



LIONS

ROAR OF FAITH OR ROAR OF FEAR



DANIEL



DANIEL I

“CONVICTION AMID CONFORMITY”





DANIEL 2

“PRUDENCE AMID PANIC”





DANIEL 3

“TRUST AMID TESTING”





DANIEL 4

“REASON AMID RUIN”



K I N G B E L S H A Z Z A R ' S B A B Y L O N



36 yrs Later



DANIEL 5

“RECKLESS AMID RISK”





RECKLESS

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An attitude or behavior that does not think or care about the consequences or ramifications of their actions.

**In what
arena of life
am I most
tempted to
be reckless
amid risk?**





DANIEL 5

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LOOMING THREAT



¹ King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand.

² Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.

VESSELS OF GOLD

³ 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. ⁴ They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

VESSELS OF GOLD

⁵ 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.

WRITING ON THE WALL!



**⁶Then the king's color changed,
and his thoughts alarmed him;
his limbs gave way, and his knees
knocked together.**

⁷The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.”

ALARMED!

⁸ Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation. ⁹ Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his lords were perplexed.

GREATLY ALARMED!



WHAT DOES IT SAY!?!



¹⁰The queen, because of
the words of the king
and his lords, came into
the banqueting hall,



And the queen declared,
“O king, live forever!”
Let not your thoughts alarm you or
your color change. “There is a man
in your kingdom in whom is the
spirit of the holy gods.

THERE IS A MAN

In the days of your father, light
and understanding and wisdom
like the wisdom of the gods were
found in him, and King
Nebuchadnezzar, your father—
your father the king—made him
chief of the magicians, enchanters,
Chaldeans, and astrologers,

