



Daniel

In God I Trust

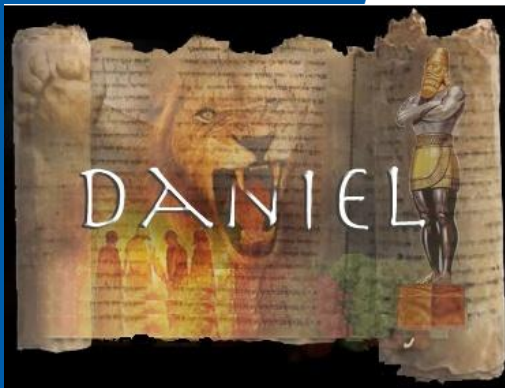
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Oddity at the Orgy

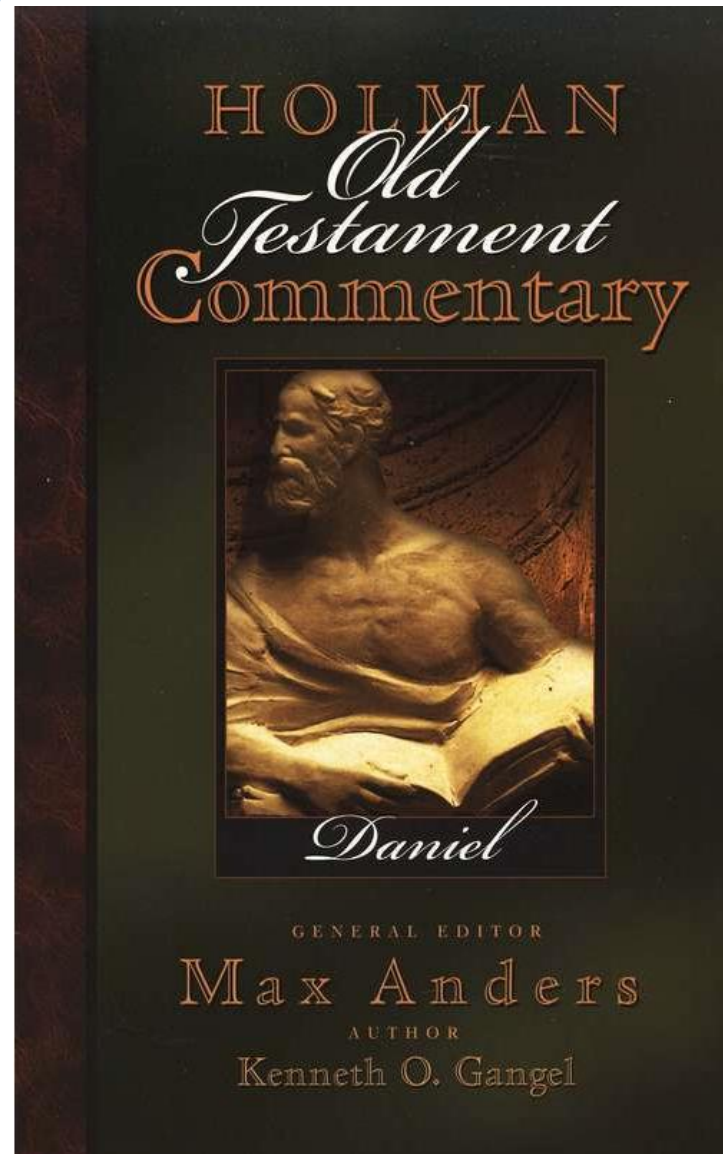
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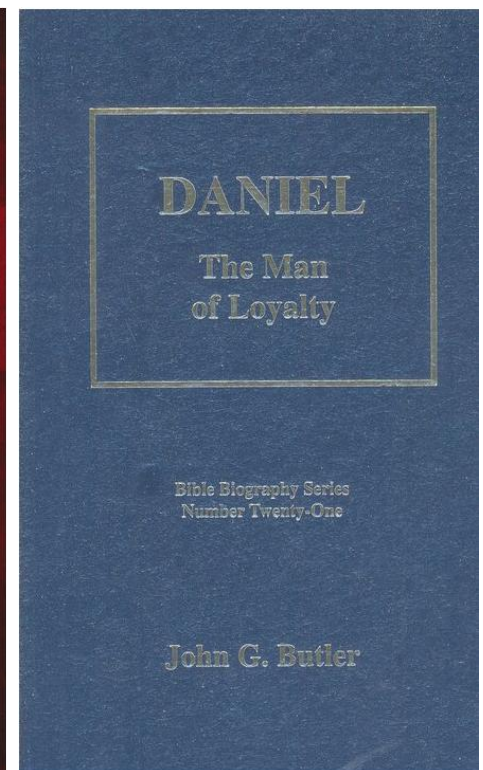
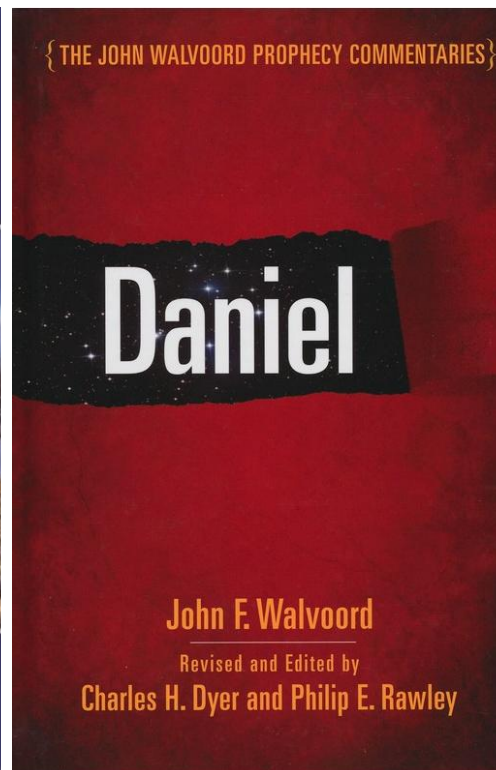
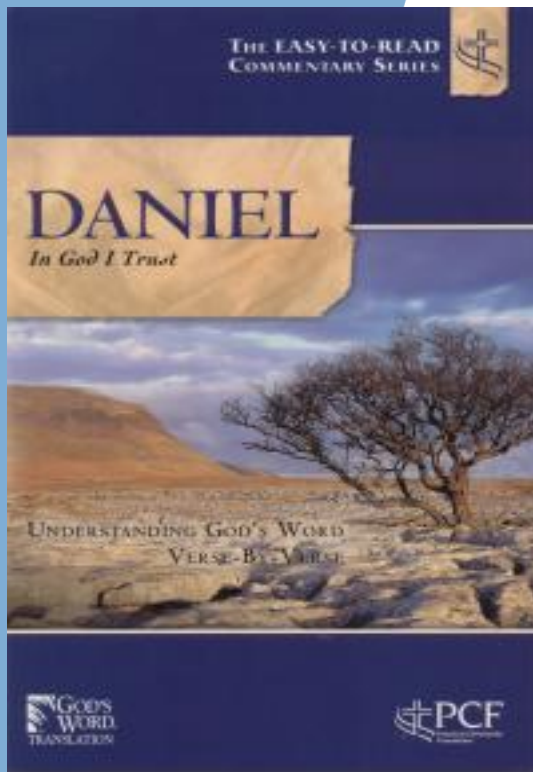


