



Daniel

In God I Trust

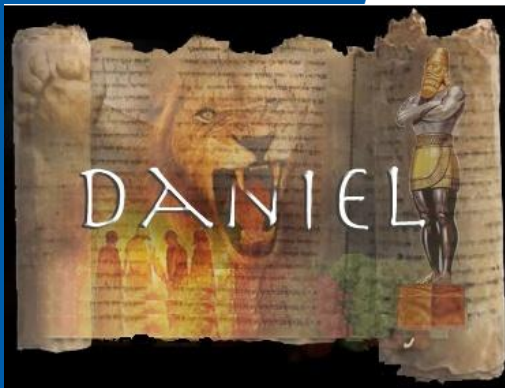
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Heavenly Hermeneutics

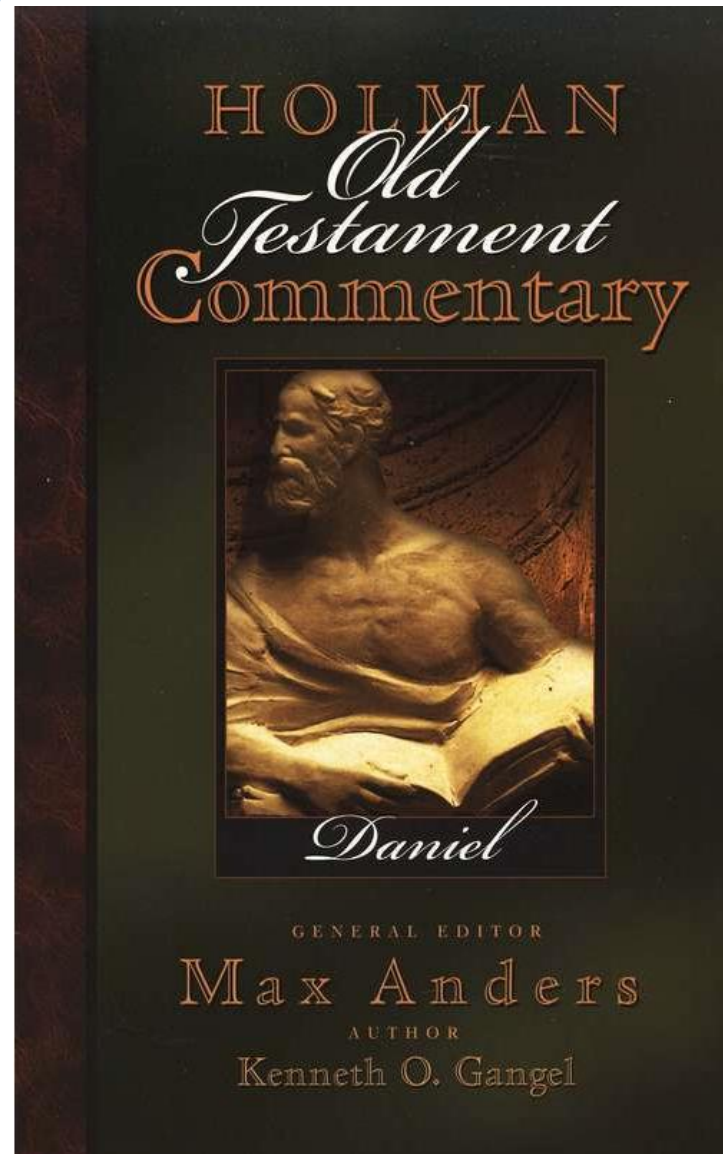
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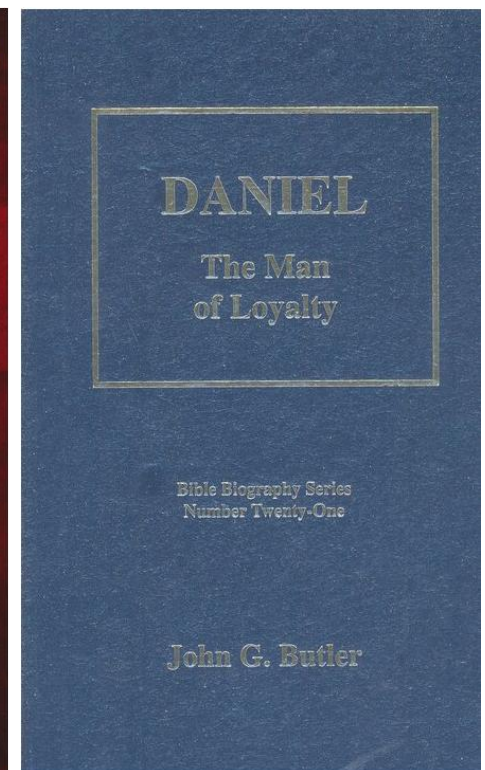
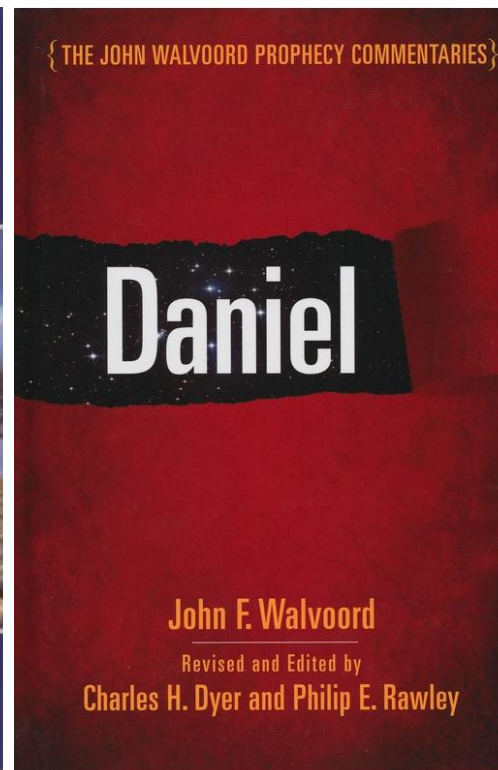
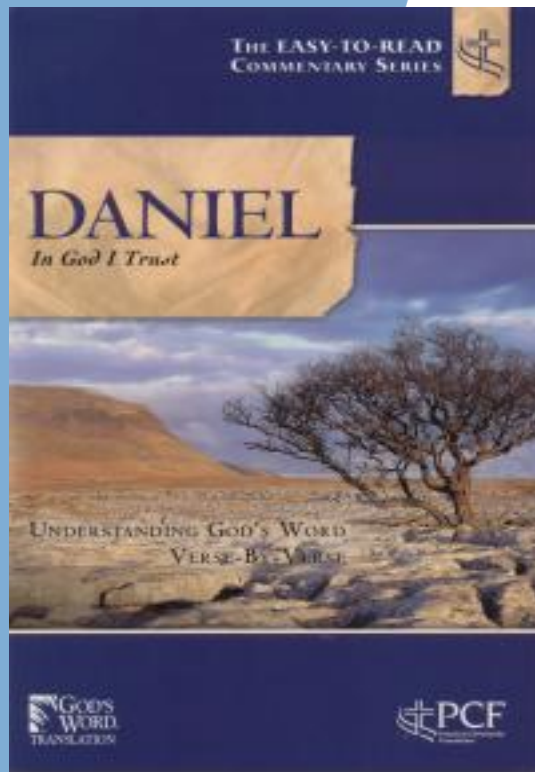


