

## Cheat Sheet

### Main points

- King Belshazzar's pride blinded him to the reality of God's judgment, causing him to trust in the security of Babylon's massive defenses rather than repent when warned that his kingdom would soon fall.
- The fall of Babylon demonstrates that human security and power cannot ultimately protect someone who stands opposed to God, as even the greatest earthly protections can quickly collapse.
- The lesson for believers is that true safety is found in right standing with God, because God will not be mocked and will ultimately bring justice to those who persist in unrepentant rebellion.

### Questions

Are there ways or times that we feel as though we are indestructible or untouchable? Why do we have tendencies to see ourselves these ways?

How did the king mock God? Are there ways or things that we might be doing in our lives that might mock God?

Do we have things in our lives that allow for us to feel safe that we fall back on when we are disobedient to God?

How does sin make us look foolish?

How do you think that God's acts of discipline (not Judgement) might also be acts of grace?

Compare and contrast Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar.

How does King Belshazzar react differently to Nebuchadnezzar when his dream is interpreted?

Are there any foreshadowing of Christ in this passage?