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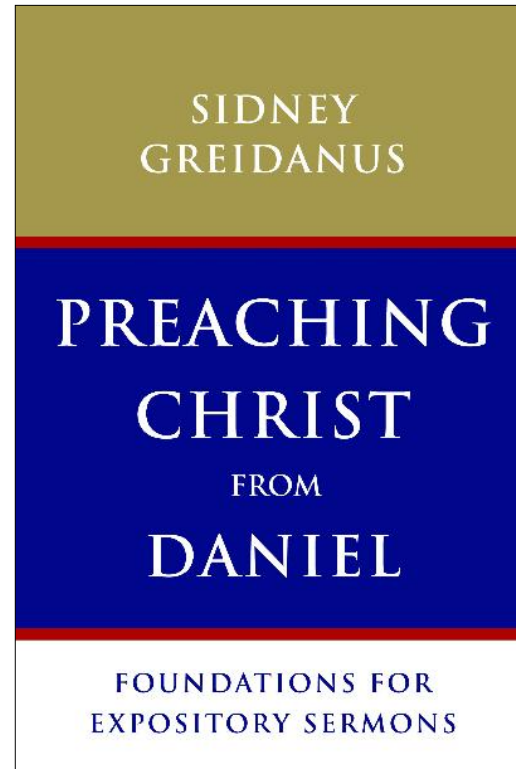
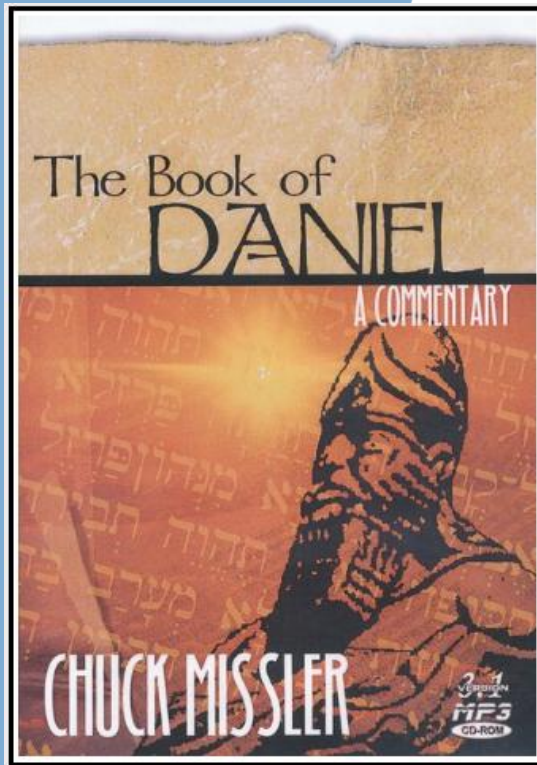


