

DANIEL

BUILDING FAITHFULLY IN BROKEN KINGDOMS



TODAY'S NOTES



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.

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.

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. 6 THEN THE KING'S COLOR CHANGED, AND HIS THOUGHTS ALARMED HIM; HIS LIMBS GAVE WAY, AND HIS KNEES KNOCKED TOGETHER. 7 THE 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."

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...YOU ARE THE HEAD OF GOLD.
ANOTHER KINGDOM INFERIOR
TO YOU SHALL ARISE AFTER
YOU...

DANIEL 2:38-39

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want to guess what happens next!

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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.

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10B ...THE QUEEN DECLARED, "O KING, LIVE FOREVER! LET NOT YOUR THOUGHTS ALARM YOU OR YOUR COLOR CHANGE. 11 THERE IS A MAN IN YOUR KINGDOM IN WHOM IS THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLY GODS. 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, 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."

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Why does the queen have to
remind King Belshazzar
about him?

16 ... I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU CAN GIVE INTERPRETATIONS AND SOLVE PROBLEMS. 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.”

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.

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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 HUMBLLED.

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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 DWELLI
NG 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.

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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.

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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 AND FOUND WANTING;
28 PERES, YOUR KINGDOM IS DIVIDED AND GIVEN TO THE AND THE KING SAW THE HAND AS IT WROTE.
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30 THAT VERY NIGHT BELSHAZZAR THE CHALDEAN KING WAS KILLED. 31 AND DARIUS THE MEDE RECEIVED THE KINGDOM, BEING ABOUT SIXTY-TWO YEARS OLD.

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Daniel 5:22

ROMANS 1:18-21

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JOHN 3:19-20

19 AND THIS IS THE JUDGMENT:
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RATHER THAN THE LIGHT
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9 AND THIS WAS THE NUMBER OF THEM: 30 BASINS OF GOLD, 1,000 BASINS OF SILVER, 29 CENSERS,

10 30 BOWLS OF GOLD, 410 BOWLS OF SILVER, AND 1,000 OTHER VESSELS;

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BELSHAZZAR:

“YOU KNEW ALL THIS...
AND STILL LIFTED YOURSELF UP.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

“CHRIST JESUS... HUMBLD HIMSELF BY
BECOMING OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF
DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.”

JOHN 10:17-18

“I LAY DOWN MY LIFE THAT I MAY TAKE IT
UP AGAIN. NO ONE TAKES IT FROM ME, BUT I
LAY IT DOWN OF MY OWN ACCORD.”

JESUS:

“YOU KNEW ALL THIS...
AND STILL LAID YOURSELF DOWN.”

Let's reflect...

What truth has God already made clear that you need to stop ignoring and start obeying?

Let's respond:

Sing together | Fill out a response card | Give an offering | Join prayer on the Porch