

DANIEL

FAITH UNDER FIRE

DANIEL 5:1-31

“The Handwriting On The Wall”



After Nebuchadnezzar...

3 Successive Kings in rather quick order

Last King Nabonidus, kingdom falls in 539 BC

Nabonidus

Installs Belshazzar, his son, as king,
while he is away 14 yrs of his 17 yr
reign.

Why Is This Important?

In verses 7 and 16 of Chapter 5, there is reference made to being 3rd in the Kingdom.

Outline of Daniel 5

1. A Wild Party
2. A Weird Picture
3. A Wise Prophet
4. A Weighty Pronouncement

Father

In Aramaic and in Hebrew, there was no word for "Grandfather"

So they would often say "father" meaning your ancestor, or it could be your father, it could be your grandfather, it could be your great grandfather

There is a time gap of around 23 years between chapters 4 and 5, about a quarter of a century.

Facts about Alcohol Alcohol Contributes...

- To 50% of All Suicides in America**
- To over 50% of violent crimes**
- 50% of all traffic accidents involve alcohol**
- 60% or more of all emergency room admissions are related to alcohol**

The Queen

Who is she?

Nabonidus took a woman, Nitocris, which is her name in history, took this woman as his wife which gave him the right to rule because he wasn't from the lineage of Nebuchadnezzar, and Belshazzar is her son.

"Preachers of the Word, you will be wanted some day by Belshazzar; you were not at the beginning of the feast, but you will be there before the banqueting hall is closed. The king will not ask you to drink wine, but he will ask you to tell him the secret of his pain and to heal the malady of his heart. Abide your time. You're a nobody now. But the preacher will have his opportunity. They will send for him when all other friends have failed."

-Joseph Parker

Psalm 90

"Teach us to number our days that we might gain a heart of wisdom." |

MENE

NUMBERED

**God has numbered your kingdom,
and finished it**

TEKEL

WEIGHED

**You have been weighed in the
balances, and found wanting**

UPHARSIN

DIVIDED

**Your kingdom has been divided, and
given to the Medes and Persians.**

Colossians 2:12-13

12 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 13 **having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us,** which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

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