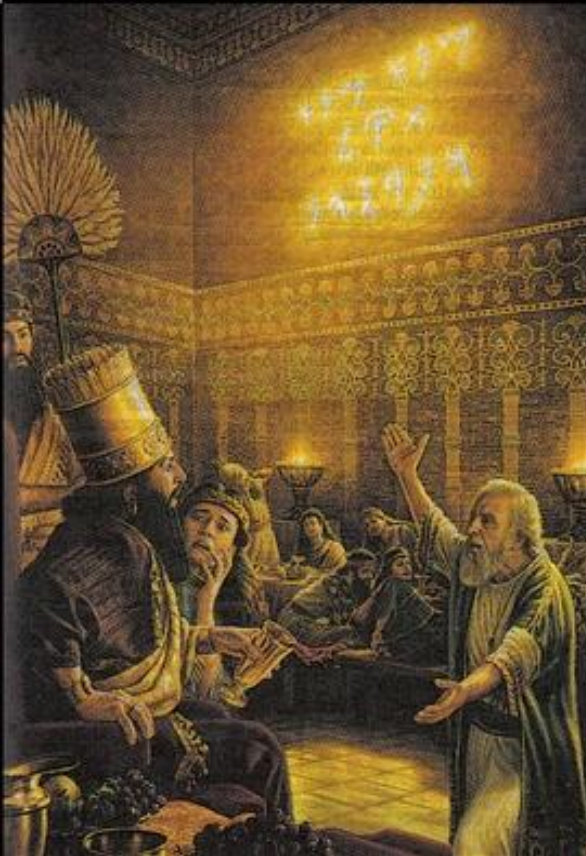
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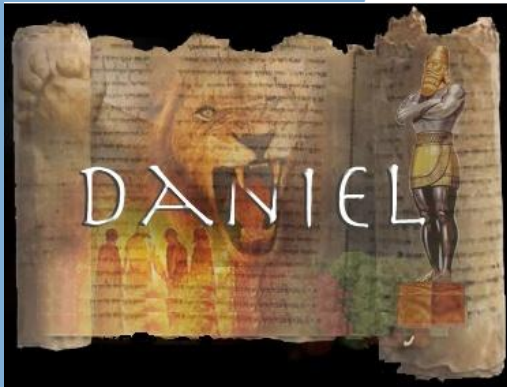


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THE BOOK OF DANIEL





Course Outline

Course Outline - This Week's Lesson



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This weeks lesson.

Book of Daniel - Structure



Book of Daniel											
01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Hebrew	Aramaic						Hebrew				
HISTORICAL - NARRATIVE						VISIONS - PROPHETIC					

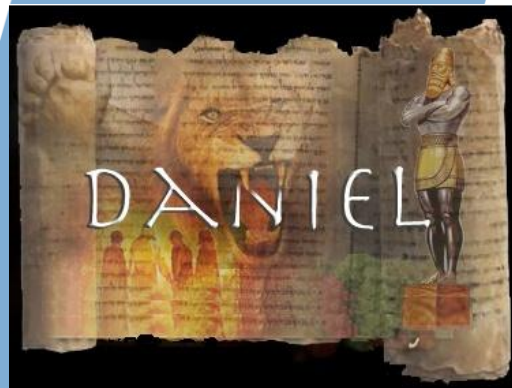
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Book Overview - Chapter Focus



■ By Chapter Summaries

Chapter	Summary
01	Deported as a teenager.
02	Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
03	Bow or burn: the fiery furnace.
04	Nebuchadnezzar pride.
05	Belshazzar's feast: the fall of Babylon.
06	Daniel in the lion's den.
07	Daniel's first vision - four beasts.
08	Vision of the ram and goat.
09	Prophecy of Seventy Weeks
10	Vision of a man - a glimpse of the darkside.
11	Kings of the North and South - silent years in advance.
12	Epilogue - the consummation of all things.



Oddity at the Orgy

Text – New King James Version

Daniel 5:1-16

Belshazzar's Feast

Daniel 5:1-12 - NKJV



5 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand. ² 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 5:1-2 ... NKJV

Belshazzar's Feast

Daniel 5:1-12 - NKJV



³ Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which *had been* in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

--- Daniel 5:3-4 ... NKJV

Belshazzar's Feast

Daniel 5:1-12 - *NKJV*



⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. --- Daniel 5:5-6 ... NKJV

Belshazzar's Feast

Daniel 5:1-12 - NKJV



⁷ The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. 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."

--- Daniel 5:7 ... NKJV

Belshazzar's Feast

Daniel 5:1-12 - *NKJV*



⁸ Now all the king's wise *men* came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation. ⁹ Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished.

--- Daniel 5:8-9 ... *NKJV*

Belshazzar's Feast

Daniel 5:1-12 - *NKJV*



10 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change.

--- Daniel 5:10 ... *NKJV*

Belshazzar's Feast

Daniel 5:1-12 - NKJV



11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers.

--- Daniel 5:11 ... NKJV

Belshazzar's Feast

Daniel 5:1-12 - *NKJV*



12 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 5:12 ... *NKJV*

The Writing on the Wall Explained

Daniel 5:13-27 - NKJV



13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. 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? **14** 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.

