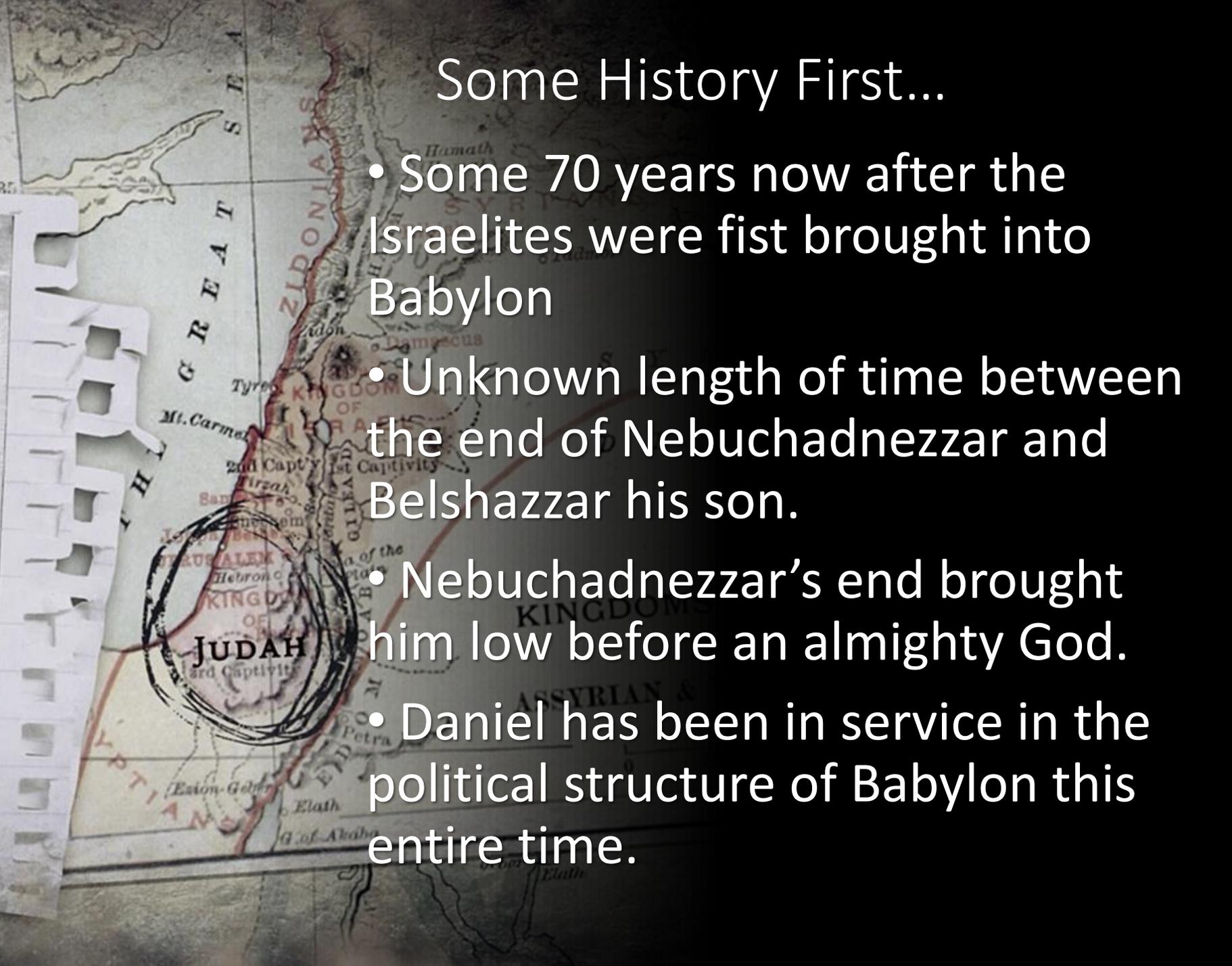


# Make Some Noise Part 9

*The Writing is on the Wall*

*Daniel 5*

## Some History First...



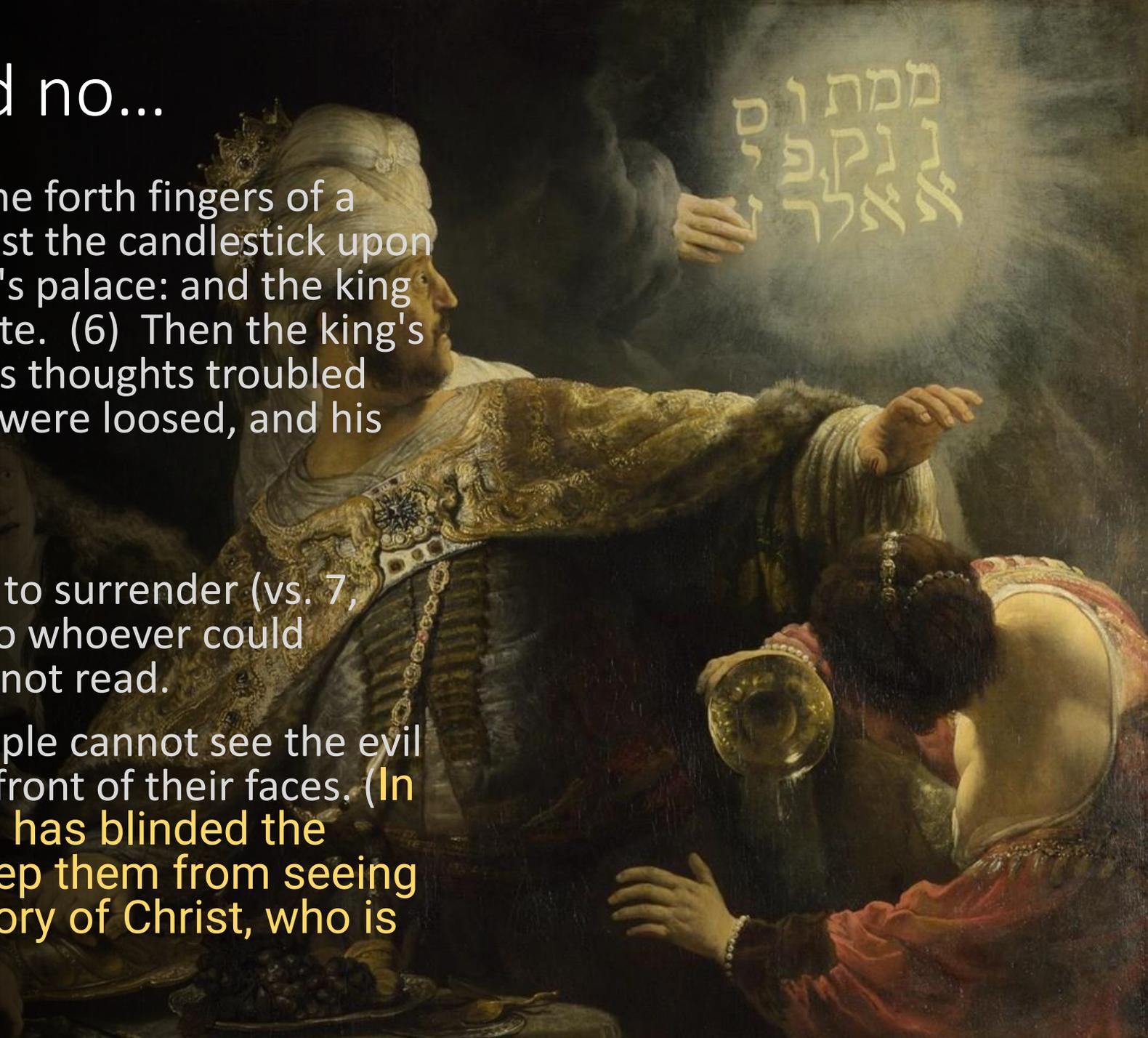
- Some 70 years now after the Israelites were first brought into Babylon
- Unknown length of time between the end of Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar his son.
- Nebuchadnezzar's end brought him low before an almighty God.
- Daniel has been in service in the political structure of Babylon this entire time.