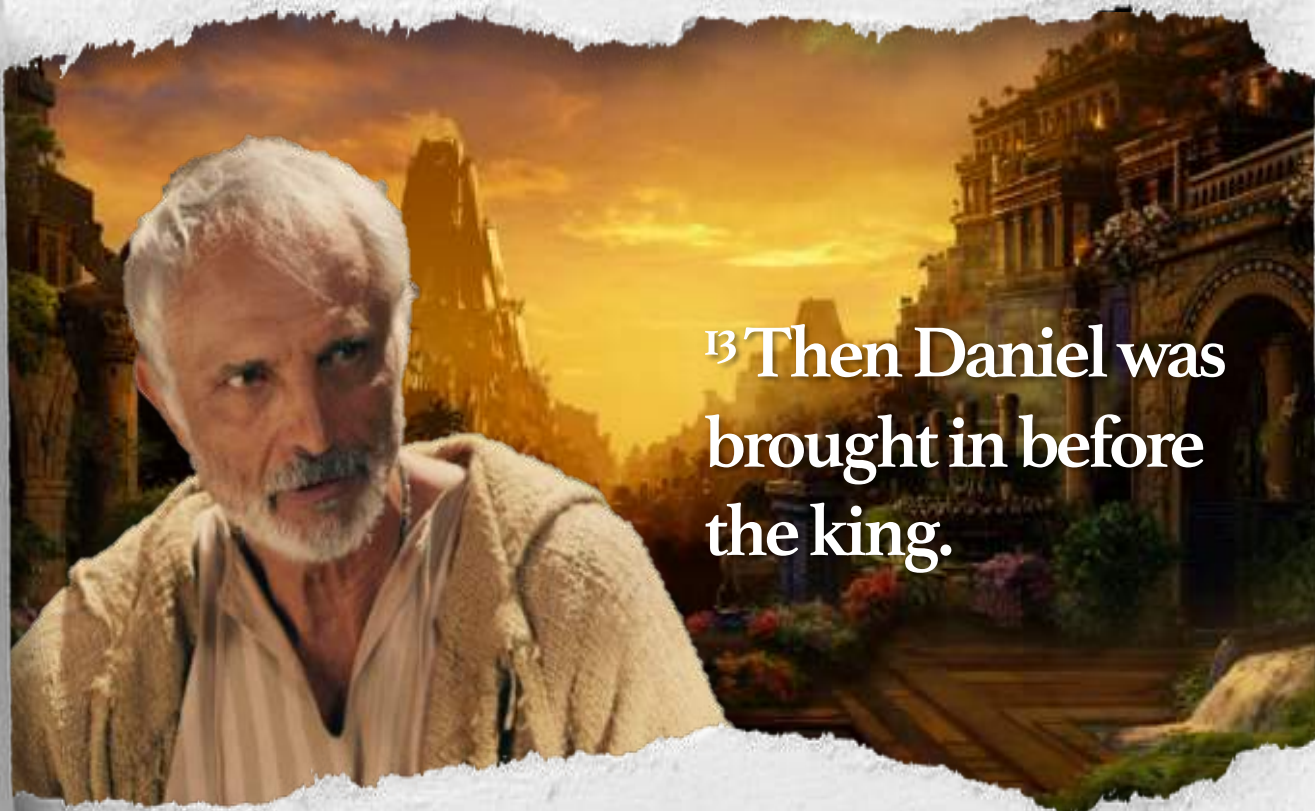
LEGEND OF DANIEL

¹² because an excellent spirit,
knowledge, and understanding to
interpret dreams, explain riddles,
and solve problems were found in this
Daniel, whom the king named
Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called,
and he will show the interpretation.”

LEGEND OF DANIEL



RUINS OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PALACE



¹³ Then Daniel was brought in before the king.



The king answered and said to Daniel,
“You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of
Judah, whom the king my father brought
from Judah. ¹⁴ I have heard of you
that the spirit of the gods is in you, and
that light and understanding and
excellent wisdom are found in you.

YOU ARE THAT DANIEL

¹⁵ Now the wise men, the enchanters,
have been brought in before me to read
this writing and make known to me its
interpretation, but they could not show
the interpretation of the matter.

¹⁶ But I have heard that you can give
interpretations and solve problems.

I HAVE HEARD

Now if you can read the writing
and make known to me its
interpretation, you shall be clothed
with purple and have a chain of
gold around your neck and shall be
the third ruler in the kingdom.”

IF YOU CAN



**¹⁷ 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 to him the interpretation.**



**¹⁸ O king, the Most High God gave
Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness
and glory and majesty. ¹⁹ And because of the
greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and
languages trembled and feared before him.**



Whom he would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive; whom he would, he raised up, and whom he would, he humbled. ²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him.



²¹ He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will.



**²² And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart,
though you knew all this,
²³ but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven.**



And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them.



And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.



MENE MENE TEKEL PARSIN

²⁴ “Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. ²⁵ And this is the writing that was inscribed:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN.



**²⁶ This is the interpretation of the matter:
MENE, God has numbered the days of your
kingdom and brought it to an end;**



**²⁷ TEKEL, you have been weighed in the
balances and found wanting;**



**²⁸ PERES, your kingdom is divided and
given to the Medes and Persians;**



²⁹ Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.



30 That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.



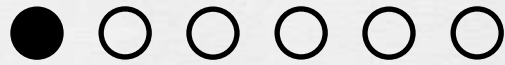
RECKLESS?

SIX CHARACTERISTICS



“The hand of our God is for good on all who seek him, and the power of his wrath is against all who forsake him.”

EZRA 8:23



The wise person fears and turns away from evil,
but a fool is **reckless** and overconfident.

PROVERBS 14:16



The plans of the diligent certainly lead to profit,
but anyone who is **reckless** certainly becomes poor.

PROVERBS 21:5



And not many days after that, the younger son gathered up all that he had and journeyed into a distant country, and there he wasted his fortune in **reckless** and loose living.

LUKE 15:13



For the Lord brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, for Ahaz had dealt with **reckless cruelty against Judah and had been faithless against the Lord.**

2 CHRONICLES 28:19



And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to **reckless** actions, but be filled by the Spirit:

EPHESIANS 5:18



**“The words of the reckless pierce like swords,
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”**

PROVERBS 12:18

**In what
arena of life
am I most
tempted to
be reckless
amid risk?**



RECKLESS AMID RISK?

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

1. **WHO** ARE YOU RECKLESS WITH?
2. **WHAT** ARE YOU RECKLESS WITH?
3. **WHERE** ARE YOU RECKLESS AT?
4. **WHEN** ARE YOU RECKLESS USUALLY?
5. **HOW** HAVE YOU BEEN RECKLESS RECENTLY?





RECKLESS

A hand is shown reaching out from a jagged, torn hole in a white surface. The hand is illuminated from the side, creating a strong contrast between the bright highlights on the fingers and the deep shadows in the creases and the background. The overall tone is warm and dramatic.

