



THE WRITING IS ON THE WALL

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The Writing On The Wall Is A Warning To Do Something Now Before It Is Too Late

Daniel Was Chosen - Appointed - Positioned As God's Messenger

- *Worship Of God Is The Central Priority In His Life*
- *He Is Able To See And To Understand Dreams & Visions*
- *To Decipher, Hear, & Communicate, Messages From God*

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Daniel 2: Daniel Tells The King What His Dream Was

Daniel 3: The 3 Hebrew Boys Refuse To Bow To Nebuchadnezzar's Idol

Daniel 4: The King Has The Dream That Daniel Interprets

- ***Daniel Hears From God To Discern The Meaning Of Dreams And Visions***

Daniel 5: God Judges King Belshazzar And His Nation

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Daniel 5:1-4 (NIV) (1) King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. (2) While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. (3) So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. (4) As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone

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Belshazzar Is Throwing A Party Aware That An Army From Neighboring Persia Is Coming Into The City -- Unconcerned

- **At This Point Belshazzar Is Filled With Pride --
It Won't Be Long Until He Is Gripped By Panic**
- ***Those Consumed With The Intoxicating Things Of This Life ,
Will Fail To See The Destruction That Is Taking Place In Their
Life -- The Enemy Ready For An Attack To Destroy***

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Belshazzar Had Not Learned The Lessons From His Grandfather

- *He Wanted The Consecrated Vessels Captured From The Temple In Jerusalem To Be Available For His Drunken Party*
- *The Sins Are: Blasphemy/ Idolatry /False Worship /Prideful Rebellion*
- *They Were Holy Vessels -- Set Apart Exclusively For Worship*
- *When God's Holy Ways Are Desecrated, It Is A Sin Against God*

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Daniel 5:4-6 (NIV) (4) As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. (5) Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. (6) His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way.

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- **The Fingers Of A Human Hand Began To Write On The Plaster Wall At This Rebellious Party Of Belshazzer**
- *It Was Not In A Language That He Or Any Of His People Could Understand Or Translate*

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V7-8 The King Was Shaken Enough To Call For Help In Understanding The Meaning Of What He Had Witnessed.

- **People Without Relationship To God Are Unable To Detect Or Determine His Ways.**
- **We Don't Turn To The World To Decode What God Is Speaking**

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Nebuchadnezzar's Queen Remembered Daniel

In The Hour Of Their Need -- God Had A Man To Provide A Faithful Rendering Of God's Message For That Hour

The King Was Desperate. Daniel Was His Last Hope.

How Often Do We Go to Last, Where We Should Be Going First?

- *Looking To World For Wisdom*
- *Looking For Answers On Our Own*
- *Going To A Godly Solution Last, Instead Of First*

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Daniel: “I Don’t Want Your Gifts OR Rewards.” *He Established An Economic Value System That Was Not Like The World’s System*

Daniel Was *Not A Man Pleaser* -- He Was *A God Pleaser*

He Starts With A Brief History Lesson That Belshazzar Should Have Known

V18: When Neb. Was On The Throne. He Was Powerful & Feared.

The Things That Dethroned Neb. were Arrogance & Pride

Neb’s Pride Took Him Down -- Now Bel’s Pride Has Taken Him Down

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Daniel 5:22-23 (NIV) (22) "But you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. (23) Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways.

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Daniel 5:24-28 (NIV)(24) Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription. (25) "This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN (26) "This is what these words mean: *Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. (27) *Tekel*: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. (28) *Peres*: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

You Have Not Humbled Yourself Even Though You Knew What Had Happened To Neb.

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*God Sent The Message That Would Grab Your Attention
And Get Ahold Of You*

<u>MENE</u>	<u>MENE</u>	<u>TEKEL</u>	<u>PARSIN</u>
<u>(COUNTED)</u>	<u>(NUMBERED)</u>	<u>(WEIGHED)</u>	<u>(DIVIDED)</u>

- *Your Days Have Been Numbered*
- *You Have Been Found Lacking*
- *Your Time Of Ruling Is Up*
- *Your Kingdom Will Be Broken Up And Given To The Medes And The Persians*

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(Dan 5:29-31 NIV) Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom. (30) That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, (31) and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

The Writing On The Wall Is Totally Accurate. That Night Belshazzar's Life Was Taken And The Medo-Persian Empire Is Victorious

Oh How The Mighty Have Fallen.

Why? Pride, Presumption, False Worship, Failure To Learn

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The Writing On The Wall = Time To Wake Up & Pay Attention

*So Many Consumed And Intoxicated By Passions Of This
World -- Yet Neglecting And Avoiding The Things Of God*

*The Finger of God is Writing On The Wall
It Is A Message About The Last Days*

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We Are Called To Be Like Ezekiel Watchmen On The Wall

(Ezekiel 3:17 NIV) “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. (SEE ALSO: Ezek 3:21; 33:6-7)

*It Is Time For The Watchmen To Rise Up And Tell All Who Will Hear, That The Handwriting Is On The Wall.
The Lord's Return Is At Hand: Are You Ready?*