## It's a wild party...

- Dan 5:1-4 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. (2) Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. (3) Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which *was* at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. (4) They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.
- Just an example of the wanting hubris of this king and his followers.
  - Making a point after all these years?
  - Really wanting to put on a show greater than his father?
- Vessels of Gold:
  - From a house that his father burned down and the city his father tore down the walls to.
  - Belonged to God don't forget.

# The moment God said no...

- Dan 5:5-6 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. (6) Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.
- To be fair this was terrifying.
- He was so scared he was willing to surrender (vs. 7, ...the third ruler in the kingdom) to whoever could interpret the words that he could not read.
- Sometimes we wonder why people cannot see the evil of this current age with it right in front of their faces. **(In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Cor. 4:4)**



No one could interpret it, then Belshazzar's wife remembers...



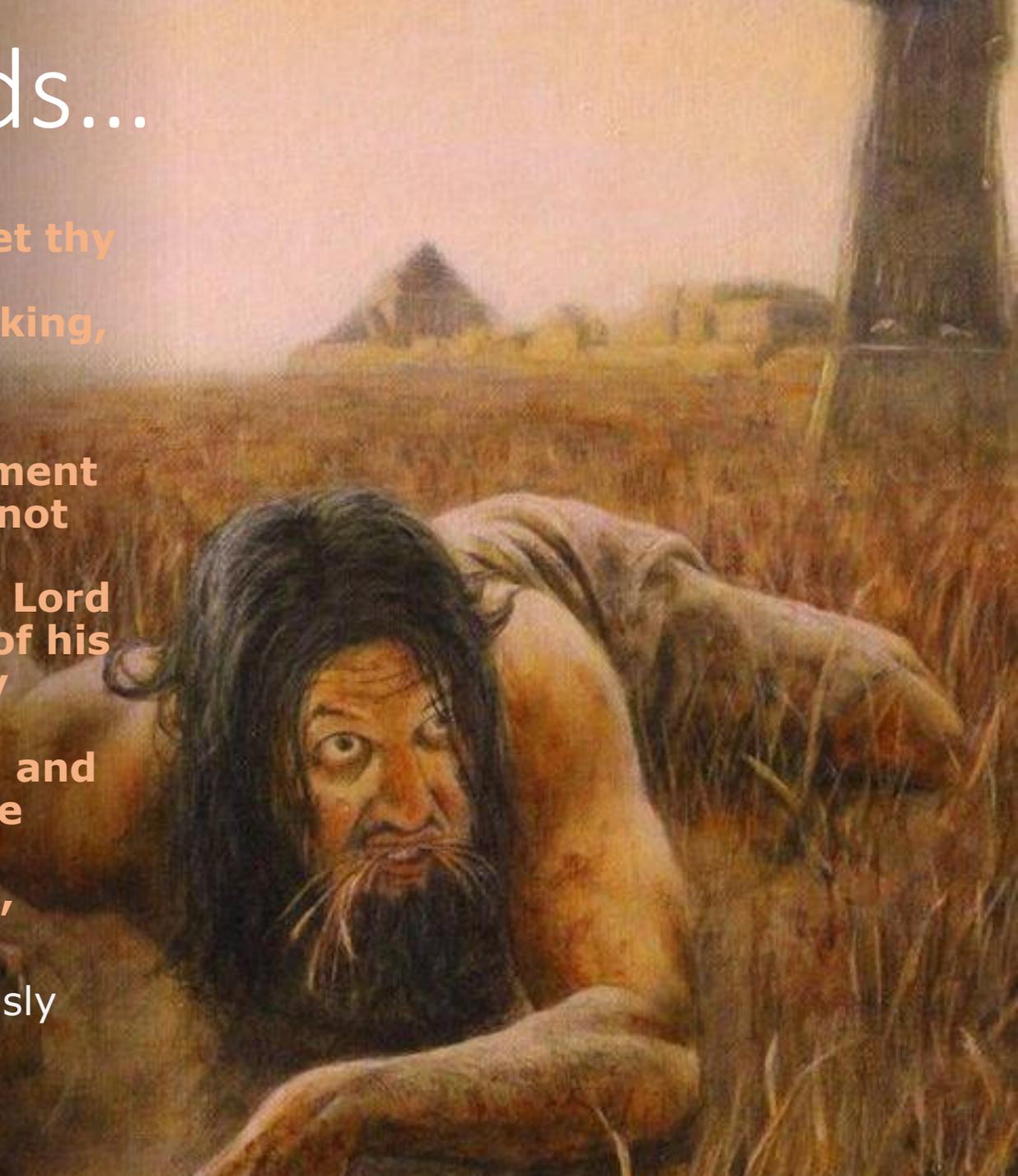
- Dan 5:8 Then came in all the king's wise *men*: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof.
- Dan 5:10-11 Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: *and* the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: (11) **There is a man** in thy kingdom, in whom *is* the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, *and* soothsayers... (12) ... let Daniel be called.

