Nebuchadnezzar’s Lesson  
Daniel 4:19-26

Introduction:
A. Nebuchadnezzar was a dreamer - Daniel was the interpreter.
   1. The dreams were given by God.
   2. The dreams were interpreted by God.
B. Nebuchadnezzar had to learn an two-fold lesson that all need to learn.

Discussion:
I. Heaven Is in Charge.
   A. It was true then (vv. 25-26; Dan. 2:21; Psa. 22:28).
      1. Made the king of Assyria his rod without his consent (Isa. 10:5-12)
      2. Made Nebuchadnezzar his servant without his consent (Jer. 27:6)
   B. It is true now.
      1. All authority has been delegated to Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20)
         a. He is King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14).
            (1) Same language applied to heads of empires (Dan 2:37; Ezra. 7:12)
            (2) Suggest power over other kings and lords.
         b. His rule is above all other rule (Isa. 2:2, 17; Acts 7:49; Eph. 1:19-23)
         c. He is head over all things to the church (a kingdom within a kingdom)
            (1) Whole world subject involuntarily.
            (2) Church subject voluntarily.
         d. He is in charge of our personal affairs as well as national (Matt. 6:25-33)
      2. Jesus will deliver authority back Father at the end. (1 Cor. 15:22-28)

II. Man Needs to Recognize This.
   A. In time of international turmoil and uncertainly.
      1. In the news, we only see the stage in the news.
      2. In the news, we see the Great Director and Producer behind the stage
   B. By voluntarily submitting to His authority – obeying him (Heb. 5:8,9)
      1. Believe in Jesus as God’s Son with all authority (John 8:32)
      3. Be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
      4. Be added to the church/kingdom (Acts 2:47; Col. 1:13,14).
      5. Seek the kingdom first (Matt. 6:33)
      6. Be faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10)
   C. We can participate in His rule by our prayers (Jas. 5:16-18)

Conclusion:
A. Let us take comfort in knowing that Jesus is still on his throne.
B. Let us submit to his authority and be prepared for heaven no matter what happens.