--- Daniel 5:13-14 ... NKJV

The Writing on the Wall Explained

Daniel 5:13-27 - NKJV



15 Now the wise *men*, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing.

--- Daniel 5:15 ... NKJV

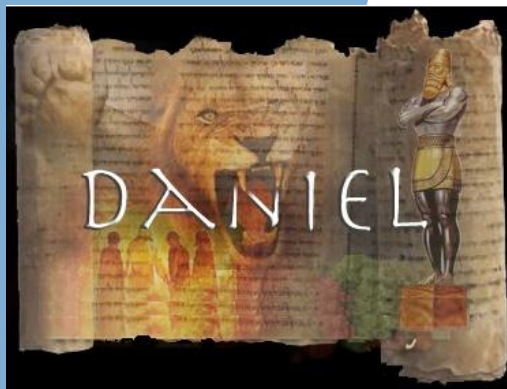
The Writing on the Wall Explained

Daniel 5:13-27 - NKJV



16 And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas. 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 5:16 ... NKJV



Lesson Outline



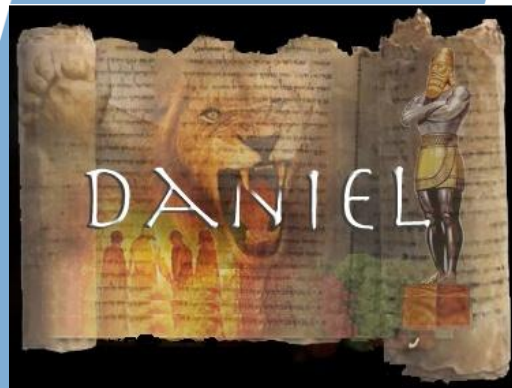
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Oddity at the Orgy

