

**Series:** Stranger in a Strange Land, a study in Daniel

**Sermon:** An Exiles Treasure

**Primary Texts:** Daniel 5; Job 31:6

**Discussion Guide:**

- What are some of your favorite possessions and why?
- What are some of your favorite hobbies and why?
- Read James 1:17 and 1 Timothy 6:17
  - Where do your hobbies and possessions come from?
  - Why did God give them to you?
- Read Daniel 5 -
  - What made the vessels valuable?
  - What did Belshazzar do that was so bad?
  - At what point does a possession or hobby become unhealthy?
    - What are some things that you frequently choose over God?
  - Re-read Daniel 5:22 - what mistake did Belshazzar make here?
    - Why is it important to learn from history?
    - Read Luke 16:29-30 - what does this passage say about the importance of history and scripture?
  - Re-read Daniel 5:26 -
    - What is the meaning of MENES?
    - What should you learn from this?
  - Re-read Daniel 5:27 -
    - What is the meaning of TEKEL? (keep in mind that “Found wanting” can also mean “too light to register on the scales”)
    - What should you learn from this?
  - Re-read Daniel 5:28 -
    - What is the meaning of PERES?
    - What should you learn from this?