

Daniel - Lesson 5

“ELECT *Exiles*: Trusting in Daniel's God” Daniel 5

Day 1 – Read Daniel 5

Pray: All of God's Word is breathed out by Him. Thank Him that His Word brings us life.

Read Again: Daniel 5:1-6

- 1) Who is the reigning king recorded at the beginning of Daniel 5?

- 2) What is happening at the beginning of this narrative?

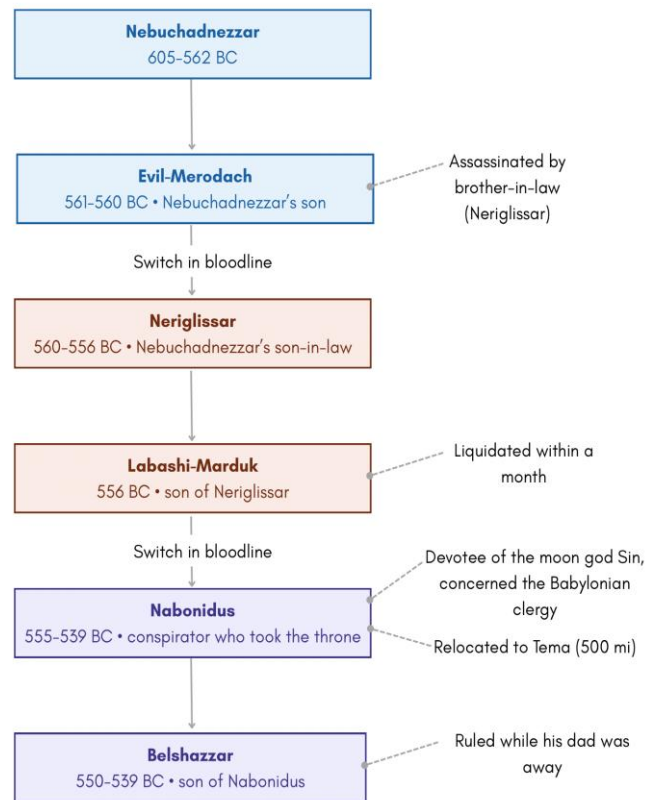
- 3) What does Belshazzar command to be brought to the feast, and where were they from?

What is everyone at the party doing with what was commanded to be brought?

What is Belshazzar trying to say with this gesture?

Who are they praising?

Babylonian Kings



- 4) Amid this feast, according to Daniel 5:5, what immediately happens?

What is the king's reaction?

Day 2 – Read Daniel 5:1-17

- 5) Who did King Belshazzar bring in to interpret the writing?

What would be the reward if they could interpret it?

Who could interpret it?

- 6) How did the king respond when no one could interpret the writing?

What about the lords?

7) Who comes on the scene in Daniel 5:10, and what does she reveal?

8) How does the queen describe Daniel in Daniel 5:11?

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Application: What does excellent spirit mean?

9) What does the king promise Daniel if he can interpret the writing?

How does Daniel respond to this offer?