Belshazzar's Feast

Daniel 5:1-4

Lesson 08 - Outline



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Daniel 5:1 - Observations

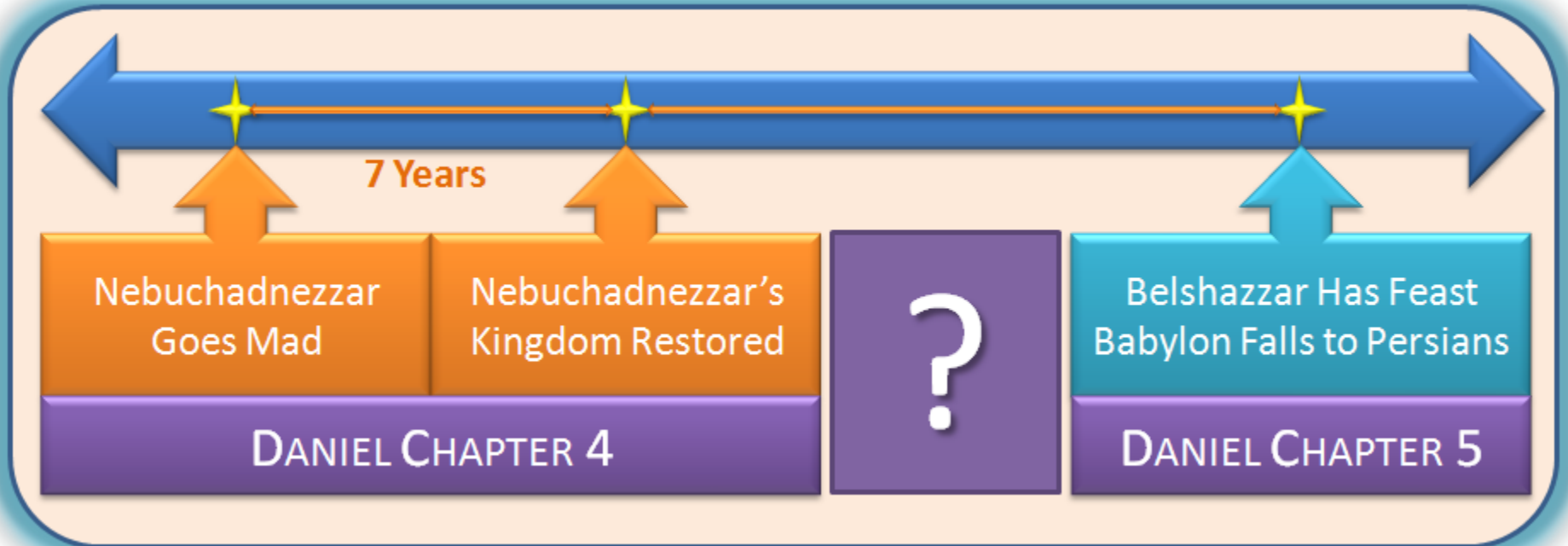


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■ Belshazzar the King

- Historical Context

- ✓ Between Chapter 4 and Chapter 5

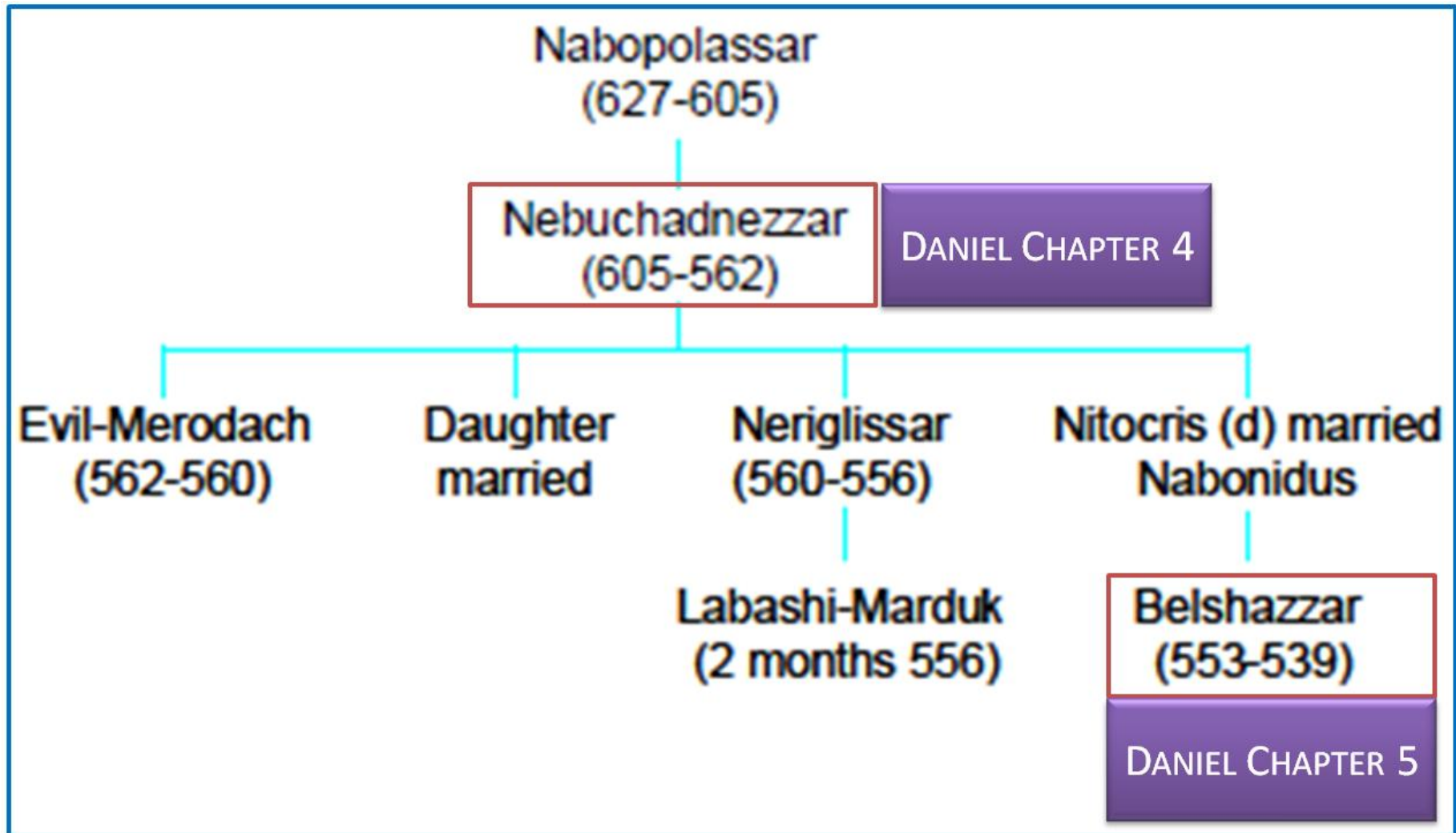


7 Kings of Babylon



23 Years	King Name	Years of Reign	Relationships	Reign End Event
	Nabopolassar	627BC – 605 BC	Nebuchadnezzar's Father	Nabopolassar dies
	Nebuchadnezzar	605BC – 562 BC	Son of Nabopolassar	Nebuchadnezzar dies
	Amel-Marduk (Evil- Merodach)	562 BC – 560 BC	Nebuchadnezzar's Son	Army coup <i>2 Kings 25:27</i> <i>Jeremiah 52:31</i>
	Neriglissar (Nergal-Sharezer)	560 BC – 556 BC	Son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar	Ousted by son <i>Jeremiah 39:3</i>
	Labashi-Marduk	556 BC (<i>2 months</i>)	Son of Neriglissar	Coup d'état
	Nabonidus	556BC – 539 BC	Son-in-law of Nebuchadnezzar Married Nitocris ... Daughter of Nebuchadnezzar	Co-Regent with Son Defeated by the Persians.
	Belshazzar	553 BC – 539 BC	Son of Nabonidus	Co-Regent with Father Defeated by the Persians.

7 Kings of Babylon





Daniel 5:1 - Observations

5 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand.

■ Great Feast

• A Thousand of his lords

- ✓ A significant event - 1000 lords is not a small party
- ✓ First of a series of bad decisions by the king of Babylon
 - Defiantly making Great Feast - with the consumption of wine
 - » At this time the City was under siege by the Persians
 - » Should be preparing / planning / executing and monitoring the war
 - » Instead he put his **trust** in the fortifications of the City of Babylon
 - Prideful like his grandfather
 - » But without a “teachable” spirit
 - » Chapter 4 ends with the words of warning ...
 - » Daniel 4:37

WHERE DO WE PUT OUR TRUST!
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37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works *are* truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.
– Daniel 4:37 ... NKJV

Daniel 5:2 - Observations



² 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.