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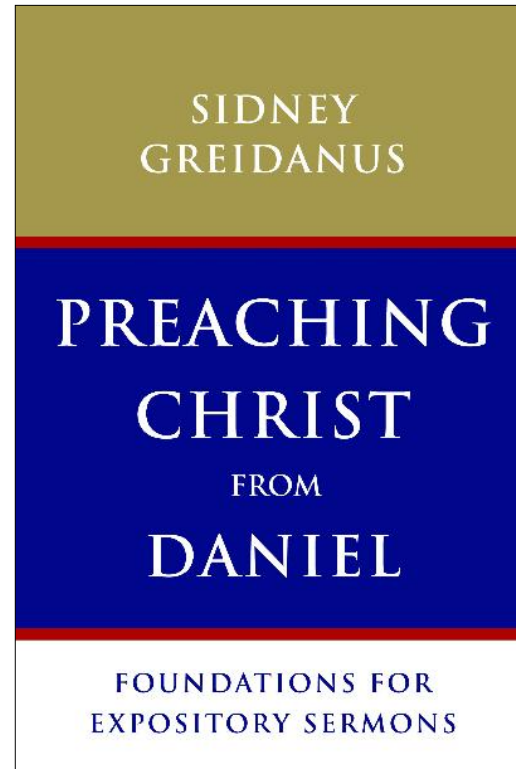
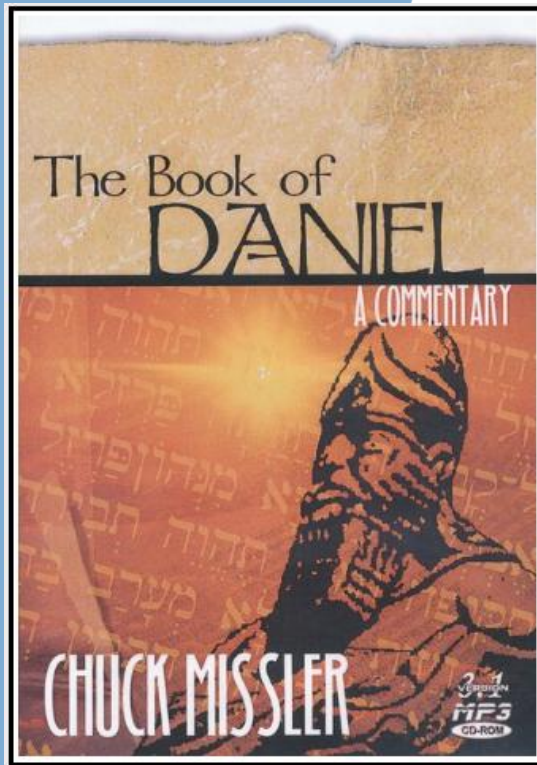


