

The Writing Is On The Wall

Daniel 5

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The events of Daniel 5 occur approximately 539 B.C.

- **Nebuchadnezzar** had died 24 years prior
- His son **Amel-Marduk** reigned for two years. (Assassinated)
- **Neriglissar** ruled for the next four years. He died a natural death.
- Succeeded by his teen-age son, **Labashi-Marduk**. His rule only lasted nine months as he was beaten to death by Belshazzar
- Belshazzar then proclaimed **Nabonidus** as king and he reigned 17 years.
- Nabonidus appointed **Belshazzar** as co-regent.

Belshazzar throws a party (Daniel 5:1-4)

- *Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8b.*

How dangerous pride becomes when people mistake God's patience for God's approval.

- *The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished. Proverbs 16:5*
- *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18*
- *God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. James 4:6*

The Writing on the Wall (Daniel 5:5-9)

- It is easy to ignore God...until God interrupts

Daniel is called to the Banquet Hall (Daniel 5:10-16)

Daniel Reminds Belshazzar of his Spiritual Heritage (Daniel 5:17-24)

- *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22*

Daniel Interprets the Mysterious Writing on the Wall (Daniel 5:26-28)

The question before us today is not:

- How successful were you?
- How much money did you have in the bank?
- How popular were you?

The question is: What did you do with Jesus Christ?

Memory Verse:

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14