■ Tasted the wine

- Belshazzar is under the influence of the wine
 - ✓ While under the influence, people do things they dare not do when sober
- Belshazzar commands the gold and silver vessels
 - ✓ Be taken from the temple
 - In the temple ~70 years
 - ✓ These are the vessels his **grandfather** Nebuchadnezzar took in the 3rd siege
 - ✓ They had been in Jerusalem - emphasizes these were the Holy vessels of God
 - Readers would understand this to be a direct challenge to God
 - Isaiah (45-46) predicted 150 years earlier that Babylon would fall to Cyrus
- All would partake
 - ✓ The king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines
 - ✓ All would share in the judgment of God that will follow

forefather

Daniel 5:3 - Observations



³ Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which *had been* in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

■ Gold Vessels Taken from the Temple

• House of God ... Jerusalem

✓ Again emphasizing these were the Holy vessels of God

- Readers would understand this to be a direct challenge to God

- A defiance of the prophecy of Isaiah (45-46)

» Readers of Daniel would be familiar with these passages

» Jews in the Babylonian kingdom would be familiar with them as well

» God chooses Cyrus by name

» Indicates that God would use Cyrus to conquer Babylon

» Belshazzar responds - Another bad decision by the king

Sovereignty of God

• Notice Gold and Silver vessels were commanded

✓ Only Gold vessels were brought

Daniel 5:4 - Observations



⁴ They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

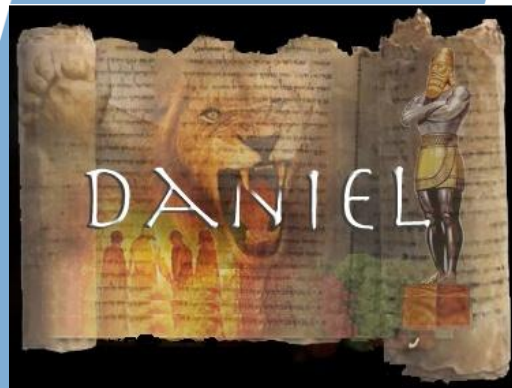
■ Drank Wine and Praised Idols

- Notice these were the elements of Nebuchadnezzar's two dreams
 - ✓ 1st DREAM:
 - Metals ... Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Iron
 - Stone ... Cut from the mountain without hands
 - ✓ 2nd DREAM:
 - Great Tree... Wood
 - Bronze band
- Drank wine and praised the created and not the Creator
 - ✓ Again Jewish readers would understand this to be a direct challenge to God

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 5:1-4



Daniel Chapter 05		
Verse	Principle	Application
Belshazzar's Feast ... Daniel 5:1-4		
1-4	God wants us to trust Him. Everyday He will give us opportunity to put our trust in Him.	<p>I resolve to put my trust in God no matter the circumstance or situation.</p> <p>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;</p> <p>In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.</p> <p>--- Proverbs 3:5-6 ... NKJV</p>



Oddity at the Orgy

The Handwriting on the Wall

Daniel 5:5-9

Lesson 08 - Outline



■ Lesson 08: Oddity at the Orgy

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Daniel 5:5 - Observations



⁵In 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.

■ God Responds

- In the same hour
 - ✓ Remember Nebuchadnezzar's "voice from heaven"
 - Words were still in his mouth ... on his lips
 - When he lifted his voice up in pride
 - ✓ God responds quickly to the profaning of His Holy vessels
 - ✓ Hebrews 10:31
- God uses the fingers of a hand
 - ✓ Not a voice
 - ✓ Not a dream (*Nebuchadnezzar*)
 - ✓ Multi-dimensional appearance of hand

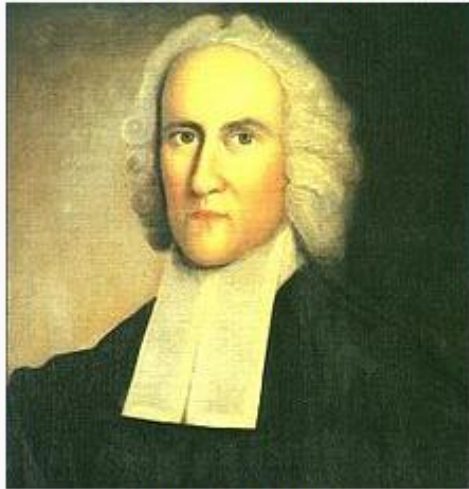
31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

– Hebrews 10:31 ... NKJV

Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God - Jonathan Edwards



Jonathan Edwards



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Signature *Jonathan Edwards*

Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"There is nothing that keeps wicked men at any one moment out of hell, but the mere pleasure of God."

Most of the sermon's text consists of ten "considerations":

1. God may cast wicked men into [hell](#) at any given moment.
2. The Wicked deserve to be cast into hell. Divine justice does not prevent God from destroying the Wicked at any moment.
3. The Wicked, at *this* moment, suffer under God's condemnation to Hell.
4. The Wicked, on earth - at this very moment - suffer the torments of Hell. The Wicked must not think, simply because they are not physically in Hell, that God (in Whose hand the Wicked now reside) is not - at this very moment - as angry with *them* as He is with those miserable creatures He is *now* tormenting in hell, and who - at this very moment - do feel and bear the fierceness of His wrath.
5. At any moment God shall permit him, [Satan](#) stands ready to fall upon the Wicked and seize them as his own.
6. If it were not for God's restraints, there are, in the souls of wicked men, hellish principles reigning which, presently, would kindle and flame out into hellfire.
7. Simply because there are not visible means of death before them at any given moment, the Wicked should not feel secure.
8. Simply because it is natural to care for oneself or to think that others may care for them, men should not think themselves safe from God's wrath.
9. All that wicked men may do to save themselves from Hell's pains shall afford them nothing if they continue to reject Christ.
10. God has never promised to save us from Hell, except for those contained in [Christ](#) through the covenant of Grace.