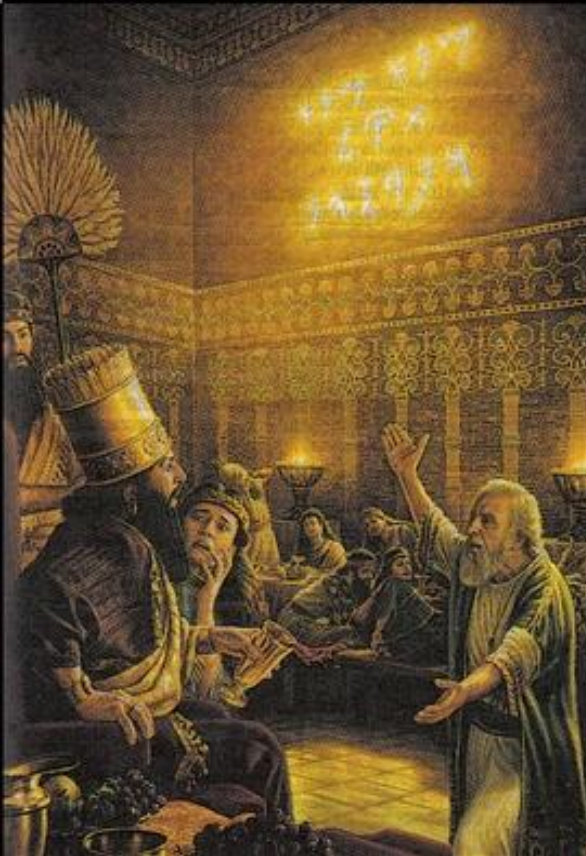
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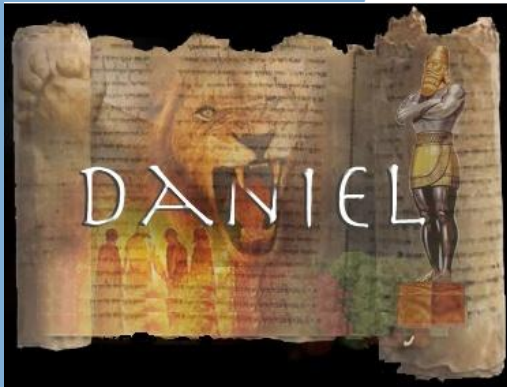




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 תקל = TEKEL
 ופרסין = UPHARSIN

THE BOOK OF DANIEL





Course Outline

Course Outline - This Week's Lesson



▪ Daniel: In God I Trust

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- Lesson 15: The Seventy Sevens *[Daniel 9:20-27]*
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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					

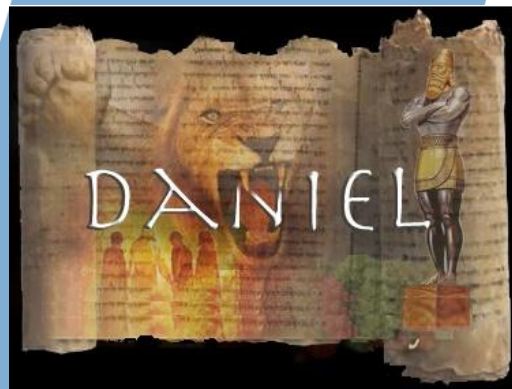
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Book Overview - Chapter Focus



■ 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.



Heavenly Hermeneutics

Text – New King James Version

Daniel 5:17-31

The Writing on the Wall Explained

Daniel 5:13-29 - *NKJV*



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--- Daniel 5:17-18 ... *NKJV*

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--- Daniel 5:19-20 ... NKJV

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--- Daniel 5:21 ... NKJV

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22 “But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this.

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23 And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who *holds* your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.

--- Daniel 5:23 ... NKJV

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24 Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written.

25 "And this is the inscription that was written:
MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

--- Daniel 5:24-25 ... *NKJV*

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

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

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--- Daniel 5:26-28 ... NKJV

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29 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.

