

# DANIEL

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## Daniel 5: The "WRITING on the WALL"

### Review:

1. God reveals himself to Nebuchadnezzar at the source of wisdom and life (Daniel 1).
2. God reveals his rule & reign to Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2).
3. God reveals his power and ability to save Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3).
4. God reveals his salvation to Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4).

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*Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in the presence of the thousand. While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.... **Daniel 5:1-4***

### God's -----

*In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. **Daniel 5:5***

### ----- Measures

*Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other... The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." Now all the king's wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation... **Daniel 5:6-9***

### A Proper -----

*... The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change. There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God... Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation." **Daniel 5:10-12***

### Royal -----

*... The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you... Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." **Daniel 5:13-16***

### A ----- Message and an ----- Faith

*Then Daniel answered, and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor... But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this. And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven." **Daniel 5:17-23***

"Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written... This is the interpretation of each word.

MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;

TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting:

PERES: Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians." **Daniel 5:24-28**

### Outcomes

Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old. **Daniel 5:29-31**

GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_:

Indictment #1: \_\_\_\_\_

"...So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened." **Romans 1:19-21**

Indictment #2: \_\_\_\_\_

"Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done." **Daniel 11:36**

Indictment #3: \_\_\_\_\_

Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. **Isaiah 45:20**

GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_:

1. Renounce \_\_\_\_\_

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. **Psalms 139:23-24**

2. Speak \_\_\_\_\_

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **Ephesians 4:15**

- One on one \_\_\_\_\_
- Agreement isn't \_\_\_\_\_
- Staying \_\_\_\_\_ is!
- Never forget your \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God

"...what does the LORD your God require of you, but to honor the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul... **Deuteronomy 10:12**

### Reflection / Discussion

1. What are the highlights from this chapter that are most applicable for your life right now?
2. If Daniel had an unshakable faith, how would you describe yours?
3. If God were 'weighing' (assessing) you today, what would his finger write on the wall of your life?
4. Read & memorize Psalm 139:23-24. How can you use this passage as a 'scale' in your life and relationship with Christ?

### SONGS

"FOUND IN YOU" - Paul Baloche and Andi Rozier

"HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS" - Ben Glover, Chris McClarney, and Jeff Pardo

"BE ENTHRONED" - Brian Johnson, Hunter Thompson, Jeremy Riddle, and Kalley Heiligenthal

"LIVING HOPE" - Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

### BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 27,891.46

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 989,268.25

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$1,082,790.00