Daniel 5:5 - Observations



⁵ 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.

■ God Responds

• Wrote Opposite the lampstand

- ✓ Some scholars believe this to be the golden lampstand
 - In the Holy Place

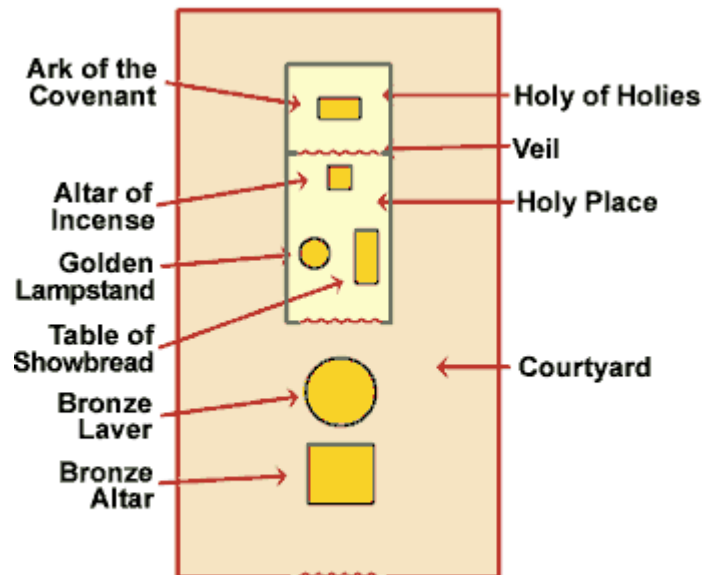


Diagram of the Tabernacle

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Daniel 5:6 - Observations



⁶Then 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's Defiance Turns to Abject Fear

• INWARDLY:

- ✓ His thoughts troubled him

• OUTWARDLY:

- ✓ His countenance changed
- ✓ His knees knocked against each other
- ✓ Joints of his hips were loosened
 - KJV ... *"the joints of his loins were loosed"*
 - What do you think this means?
 - » Chuck Missler's ... Lord Nelson Illustration

Lord Nelson Illustration - Chuck Missler



Lord Nelson, the famous British Admiral was sleeping in his chambers when his midshipman awoke him to tell him that a Spanish frigate was approaching. Lord Nelson ordered the midshipman to bring him his **red waistcoat** and to prepare the crew for battle. The British ship handily defeated the Spanish Frigate.

On two other occasions the same battle took place, each time, Lord Nelson would request his **red waistcoat** prior to battle.

The midshipman asked Lord Nelson why he always wore his **red waistcoat** while going into battle. Lord Nelson replied, "I wear **red** because if I am wounded during the battle, our crew will not see me bleed and loose heart." Satisfied with the answer, the midshipman returned to his post.

A week later, the midshipman informed the Admiral that the entire Spanish Armada was heading toward their ship. To this news, Lord Nelson ordered, "Bring me my **brown britches**!"

Belshazzar had a **brown britches** moment in *verse 6*.

Daniel 5:7 - Observations



⁷ The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. 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."

■ The King Turns to His "Wise Men"

- Turns to his staff looking for someone to ... (*neglects Daniel*)
 - ✓ Read the writing on the wall
 - ✓ Give its interpretation
 - ✓ Another bad decision by the king
- Kings offers rewards for anyone who could
 - ✓ Read the writing on the wall
 - ✓ Give its interpretation
- **REWARD:**
 - ✓ Clothed in purple - color of royalty
 - ✓ Chain of gold around your neck
 - ✓ Third ruler in the kingdom ... Why 3rd? Why not 2nd?

Daniel 5:8-9 - Observations



⁸ Now all the king's wise *men* came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation. ⁹ Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished.

■ Wise Men Can Not Read the Writing

- Since they can not read the writing
 - ✓ They can not give the interpretation
 - ✓ Underscores the illegitimacy of these “wise men”

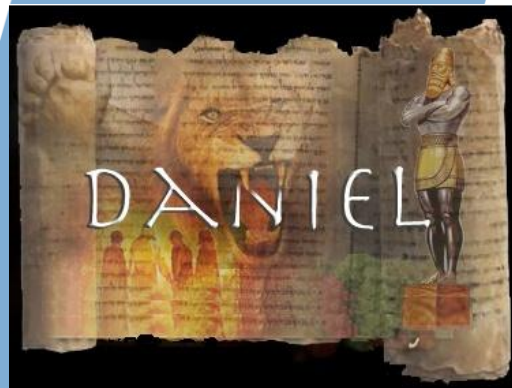
■ The King is Greatly Troubled

- Even with the great reward - his wise men are unable to read the writing
- His countenance changes once more
 - ✓ From bad to worse
 - ✓ He knows the writing can not be good
 - He senses the Judgment of the Most High God
 - The Most High God extolled by his grandfather
- His 1000 lords are stunned

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 5:5-9



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The Handwriting on the Wall ... Daniel 5:5-9		
5-9	God will not allow His Holy vessels to be used in profane ways. We are His Holy temples, containers of the Holy Spirit of God.	<p>I resolve to keep my temple (body) Holy or separated for God for His service.</p> <p>Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit <i>who is</i> in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?</p> <p>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.</p> <p>– 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ... NKJV</p>



Oddity at the Orgy

Daniel Asked to Read the Writing

Daniel 5:10-16

Lesson 08 - Outline



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Daniel 5:10 - Observations



10 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change.