--- Daniel 5:29 ... NKJV

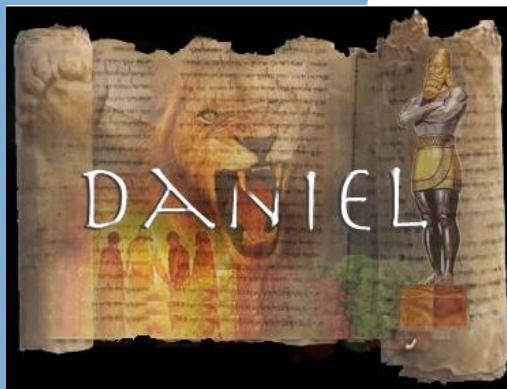
Belshazzar's Fall

Daniel 5:30-31 - NKJV



30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. **31** And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, *being* about sixty-two years old.

--- Daniel 5:30-31 ... NKJV



Lesson Outline

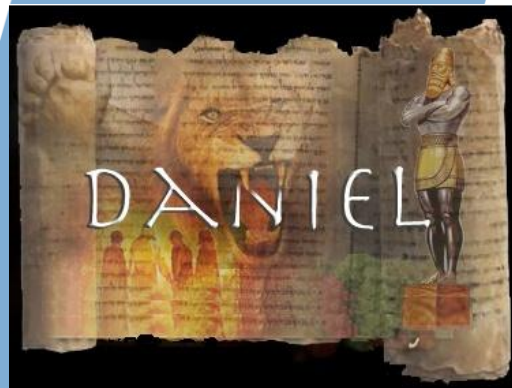


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Daniel Rebukes Belshazzar

Daniel 5:17-23



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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.

Daniel 5:17 - Observations



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■ Daniel Answers the King

• Let your gifts be for yourself

- ✓ Daniel is not motivated by profit - although he is a Prophet ☺
 - Daniel's interpretation will not be influenced by the rewards
- ✓ Later Daniel will accept these gifts
 - Only after the interpretation of the writing
 - Only after the rewards would be shown to be of little value
 - » The Robe
 - » The Gold Chain
 - » The Position ... 3rd in the Kingdom
 - » Kingdom that will be doomed by the end of the night
- ✓ Daniel is not holding back his contempt for the king
 - Later he will draw a contrast to the king's grandfather - Nebuchadnezzar



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• Give your rewards to another

✓ Reminiscent of Elisha's refusal of Naaman's gifts

- 2 Kings 5:15-16

- Punishment of Gehazi for accepting them

» 2 Kings 5:20-27

• Yet I will read the writing

✓ Daniel is in his 80's at this point

✓ Daniel is retired

• I will make known the interpretation

✓ Daniel is confident in God

✓ Not only read the writing

✓ But interprets it as well

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

16 But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take *it*, but he refused.

– 2 Kings 5:15-16... NKJV

Daniel 5:18 - Observations



18 O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor.

■ Daniel Lectures Belshazzar

• The Most High God Gave Nebuchadnezzar

✓ God is the source of King Nebuchadnezzar's

- Kingdom
- Majesty
- Glory
- Honor

God is the Source of all Blessings!

✓ Nebuchadnezzar's own testimony

- Daniel 4:37

✓ God blessed Nebuchadnezzar

- Not his own birth
- Not his own talents
- But God's providence
- Nebuchadnezzar was God's servant

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

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■ Daniel Elaborates On Nebuchadnezzar ... *now there was a king*

• Nebuchadnezzar's Majesty was Given by God

✓ Majesty included the fear of ..

- All peoples
- All nations
- All languages

✓ He was granted absolute power

- Power to execute
- Power to keep alive
- Power to set up
- Power to put down
- Jeremiah 27:5-7

SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!
20AEKETCHU OF GODI

5 'I have made the earth, the man and the beast that *are* on the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed proper to Me. **6** And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him. **7** So all nations shall serve him and his son and his son's son, until the time of his land comes; and then many nations and great kings shall make him serve them.

– Jeremiah 27:5-7... NKJV



Daniel 5:20 - Observations

²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

■ Daniel Recounts the Story of Nebuchadnezzar's Pride

- His spirit was hardened in pride
 - ✓ Summarization of Nebuchadnezzar's testimony/decreed of chapter 4
- He was deposed from his kingly throne
 - ✓ God sets up kings
 - ✓ God takes down kings
 - ✓ Daniel 4:37
- They took his glory from him
 - ✓ Who are the "they"?

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 - ✓ Who are the "they"?
 - The **watcher** - angels
 - At God's command
 - Nebuchadnezzar is stricken
 - » Glory of a man taken from him
 - » Reduced to an animal

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■ Daniel Continues the Story of Nebuchadnezzar's Pride ... *chapter 4*

- Driven from the sons of men
 - ✓ Made like an animal
 - ✓ He lived with the wild donkeys
- Until he knew that the Most High God ...
 - ✓ Rules in the Kingdom of men
 - ✓ Appoints over it whomever He chooses

SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!
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Daniel 5:22 - Observations



²²“But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this.

