

THE HANDWRITING IS ON THE WALL

(Daniel 5)

I. KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR DREAMS A DREAM (chap 2)

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A. Belshazzar DEFILES the articles from Solomon's temple (5:1-4)

1. Excavated documents show that Belshazzar was the _____ of King Nabonidus and they shared a co-_____ together. (v. 1)
2. Belshazzar was fully aware of God's seven year humbling process with King Nebuchadnezzar; and so while he was _____ he intentionally decided to _____ the sacred articles from the Jewish temple. (vv. 2-4)

B. The HANDWRITING on the wall (5:5-9)

1. When a mysterious hand appeared out of nowhere, and wrote on the wall, Belshazzar's attitude changed from arrogance to having the _____ drain from his face and his _____ began to _____. (vv. 5-6)
2. As per usual the king's _____ were of absolutely _____ help in deciphering the message on the wall. (vv. 7-8)

C. Daniel INTERPRETS the writing (5:10-31)

1. Apparently the _____ heard of the chaotic events taking place in the banquet hall and she _____ summoning Daniel. (vv. 10-12)

* What does the king's lack of knowledge concerning Daniel seem to imply?

2. Belshazzar asked Daniel if he was “*one of the captives from _____.*” (v. 13)

3. The king promised Daniel all of the _____ previously promised to the wise men, but Daniel’s response was, “*Let your gifts be for _____, and give your rewards to _____.*” (v. 17)

4. Before interpreting the writing Daniel took Belshazzar down memory lane concerning King Nebuchadnezzar and his great _____. (vv. 18-21)

5. The purpose of recalling all of these events was to show Belshazzar that he had _____ himself; instead he had _____ himself up and defiantly worshipped the gods of silver, gold and iron. (vv. 22-23)

6. The four words in the inscription on the wall can be translated as such...
 - a. MENE this Aramaic word not only meant to _____, but also to fix the _____ of something

 - b. MENE this word was repeated for emphasis as to the _____ of this divine declaration

 - c. TEKEL this Aramaic word referred to something that was _____ as if on a _____

 - d. PERES the meaning of this word described something _____ or _____

7. In spite of Babylon being a literal _____, the city was overtaken in one day’s time; once again demonstrating God’s sovereign _____.

* What have you personally learned from this chapter?