

(27) Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; that there may be a lengthening of your peace.

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(28) All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.

(29) At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon.

(30) The king spoke, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?

(31) While the word *was* in the king's mouth, there came a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken; The kingdom has departed from you.

(32) And they shall drive you from men, and you shall live with the beasts of the field: they shall cause you to eat grass as oxen, and seven times {years}^b shall pass over you, until you know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He wills.

(33) That very same hour the thing was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and ate grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.

(34) And at the end of the days I
Nebuchadnezzar lifted up my eyes to
heaven, and my understanding
returned to me, and I blessed the most
High, and I praised and honored Him
Who lives forever, Whose kingdom is
an everlasting kingdom, and His
kingdom is from generation to
generation:

(35) And all those who live in the earth
are reputed as nothing: and He does
according to His will in the army of
heaven, and *among* those who live in
the earth: and no one can stop Him, or
say to Him, What are You doing?

(36) At the same time my reason
returned to me; and because the glory
of my kingdom, my honor and
brightness returned to me; and my
counselors and my lords sought me;
and I was established in my kingdom,
and excellent majesty was added to me.

(37) Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and
extol and honor the King of heaven, all
Whose works *are* truth, and His
ways judgment: and those who walk in
pride He is able to bring low.

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4:32b - times - years - see Dan. 7:25