■ Daniel Rebukes Belshazzar

- You have not humbled your heart
 - ✓ Daniel states that Belshazzar knew of the account of Nebuchadnezzar
 - ✓ By knowing the account Belshazzar should have humbled himself
 - Like his Grandfather - Nebuchadnezzar
 - Would not have to pay the “*dumb*” tax
 - ✓ But Belshazzar did not
 - Deliberate contempt for God
- Earlier Belshazzar had to be reminded who Daniel was
 - ✓ By the Queen
- He may not have know who Daniel was
 - ✓ But he did know who his grandfather was
 - ✓ According to Daniel here, he knew of the incident of chapter 4
 - ✓ He would be held accountable

GOD WILL HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT WE KNOW!
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Daniel 5:23 - Observations



23 And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who *holds* your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.

■ Belshazzar Condemned for Challenging the Lord of Heaven

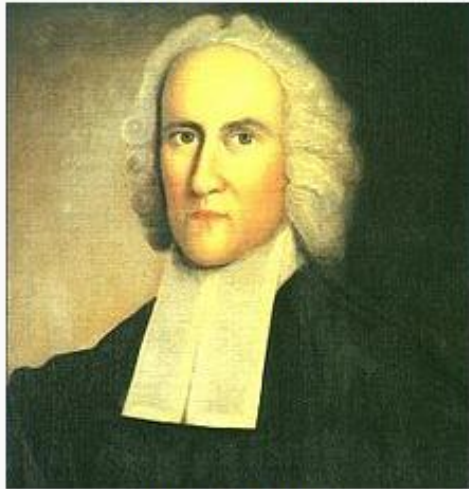
- Belshazzar commanded the Holy Vessels of God be profaned
 - ✓ Pride had led to the king's command
 - ✓ Defiance against the God of Israel and the prophecy of Isaiah
 - ✓ **APPLICATION:** We are the Holy Vessels of God
- Judgment is coming
 - ✓ The God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways
 - God holds your very breath
 - God holds the power of life and death in His hands
 - ✓ You have not glorified
 - You have defied and not glorified
 - Judgment is looming ... Hebrews 10:31

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



Jonathan Edwards

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Spouse(s) Sarah Pierpont^[2]

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Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

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

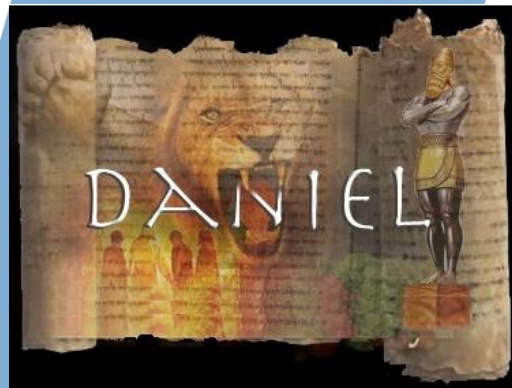
Most of the sermon's text consists of ten "considerations":

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.

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 5:17-23



Daniel Chapter 05		
Verses	Principle	Application
Daniel Rebukes Belshazzar ... Daniel 5:17-23		
17-23	God will hold us accountable for what He has revealed to us.	I resolve to live in the light of what God has revealed to me. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. --- Philippians 3:15 ... NKJV



Heavenly Hermeneutics

Daniel Interprets the Writing

Daniel 5:24-28



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Daniel 5:24 - Observations



24 Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written.

■ Fingers of the Hand were Sent From Him

- God is the source of the writing
 - ✓ God uses the fingers of a hand to write the writings
- Reminiscent of the writing of the **Ten Commandments**

✓ Exodus 31:18

✓ Deuteronomy 9:10

18 And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses **two tablets** of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

– Exodus 31:18 ... NKJV

10 Then the LORD delivered to me **two tablets** of stone written with the finger of God, and on them *were* all the words which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

– Deuteronomy 9:10 ... NKJV



Daniel 5:25 - Observations

²⁵“And this is the inscription that was written:
MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

- The Inscription ... **MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN**
 - The *Talmud* suggests that the writing was vertical and backwards.
 - *Hebrew tradition* - the writing was *Atbash* encrypted
 - ✓ **Atbash**: A form of Hebrew encryption where the alphabet sequence is folded back on itself. [Note the Hebrew language has 22 glyphs or letters.]

