

Daniel 5

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(After Nebuchadnezzar's death, his grandson rules)

5 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. (Belshazzar= Prince of Baal) (Belshazzar- grandson of Nebuchadnezzar; he was the last king of Babylon)

² Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.

Jeremiah-27:6-7 (father- also means grandfather, or other ancestor in Hebrew. Belshazzar was Nebuchadnezzar's grandson) (He took the sanctificial cups that had been seized from the temple in Jerusalem and is throwing a drunken party with them)

³ Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. (This is mocking God)

⁴ They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. (6 idols - 6 is Satan's number) (They are praising idols with the vessels that were sanctified to God)

⁵ In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. (A hand without an arm or body; this is going to sober them up quickly)

⁶ Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. (A figure of speech- he peed his pants) (He was so scared that his knees were knocking)

⁷ The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. (These fakes won't be able to help him)

⁸Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.

⁹Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished. (He knows he is in big trouble, but he doesn't know what to do about it)

¹⁰Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: (She told him - stay calm, don't worry)

¹¹There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; (God gave that knowledge to Daniel; Jesus gave credentials to Daniel the prophet, in Mark-13) (Proverbs-1 The beginning of wisdom is to reverence God)

¹²Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

¹³Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry? (Jewry- not in manuscripts; the manuscript word is Judea or Judah)

¹⁴I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. (Although Nebuchadnezzar was converted and worshipped God, two generations later, they were back to idolatry)

¹⁵And now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing: (They are a type for today's fake preachers that don't even understand the Word of God. They teach traditions of men, like Easter, rapture, etc...)

¹⁶ And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. (Daniel didn't want his gifts, but did translate nevertheless) (Daniel already knew that this king was finished, from the writing on the wall)

¹⁸ O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: Jeremiah-27:6-7

¹⁹ And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: (they- Kenites and other yes men serving the king)

²¹ And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. (God blesses whomsoever He will)

²² And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; (He should have learned this lesson from Nebuchadnezzar. This was not an innocent mistake. Belshazzar deliberately made fun of God)

²³ But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: (He praised false gods and shamed the true God by mocking Him before the people)

²⁴ Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

²⁵ And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

²⁶ This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. (Judged and condemned)

²⁷ TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. (Belshazzar doesn't measure up to anything. He's no good)

²⁸ PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. (The "u" in Upharsin is the conjunction "and," while pharsin, or, rather, parsin, is the plural of peres; a noun which implies "divisions" and also Persians.)

²⁹ Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. (At least he kept his word to Daniel, but it won't amount to anything. It's too late. This guy is history)

³⁰ In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. (Probably by these same Kenites in verse 20)

³¹ And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old. (Darius= the maintainer) (Medes = the middle land)