel
   i) A finger

Chapter Seven
   j) Seen by Belshazzar
   k) A lion
   l) A tree

Chapter Eight
   m) Interpreted by Gabriel
   n) Beasts
   o) An image

Chapter Ten
   p) Interpreted by a bystander
Questions for discussion

a) How important is proper leadership to the success of a nation?

b) Nebuchadnezzar said, “My understanding returned to me (v. 34).” Who else in the Bible “came to himself”?

c) “In the church everyone is needed, but no one is indispensable.” Is this statement true or false? What passages support or refute it?

d) What was the end result of Nebuchadnezzar’s humiliation? How could the king have avoided this unpleasant experience?

e) What clues do we get about the relationship between Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar in this chapter?