

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“When the Throne Matters Most”

“Behind Enemy Lines” – Pt. 6

Daniel 5:1-31 & Selected

When the Throne Matters Most in My Life...

I. My religious arrogance will have no limits.

“Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.” Vs. 3

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight! Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink.” Isaiah 5:20-22

II. I will live like God’s judgment doesn’t apply to me.

“Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote.” Vs. 5

See 2 Timothy 3:1-5

III. I will reject the righteous heritage I have received.

See Vs 10-12

“And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of Heaven.” Vs. 22-23

IV. I will pay handsomely for someone to calm my fears.

See Vs 13-16

V. I will reject the God-called preacher as highly offensive.

“Then Daniel answered and said before the king, ‘Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known the interpretation.’” Vs. 17

“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.” 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Mene – Your time on the throne is up!

Tekel – You don’t measure up!

Peres – You will give your throne up!

VI. I will die in my sin because my throne matters most.

“That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed.” Vs. 30

“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Revelation 19:15