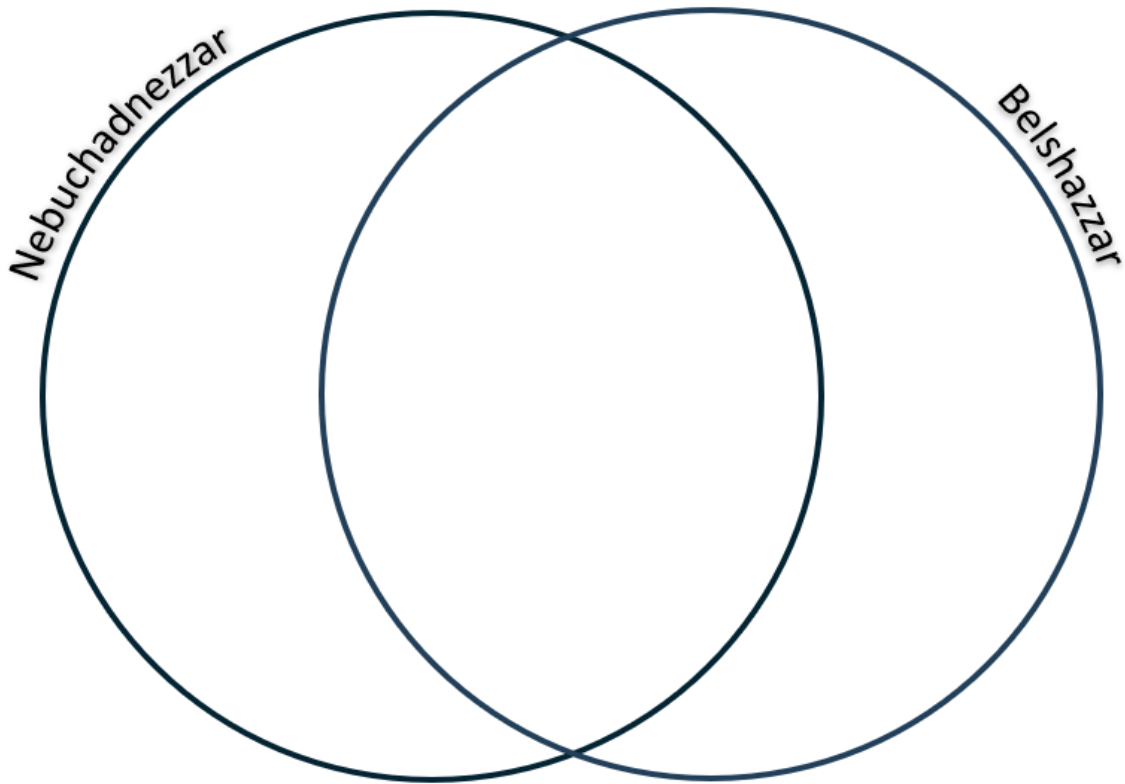
Day 3 – Read Daniel 5:18-23

10) What does Daniel recount to Belshazzar in Daniel 5:18-23?

Note how he begins in Daniel 5:18. Where does he turn the focus?

11) What does Daniel convict King Belshazzar of, recorded in Daniel 5:22-23?

12) Compare and contrast the stories of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4 and Belshazzar in Daniel 5.



What are some things that strike or stand out to you from this diagram?

Day 4- Read Daniel 5:22-30

13) **Application:** Prayerfully consider where you are like Belshazzar, ignoring God's warning to humble yourself.

How are you "lifting up yourself against the Lord of heaven?" Placing yourself on the throne.

Application: What idols that “do not see or hear or know” are you worshipping?

An idol is “anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, and anything you seek to give you what only God can give.” (Tim Keller)

Application: How have these idols failed you?

Application: In what areas are you not honoring God “in whose hand is your breath?”

**Take some time to humbly pray and repent of these ways.*

14) **Application:** What warning is given to us in Hebrews 10:26-29?

Day 5 – Read Daniel 5

15) What was the handwriting on the wall? Fill in the chart with the words and their meanings.

WORD	MEANING

16) How does Belshazzar respond to Daniel's interpretation?

17) What happened that very night?

18) Consider how the handwriting on the wall is also true for us.

MENE:

Job 14:5 –

Psalms 139:16 –

Hebrews 9:27 –

Summarize and Apply:

TEKEL:

Romans 3:23 –

Romans 6:23 –

Summarize and Apply:

What is our hope?

John 5:24 –

Romans 3:24-26 –

2 Corinthians 5:21 –

Hebrews 9:28 –

1 Peter 3:18 –

19) **Application:** How is this good news for us?

**"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Pray for the Lord to keep you in a humble posture before Him.*

20) **Application:** Spend some time reading and meditating over Psalm 130. Make any pertinent notes below.