■ The Queen Arrives

- Queen was not originally part of the party
- Who is the Queen?
 - ✓ Daughter of Nebuchadnezzar
 - ✓ She is respectful of Daniel
 - ✓ According to Babylonian Talmud
 - Nebuchadnezzar's care - 7-years of Zoanthropy provided by Daniel
 - ✓ If the Babylonian Talmud is correct
 - Nebuchadnezzar's daughter would be aware of it
 - She would respect Daniel for such a kind act

Daniel 5:11 - Observations



11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom *is* the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers.

■ There is a Man

- Daniel is viewed as one “in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God”
 - ✓ Can this be said about you?
- The Queen gives testimony to
 - ✓ The exploits of Daniel and his God
 - ✓ The recognition of light, understanding and wisdom
 - ✓ The fact King Nebuchadnezzar made him chief of the “Wise Men”
 - ✓ The grandson should know all this
 - But obviously he needs reminding
- Again reference is made to “father”
 - ✓ Means simply “ancestral relative”
 - Father-in law
 - Grandfather

Daniel 5:12 - Observations



¹² 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.”

■ Time for the A-Team

- Queens continues to advocate for Daniel

- ✓ Ticking off his resume

- Excellent spirit
- Knowledge
- Understanding
- Interpreting dreams
- Solving riddles
- Explaining enigmas

Godly Scholar

- Queen shows confidence in Daniel’s ability to
 - ✓ Read the writing
 - ✓ Given the interpretation
 - ✓ Remove the king’s fear by doing what his “wise men” could not do

Daniel 5:13 - Observations



13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. 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?*”

■ Daniel Arrives

- Belshazzar listens to his mother - the Queen
 - ✓ Summons Daniel (*around 80 years old*)
- Daniel is brought before the king
 - ✓ Daniel must have noticed what was going on
 - He may have recognized the Holy vessels and lampstand
 - He must have seen the handwriting on the wall - literally and figuratively
- The king asks a rhetorical question ... *can be taken as a slight against Daniel*
 - ✓ Reminds Daniel ...
 - Where he came from ... **Judah**
 - » Belshazzar's POV : Inferior to Babylon
 - » Daniel's POV : Home where the people of God dwelt
 - Who brought him to Babylon ... **My father the king**
 - » Belshazzar's POV : Nebuchadnezzar is superior to Daniel and his God
 - » Daniel's POV : God brought Daniel - God is sovereign!



Daniel 5:14 - Observations

14 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.

■ I Heard of You

- Must have been listening
 - ✓ When his mother the queen was going through Daniel's credentials
 - ✓ Over the loud sound of his knees knocking
- He remembers four things about Daniel
 - ✓ The Spirit of God is in you
 - ✓ Light is found in you
 - ✓ Understanding is found in you
 - ✓ Excellent wisdom is found in you
- All four of these will be needed to
 - ✓ Read the writing on the wall
 - ✓ Give the interpretation

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Daniel 5:15 - Observations



15 Now the wise *men*, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing.

■ The King Admits the Failure of His “Wise Men”

- The “wise men” were brought in to
 - ✓ Read the writing on the wall
 - ✓ Give the interpretation
- The “wise men” could not
 - ✓ Give the interpretation
 - ✓ Belshazzar is trying to leave the impression that the “wise men”
 - Did read the writing
 - But could not give the interpretation
 - ✓ The truth is...
 - They could not read the writing
 - They could not give the interpretation

Daniel 5:16 - Observations



16 And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas. 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.”

■ The King's Offer

- Belshazzar remembers some more of what his mother said about Daniel

- ✓ You can give interpretations
- ✓ You can explain enigmas

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- The conditional offer

✓ **CONDITION:** IF: You can ...

- Read the writing
- Make known the interpretation

✓ **REWARD:** THEN: You shall ...

- Be clothed in purple
- Have a chain of gold around your neck
- Be 3rd ruler in the kingdom

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 5:10-16



Daniel Chapter 05		
Verse	Principle	Application
Daniel Asked to Read the Writing ... Daniel 5:10-16		
10-16	God gifts those He uses.	<p>I resolve to be used by God in whatever area He chooses to lead and gift me.</p> <p>And He Himself gave some <i>to be</i> apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, --- Ephesians 4:11-12 ... NKJV</p>

A sunset scene with a silhouette of a tree and rays of light. The sun is low on the horizon, casting long, golden rays across a sky filled with soft, orange and yellow clouds. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a tree stands against the bright background. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

*John
11:25-26*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