THE HAND OF OUR GOD

T E N F O L D P O R T R A I T

**“The hand of our God is for good
on all who seek him...”**

EZRA 8:23



LIFTS UP AMID DEFEAT

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the **mighty hand** of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.”

1 PETER 5:6



A hand is shown reaching out from a hole in a white surface, as if tearing through paper. The hand is illuminated from below, creating a warm, golden glow. The background behind the hand is dark and textured.

PROTECTS AMID TROUBLE

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and **your right hand** delivers me.

PSALM 138:7





GRIPS AMID INSTABILITY

“My Father, who has given them to me,
is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch
them out of the **Father's hand.**”

JOHN 10:29





REASSURES AMID INSECURITY

Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.
Behold, I have engraved you on the **palms of my hands**;
your walls are continually before me.

ISAIAH 49:16





HOLDS ON AMID FEAR

For I, the LORD your God, **hold your right hand;**
it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I am the one who helps you.”

ISAIAH 41:13





COMFORTS AMID DISMAY

**Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your
God; I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with **my righteous right hand.****

ISAIAH 41:10

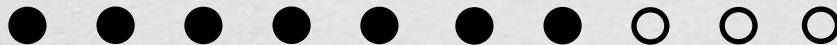




SAVES AMID RUIN

Behold, the **LORD's hand is not shortened**, that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

ISAIAH 59:1





STABILIZES AMID UPHEAVAL

I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at **my right hand**, I shall not be shaken.

PSALM 16:8



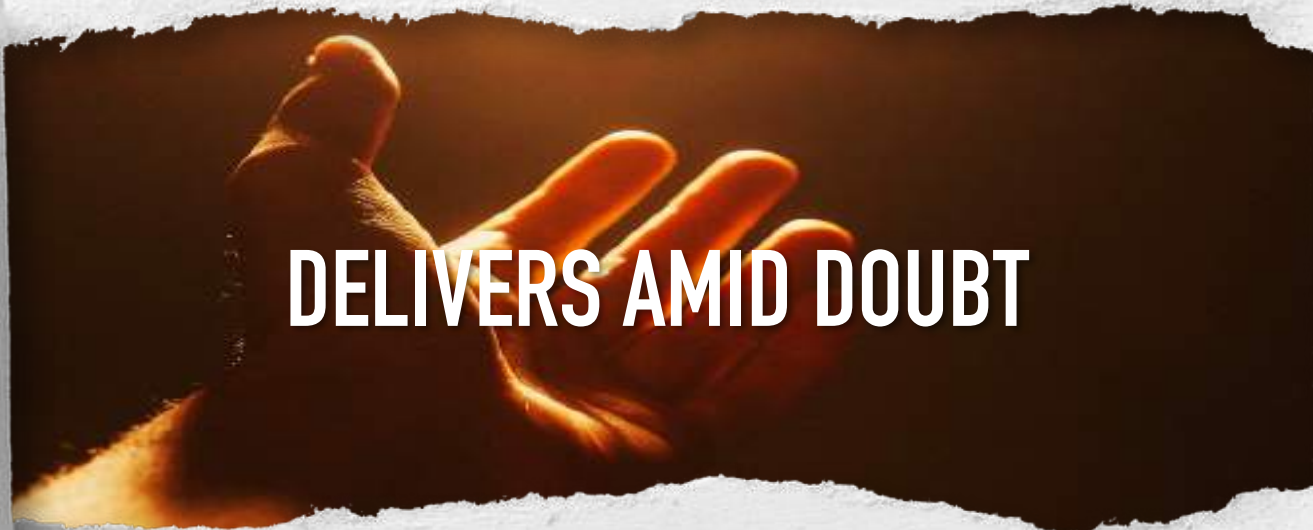
A close-up photograph of a human hand reaching out from a jagged, torn hole in a white sheet of paper. The hand is illuminated from the side, creating strong highlights on the fingers and palm, while the background behind it is dark and shadowed. The paper is held in place by two white cylindrical clips on either side.

LEADS AMID UNREST

Even there your **hand shall lead me,**
and your right hand shall hold me.

PSALM 139:10





DELIVERS AMID DOUBT

He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and **see My hands**; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing."

JOHN 20:27

