

# Daniel

## Chapter 5



# **Brand New King**

**The kingdom is now being ran by Belshazzar**

**From a Biblical standpoint this is his only scene**

**From the Bible we do know he reigned for at least three years (Daniel 8:1)**

**We also know he was the last king of Babylon and it fell around 539BC**

**While he is a new King, he is still a pagan king**

# **Same Old Story**

**So, they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.**

**Daniel 5:3-4**

# **Same Old Story**

**Remember King Nebuchadnezzar took Jerusalem (586 BC)**

**He destroy the temple.**

**He laid claim to their religion (Daniel 1:2)**

**At this point Daniel has been in Babylon for around 50 years.**

**Jewish tradition place his birth around 620 BC**

**He has spent more time in Babylon then in Jerusalem.**



# Stand Controlled



# **The Writing on the Wall**

**(Daniel 5:5-9)**



# ***The Writing on the Wall***

**In the middle of their party God shows up**

**He literally writes a message on the wall**

**Baffled: totally bewildered or perplex**

**When the world sees God's message often it makes no sense them (*1 Corinthians 2:14*)**

**Jewish tradition place his birth around 620 BC**

**He has spent more time in Babylon than in Jerusalem.**





# **Remember Daniel**

**Daniel 5:10-12**

**It appears that through the swapping of kings Daniel sort of fell off the radar**

**He's in nearing his eighties maybe he decided to retire**

**Another great lesson, with God there is no such thing as retirement**

**The Queen remembers the stories and tells the king**

**Daniel is summoned before the king**



# **King Meet Daniel**

**Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom. Then Daniel answered the king, You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.**

**v. 16-17**



# **King Meet Daniel**

**When Daniel arrives, the king offers him a little flattery**

**He also offers him a reward**

**Daniel says keep it; I don't want anything from you**

**Before we read Daniel's sermon I want to step into his mind for a moment**

**This would be Daniel's worst nightmare come true and now he must speak for God**



# God's Message

(Daniel 5:v. 18-28)



# The Sermon

He addresses him with respect:  
Your Majesty

God is in control

God humbled your father

You chose to disgrace God

God has spoken: Your Days are Numbered

Mene Mene  
Tekel  
Parsin



# The Sermon

**Mene:** God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

**Tekel:** You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

**Parsin:** Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

Mene Mene  
Tekel  
Parsin



# ***Mocked by Man Vindicated by God***

**Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.**

**v. 29**



# **Mocked by Man Vindicated by God**

**Many would say Daniel was honored**

**In the king's arrogance he did exactly what Daniel  
said he did not want**

**He dressed him up**

**He was given a promotion in the kingdom**





**Do you think he  
really took what  
Daniel said  
seriously?**

*Mene Mene  
Tekel  
Parsin*



# ***Mocked by Man Vindicated by God***

**That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.**

**v. 30**



**Difficult Times Require  
us to minister in**

**Difficult Situations**