# He interprets the words...

- Right off the bat Daniel refuses the gift (Dan 5:17) **Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.**

Daniel gives a brief reminder of what happened to Belshazzar's father **(18-21) Then gives an indictment in (22) ...And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; (23) But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:**

- Trying to give Bel. Some context as Daniel obviously already knows what the words say.





# The Interpretation

Dan 5:25-28 And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. (26) This *is* the interpretation of the thing: **MENE**; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. (27) **TEKEL**; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. (28) **PERES**; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

Dan 5:30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. Dan 5:31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, *being* about threescore and two years old.



# Writing on the wall



1. The tyranny of immorality, culture of death, declining desire for religion and most importantly Christ.
  1. School Shootings
  2. Suicide rates
  3. Compromised churches
  4. War, famine, abortion, bullying, hatred
2. The god's of gold, silver etc.
  1. Debt prosperity, US 30 trillion in debt, inflation spiraling out of control.
  2. Exorbitant lifestyles
  3. No need for God

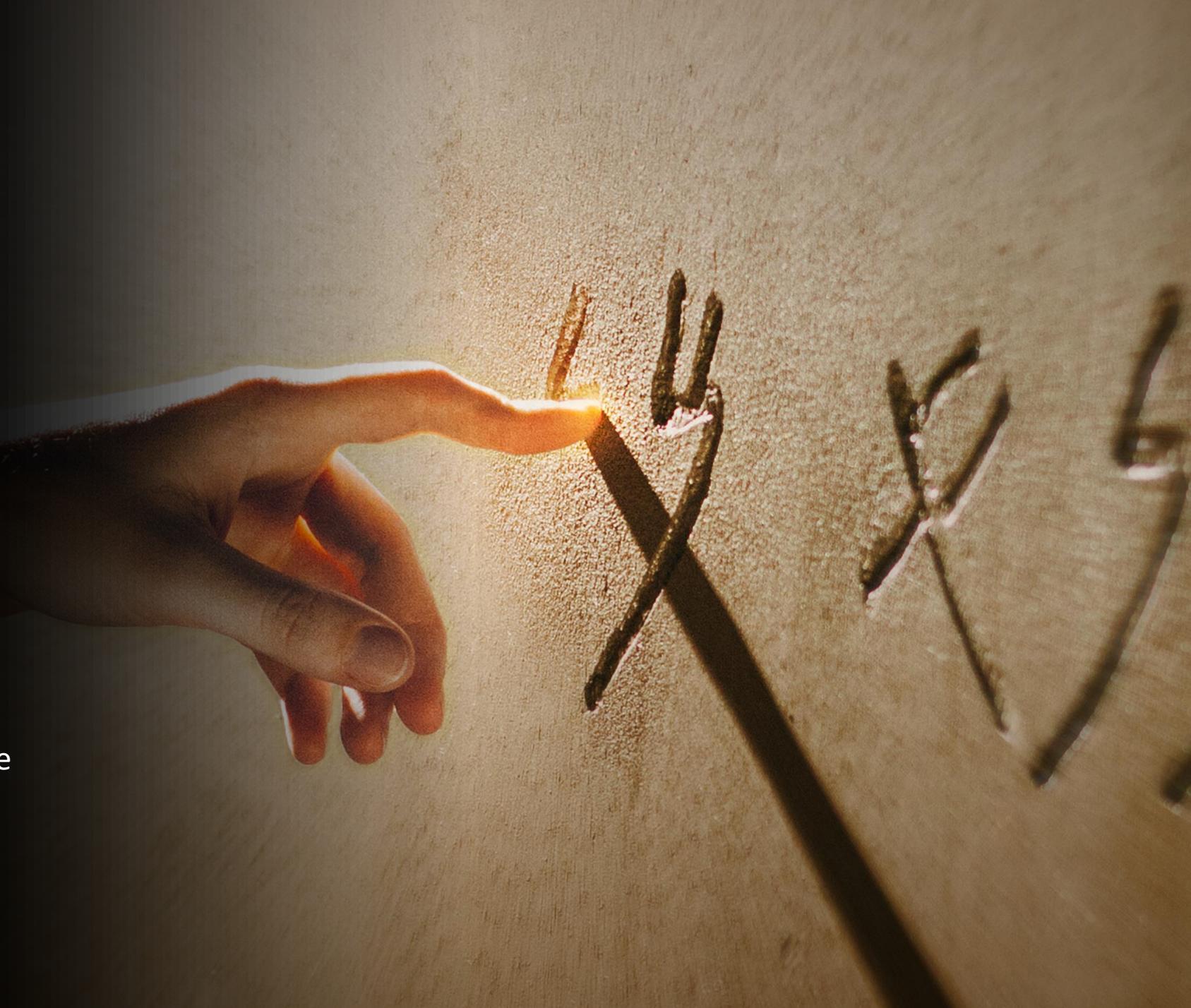
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## 3. The march of time

1. History is not on the side of empires or nations.
2. Empires fall, nations crumble, leaders pass from life to history (lay not treasures here on earth, where moth and rust corrupt... Matt:6:19-21)
3. All those that rise to power know it is fleeting because time has taught us this.

All of these things tell us that the time of man glorifying himself will always come to an end.

Daniel was there, serving God the best he could with diligence and patience because he knew before the hand ever appeared that the time would come when Babylon would be weighed, measured and found wanting.

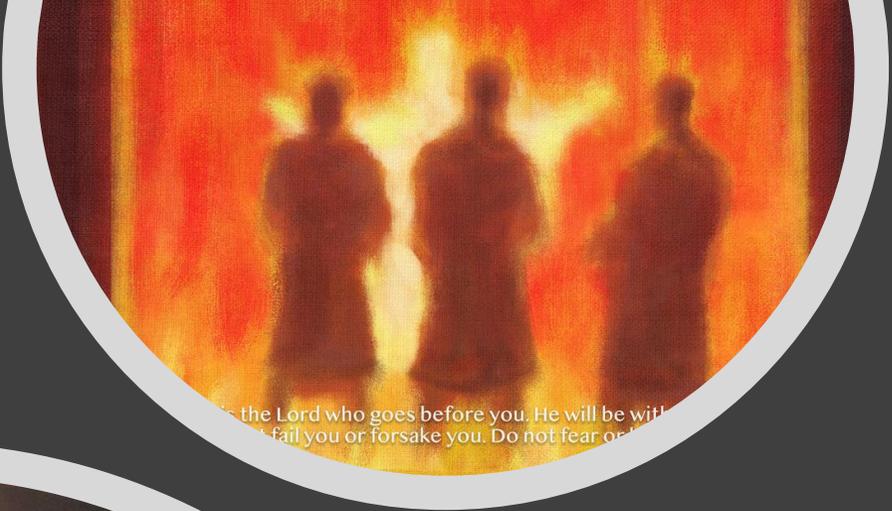




Php 2:10-11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; (11) And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.







