

## Heaven Rules!

In the book of Daniel, the prophet and seer contained in the Scriptures, there is recorded the account of him being called before king Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, to interpret a dream and vision of the night that had terrified the king. As you'll remember, the dream had to do with pride and human kingdoms not acknowledging Heaven's rule over the affairs of men.

It was decreed that the king would lose his sanity and his kingly rule until he realized and acknowledged that "Heaven rules - the King of Heaven rules - over all human kingdoms and He gives them to whom He will." The Apostle Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians mentions in the second chapter that the "wisdom of this world is foolishness to God" and that "if the rulers of this age had realized the truth of who Jesus was, they would never have crucified the King of Glory".

It seems more and more clearly in our day that the rulers of this age have, as King Nebuchadnezzar in his time, lost their sanity and have made a basic travesty of their kingly - or, political - rule in the name of pride, power and position. The global fragmentation of the world's peoples through the rhetorical agendas being proclaimed over media airwaves, print and internet have become an increasingly threatening form of insanity which lulls the world to sleep or angers those who feel powerless to do anything about it while deeper and darker forces exert their numbing influences on the thinking of the "teeming masses".

The King of Heaven, the great Creator, Ruler and Sustainer of all life revealed in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, has also begun to exert His own divine and heavenly influences among the nations in hearts that are crying out for MORE of His reality to be made manifest in the ordinary affairs of everyday people and increasingly desperate conditions. There are those who, like Daniel of old, are being taught and shown the unseen realities of another realm from which Jesus Christ descended into our humanity by means of conception and birth through the womb of a Virgin. These men and women are mostly unknown to the "rulers and powers of this age", but are most well-known in the courts of Heaven. Learning through prayer, deep hunger and desire and faith based in the revelation of the interaction of Heaven and earth found in Scripture, these "weak and foolish" ones are the very ones that the Spirit of God seems to be training with wisdom from the courts of Heaven to make a transforming difference in the affairs of earth in our time.

May we learn that foundational and critical lesson in our own lives, nations and times and agree in a humble and cooperative spirit, for our times are crying out for men and women with true wisdom like Daniel...not the worldly and prideful pseudo-wisdom of the rulers of this age!