

IN SOVEREIGN HANDS

DANIEL: GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO HIS GENERATION

PART 9

WHEN GOD SAYS, "THE PARTY'S OVER"

Fallen is Babylon the Great

(Daniel 5:1-31)

INTRODUCTION:

"For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning
Against everyone who is proud and lofty
And against everyone who is lifted up,
That he may be abased."

—Isaiah 2:12

"And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying,
'Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!
...woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city!
For in one hour your judgment has come."

—Revelation 18:2, 10

PREVIOUSLY... (DANIEL 4)

WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT THE HEART AND NATURE OF GOD:

- He is a Jealous God and a Just God. Yet, in His justice, He is merciful.
 1. He warns us so that we might escape that judgment.
 2. He waits on us in the execution of that judgment.
 3. He works in us through the experience of that judgment.

TODAY... (DANIEL 5)

- But in His justice, He is also _____ and _____.
- He _____ us in the _____ of that judgment.
"...you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient." (v. 27)

1A. THE _____ OF BELSHAZZAR: (v. 1-4)

"Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand. When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them...."

2A. THE _____ OF BELSHAZZAR: (v. 5-29)

"Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing."

1B. The King's _____ : (v. 6-9)

"Then the king's face grew pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and his hip joints went slack and his knees began knocking together..."

2B. The Queen's _____ : (v. 10-12)

"The queen entered the banquet hall... There is a man in your kingdom... Let Daniel now be summoned and he will declare the interpretation."

3B. The King's _____ : (v. 13-16)

"Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, 'Are you that Daniel who is one of the exiles from Judah...'"

4B. Daniel's _____ : (v. 17-28)

"Then Daniel answered and said before the king..."

1C. What Daniel didn't _____ . (v. 17)

"Then Daniel answered and said before the king, 'Keep your gifts for yourself..."

2C. What Belshazzar didn't _____ . (v. 18-28)

"Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this."

- The greater the _____ , the greater the _____ .
- Any _____ glory that you may possess has been _____ to you by the Most High God and can be _____ from you. _____ glory is God's _____ .

5B. Daniel's _____ : (v. 29)

"...they clothed Daniel with purple and put a necklace of gold around his neck..."

3A. THE _____ OF BELSHAZZAR: (v. 30, 31)

"That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain."

CONCLUSION: