

SOMEONE HIGHER THAN POLITICS

“The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men” – “The powers that be are ordained of God”

Daniel 4:17 / Rom. 13.1

Nebuchadnezzar – **A dictator monarch** “whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up...”. Dan. 5:19

THE MOST HIGH GOD – **Gave him power** “*The God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power and strength, and glory*”. Dan. 2:37

Nebuchadnezzar – **Anti Semitic and destroyed Jewish temple** “Came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it”. Dan. 1.1

MOST HIGH GOD – **Gave him victory** “*The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God...*”. Dan. 1:2

Nebuchadnezzar – **Deported Jews from Israel to Babylon** “that he should bring certain of the children of Israel...to...the king’s palace”. Dan. 1:3-4

MOST HIGH GOD – **Used him** “*Nebuchadnezzar...my servant*”. Jer. 27:6

Nebuchadnezzar – **Changed Jewish culture** “The king appointed them a daily provision of the king’s meat, and of the wine”. Dan. 1:5

MOST HIGH GOD – **Taught him wisdom from Jews** “*In all matters of wisdom and understanding...the king enquired of them*”. Dan. 1:20

Nebuchadnezzar – **Furious temperament; out to purge the wise** “the king was angry... and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon”. Dan. 2:12

MOST HIGH GOD – **Awakened him** “*Of a truth it is, that your [Daniel’s] God is a God of gods...*”. Dan. 2:47

Nebuchadnezzar – **Forced religious worship & practiced torture** “whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall...be cast into... a burning fiery furnace”. Dan. 3:6

MOST HIGH GOD – **Grew him in knowledge & protecting Jewish religious rights** “*God...changed the king’s word...Every people...which speak anything amiss against the God...shall be cut in pieces...because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort*”. Dan. 3:28-29

Nebuchadnezzar – **An arrogant great builder** “*Is this not great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom, by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty*”? Dan. 4:30

MOST HIGH GOD – **Humbled & Converted him** “*The inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing...Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase*”. Dan. 4:35-37

“The appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, *who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords*”. 1Tim. 6:14, 15.