Name	Position	Glyph
aleph	first glyph	א
tav	last glyph	ת
bet	second glyph	ב
shin	next-to-last glyph	ש



Hebrew Alphabet



Alef	Bet	Gimel	Dalet	He	Vav	Zayin	Het	Tet	Yod	Kaf
א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	כ
										ך
Lamed	Mem	Nun	Samekh	Ayin	Pe	Tsadi	Qof	Resh	Shin	Tav
ל	מ	נ	ס	ע	פ	צ	ק	ר	ש	ת
	ם	ן			ף	ץ				

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כךלמסננסע
פףצץקרשת

Atbash Encryption



Atbash

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Atbash is a simple [substitution cipher](#) for the [Hebrew alphabet](#). It consists in substituting *aleph* (the first letter) for *tav* (the last), *beth* (the second) for *shin* (one before last), and so on, reversing the [alphabet](#). Hence the name, Aleph-Tav-Beth-Shin (אתבש). In the [Book of Jeremiah](#), לב קמי *Lev Kamai* (51:1) is Atbash for כשדים *Kasdim* ([Chaldeans](#)), and ששך *Sheshakh* (25:26; 51:41) is Atbash for בבל *Bavel* ([Babylon](#)).

The Atbash cipher for the modern Hebrew alphabet would be:

Plain: אבגדהוזחטיכלמנסעפצקרשת
Cipher: תשרקצפעסונמלכיתחזוהדגבא

An Atbash cipher for the [Latin alphabet](#) would be as follows:

Plain: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
Cipher: ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA

An easier, simpler and faster way of doing this is:

First 13 letters: A|B|C|D|E|F|G|H|I|J|K|L|M
Last 13 Letters: Z|Y|X|W|V|U|T|S|R|Q|P|O|N

Atbash can also be used to mean the same thing in any other alphabet as well. This is a very simple substitution cipher.

For example, in Atbash, the letters "nlmbv" indicate the word "money"

A few English words 'Atbash' into other English words. For example, "hob"="sly", "hold"="slow", "holy"="slob", "horn"="slim", "zoo"="all", "irk"="rip", "low"="old", "glow"="told", and "grog"="tilt." Some other English words Atbash into their own reverses, e.g., "wizard" = "draziw."

*It is the glory of God to conceal a matter,
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

-- Proverbs 25:2 ... NKJV



Daniel 5:25 - Observations

25 "And this is the inscription that was written:

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- The Inscription ... MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN

Atbash

(Assuming atbash encryption)

י	ט	ת	א	ד	כ	ו	ג
מ	נ	א	מ	ק	ל	ר	ס

Cipher Text

Plain Text

Chuck Missler

Daniel 5:26-28 - Observations



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

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■ Interpretation

יִשְׁתַּ	יִשְׁתַּ	אֲדָכּ	וּגַח	Cipher Text
מֵנָא	מֵנָא	תְּקֵל	פֶּרֶס	Plain Text
MENE	MENE	TEKEL	PERES	

WRITING	MEANING
M ^E N ^E :	Numbered or Reckoned God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;
T ^E K ^E L:	Weighed You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;
P ^E R ^E S:	Divided or Broken Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.
<hr/> <p><i>By implying a different vowel, "P^AR^AS" rather than "P^ER^ES" – becomes a play on words ... "P^AR^AS" is the word for Persia</i></p>	

Daniel 5:26-28 - Observations



²⁶ This *is* the interpretation of *each* word.

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

²⁷ TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

²⁸ PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”

■ Interpretation

- How do you get PERES (v. 28) from UPHARSIN (v. 25)?

UPHARSIN = U + PHARSIN

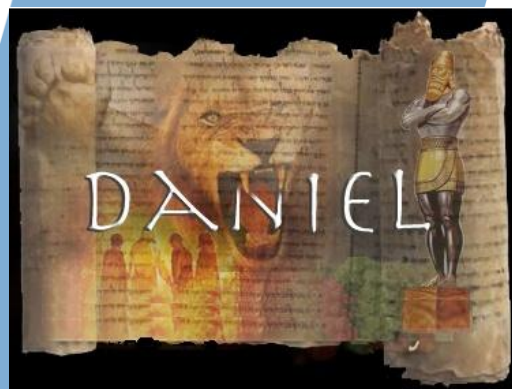
Conjunction
like “*and*” in English

**Aramaic Plural of
PERES**

Principle - Application Table ... Daniel 5:24-28



Daniel Chapter 05		
Verses	Principle	Application
Daniel Interprets the Writing ... Daniel 5:24-28		
24-28	God alone weighs the actions of man, and determines the timing of His judgment.	<p>I resolve to walk in the light of God, such that when I am weighed in the balances I may not be found wanting.</p> <p>But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.</p> <p>--- 1 John 1:7 ... NKJV</p>



Heavenly Hermeneutics

Daniel's Reward and Prophecy Fulfilled

Daniel 5:29-31



- **Lesson 09: Heavenly Hermeneutics** *[Daniel 5:17-31]*
 - Daniel Rebukes Belshazzar ... [Daniel 5:17-23]
 - Daniel Interprets the Writing ... [Daniel 5:24-28]
 - Daniel's Reward and Prophecy Fulfilled ... [Daniel 5:29-31]



Outline of what we will cover in this lesson.

Daniel 5:29 - Observations



29 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.

