

# DIGNIFIED, DIGNIFY, DIGNITIES, DIGNITY

When Jacob gathered his sons to tell them what would happen in the latter days, he told Reuben that he was the excellence of his **dignity**.

- **Genesis 49:3:** "Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:"

Rulers shouldn't **dignify** foolishness. It's a terrible thing for foolishness to be treated with respect.

- **Ecclesiastes 10:5-6:** "There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler: Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place."

The **dignity** of the Chaldeans (who God was raising up to invade and conquer Judah) came from themselves. They chose to value themselves highly.

- **Habakkuk 1:6-7:** "For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not their's. They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves."

The wicked speak evil of **dignities**, which seems to be a reference to speaking evil of demons. (As Peter points out, even angels don't do this. The apostles cast demons out but

they didn't bring accusations against them. That power is reserved for God alone.)

- **2 Peter 2:10-11:** "But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speakevil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord."
- **Jude 1:8-9:** "Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speakevil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee."