



# The Daniel Dilemma

## The Babylon Mentality

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<sup>4</sup> Then they said, “Come, let’s build a great city for ourselves with a tower that reaches into the sky. This will make us famous and keep us from being scattered all over the world...”<sup>9</sup> That is why the city was called Babel, because that is where the LORD confused the people with different languages. In this way he scattered them all over the world.

**Genesis 11:4, 9 NLT**

<sup>8</sup> “Listen to this, you pleasure-loving kingdom, living at ease and feeling secure. You say, ‘I am the only one, and there is no other. I will never be a widow or lose my children.’<sup>9</sup> Well, both these things will come upon you in a moment: widowhood and the loss of your children. Yes, these calamities will come upon you, despite all your witchcraft and magic.<sup>10</sup> “You felt secure in your wickedness. ‘No one sees me,’ you said. But your ‘wisdom’ and ‘knowledge’ have led you astray, and you said, ‘I am the only one, and there is no other.’”

**Isaiah 47:8-10 NLT**

### 1. The Babylon Mentality

- “I am the only one, and there is no other.”
- Elevating self
- Lowering God

<sup>34</sup> “After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever. His rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal.<sup>35</sup> All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, ‘What do you mean by doing these things?’<sup>36</sup> “When my sanity returned to me, so did my honor and glory and kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored as head of my kingdom, with even greater honor than before.<sup>37</sup> “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble the proud.” **Daniel 4:34-37 NLT**

### 2. Sanity restored / Babylon Mentality released

- Exalt and praise God
- Acknowledge God’s greatness
- Humble yourself

<sup>15</sup> I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.<sup>16</sup> They do not belong to this world any more than I do. **John 17:15-16 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- Commit to standing strong against temptation no matter how my culture pulls me
- Humble myself before God and people, knowing that God is great and all that I am is from him
- Be an influence for God in my world by how I act and what I say
- Read Daniel 4 this week
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