■ Daniel is Rewarded

- Daniel has read the writing
- Daniel has provided the interpretation
- Belshazzar follows through on his offer
 - ✓ Belshazzar gave command...
 - ✓ Daniel now receives his reward
 - Clothed in purple
 - Chain of Gold around his neck
 - Proclaimed as the third ruler in the kingdom
 - » A kingdom that would not last through the night

SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!
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Daniel 5:30 - Observations



³⁰ That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain.

■ Belshazzar Slain

• That very night

- ✓ God's judgment is swift
- ✓ God's judgment is severe
- ✓ God's judgment is to be feared

- Hebrews 10:31

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

- Hebrews 10:31... NKJV

• Historians Herodotus and Xenophon confirm Daniel's account

- ✓ Cyrus diverted the Euphrates into a new channel
- ✓ Guided by two deserters, Gobryas and Gadatas
- ✓ Marched by the dry bed into the city
- ✓ While the Babylonians were carousing at an annual feast to the gods.

• Biblical accounts

- ✓ Isaiah 14:18-20, 21:5, 44:27
- ✓ Jeremiah 50:29-39, 51:36, 51:57

Jamieson, Fausset & Brown
Commentary

Daniel 5:31 - Observations



³¹ And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, *being* about sixty-two years old.

■ Darius the Mede Received the Kingdom

- Not Darius I (*the Great*) .. 522-486 BC
 - ✓ Babylon fell in 539 BC
- Two Major Schools of Scholarship - Darius the Mede
 - 1) Darius the Mede is Cyrus the Great
 - 2) Darius the Mede is Cyrus' Commander Gubaru

Darius the Mede	Rational	Proponents
Cyrus the Great (<i>Cyrus II</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kings often took on multiple names and titles• Cyrus II was ~ 60 yr old when King of Babylon	J. F. Walvoord, D. J. Wiseman, J. C. Baldwin, P. Giorgio
Gubaru (<i>Gobryas</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referred to Gobryas – governor of Babylon	J. C. Whitcomb Jr., Leon Wood, Sir Robert Anderson

Daniel 5:31 - Observations



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- Received the Kingdom - Cyrus the Great Given Kingdom by God

Kings & Kingdoms		
Reign (BC)	King	Kingdom
640-580	Cyrus I	Anshan
580-559	Cambyses I	Anshan
559-530	Cyrus the Great	Persia
550-530		Media
530-522	Cambyses II	Persia
525-522		Egypt
522	Bardiya	Persia
		Egypt
522-486	Darius I - <i>Darius the Great</i>	Persia
		Egypt
485-465	Xerxes I - <i>Ahasuerus</i>	Persia
		Egypt

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■ Cyrus the Great

- Cyrus II (“*The Great*”)
 - ✓ 559-530 BC
 - ✓ Founder of the Achaemenid Persian Empire
 - ✓ FATHER:
 - Cambyses (600-559 BC)
 - King of Anshan - region in eastern Elam (*Persia*)
 - ✓ MOTHER:
 - Mandane
 - Daughter of Astyages - King of Media (585-550 BC)

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■ Cyrus the Great

- Cambyses (*Cyrus's father*) dies in 559 BC
 - ✓ Cyrus inherits the throne of Anshan
 - ✓ Unifies the Persian people
 - ✓ Attacked his father-in-law
 - The weak and corrupt Astyages
 - ✓ Astyages is captured
 - Persians take the capital city of Ecbatana
 - 550 BC... without a battle .. (Same result 11 years later at Babylon)
 - ✓ Cyrus succeeds in fusing the Medes and Persians
 - Unifies the nations into one kingdom
 - Continued for two centuries
 - Until the time of Alexander the Great ... 331 BC

Daniel 5:31 - Observations



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■ Received the Kingdom

• Conquest of Babylon

- ✓ On October 12, 539 BC, Cyrus' general captures Babylon without a battle

The Persians diverted the River Euphrates into a canal upriver so that the water level dropped "to the height of the middle of a man's thigh," which thus rendered the flood defenses useless and enabled the invaders to march through the river bed to enter by night. --- Herodotus

• Letter to Cyrus

- ✓ When Cyrus makes his grand entrance
- ✓ Daniel presents him with an ancient scroll of Isaiah
 - Isaiah 44:27-28
 - Isaiah 45:1-5
- ✓ Scroll contains a personal letter addressing him by name
 - [Josephus, Antiquities, XI, I, 2]
- ✓ Isaiah had died 150 years before Cyrus was born!

SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD!
ΣΟΒΕΡΕΙΝΤΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΘΕΟΥ

Daniel 5:31 - Observations



31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, *being* about sixty-two years old.

Isaiah 44:27-28

27 Who says to the deep, 'Be dry!
And I will dry up your rivers';

28 Who says of Cyrus, '*He is* My shepherd,
And he shall perform all My pleasure,
Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built,"
And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid.'"