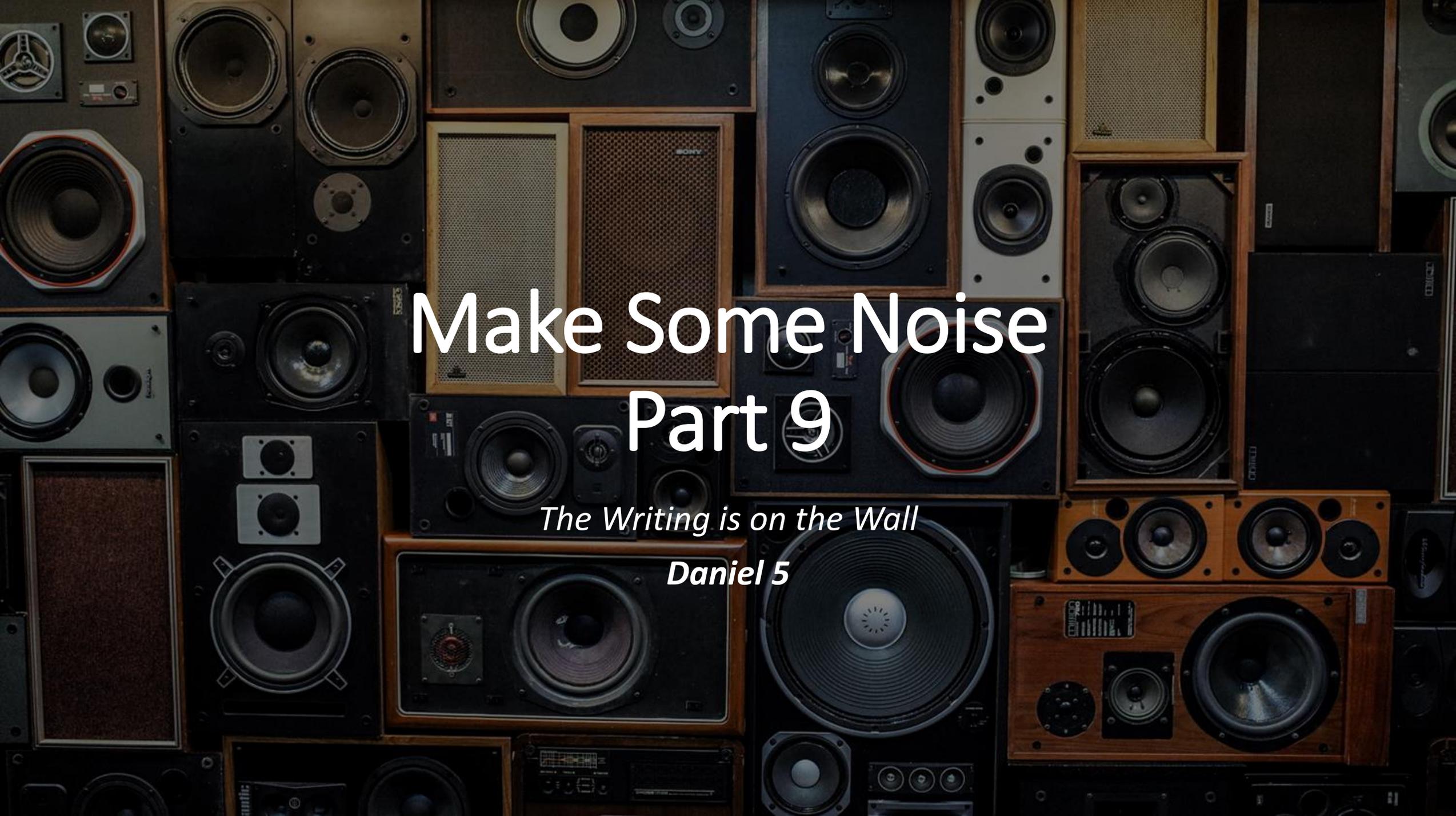
is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with  
not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or



# Called to a Spiritual Conflict







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