Daniel Presents Cyrus the Ancient Scroll of Isaiah

Isaiah 45:1-5

"Thus says the LORD to His anointed,
To **Cyrus**, whose right hand I have held—
To subdue nations before him
And loose the armor of kings,
To open before him the double doors,
So that the gates will not be shut:

2 'I will go before you
And make the crooked places straight;
I will break in pieces the gates of bronze
And cut the bars of iron.

3 I will give you the treasures of darkness
And hidden riches of secret places,
That you may know that I, the LORD,
Who call *you* by your name,
Am the God of Israel.

4 For Jacob My servant's sake,
And Israel My elect,
I have even called you by your name;
I have named you, though you have not known Me.

5 I *am* the LORD, and *there is* no other;
There is no God besides Me.
I will gird you, though you have not known Me,

Daniel 5:31 - Observations



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■ Cyrus the Great

• Cyrus' Response

- ✓ Cyrus was duly impressed.
- ✓ Freed the captives
- ✓ Returned the vessels that had been plundered from the Temple
 - 70 years earlier.
- ✓ Gave them incentives to return to their homeland and rebuild their temple
 - 2 Chronicles 36:22-23
 - Ezra 1:1-4
- ✓ Only about 50,000 Jews responded to this royal proclamation
 - Returned to Jerusalem under the leadership of Zerubbabel

Cyrus Cylinder (Stele of Cyrus)



Cyrus Cylinder

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Cyrus Cylinder** (Persian: منشور کوروش) is an ancient clay cylinder, now broken into several fragments, on which is written a declaration in Akkadian cuneiform script^[3] in the name of the Achaemenid king Cyrus the Great.^[4] It dates from the 6th century BC and was discovered in the ruins of Babylon in Mesopotamia (modern Iraq) in 1879.^[3] It is currently in the possession of the British Museum, which sponsored the expedition that discovered the cylinder. It was created and used as a foundation deposit following the Persian conquest of Babylon in 539 BC, when the Neo-Babylonian Empire was invaded by Cyrus and incorporated into his Persian Empire.

The Cylinder's text has traditionally been seen by Biblical scholars as corroborative evidence of Cyrus' policy of the repatriation of the Jewish people following their Babylonian captivity^[5] (an act that the Book of Ezra attributes to Cyrus^[6]), as the text refers to the restoration of cult sanctuaries and repatriation of deported peoples.^[7]



The text is written in an extremely formulaic style that can be divided into six distinct parts:

- Lines 1–19: an introduction reviling Nabonidus, the previous king of Babylon, and associating Cyrus with the god Marduk;
- Lines 20–22: detailing Cyrus's royal titles and genealogy, and his peaceful entry to Babylon;
- Lines 22–34: a commendation of Cyrus's policy of restoring Babylon;
- Lines 34–35: a prayer to Marduk on behalf of Cyrus and his son Cambyses;
- Lines 36–37: a declaration that Cyrus has enabled the people to live in peace and has increased the offerings made to the gods;
- Lines 38–45: details of the building activities ordered by Cyrus in Babylon.^[31]

Cyrus Cylinder (Stele of Cyrus)





Cyrus Cylinder




The Cyrus Cylinder, obverse and reverse sides



Hormuzd Rassam in Mosul circa 1854. 
The Cyrus Cylinder was discovered during Rassam's excavations in Babylon in February–March 1879.

Material	Baked clay
Size	22.5 centimetres (8.9 in) x 10 centimetres (3.9 in) (maximum) ^[1]
Writing	Akkadian cuneiform script
Created	About 539–530 BC
Period/culture	Achaemenid Empire ^[1]
Discovered	Babylon, Mesopotamia by Hormuzd Rassam in March 1879 ^[1]
Present location	Room 52 ^[2] (previously 55), British Museum, London
Identification	BM 90920 ^[1]
Registration	1880,0617.1941  ^[1]



Monument to the Cyrus Cylinder in Balboa Park, San Diego, California erected by an Iranian émigré organisation, presenting a widely-circulated false translation of the text that portrays Cyrus as a champion of human rights 

Cyrus Cylinder (Stele of Cyrus)



- Cyrus Cylinder - Stele of Cyrus
 - Cyrus Boasts of Capturing Babylon without a Battle

"...without any battle, he entered the town, sparing any calamity; ... I returned to sacred cities on the other side of the Tigris, the sanctuaries of which have been ruins for a long time... and established for them permanent sanctuaries. I also gathered all their former inhabitants and returned to them their habitations."

--- British Museum, London

- Ezra 1:2-3

Ezra 1:2-3

² Thus says Cyrus king of Persia:
All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which *is* in Judah. ³ Who *is* among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (He *is* God), which *is* in Jerusalem.

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A sunset scene with a tree silhouette and rays of light. The sun is low on the horizon, casting long, golden rays across a sky filled with soft, orange-tinted 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?"

