

BABYLON'S FALL (Daniel 5:1-31)

- I. Setting the Stage
- A. Identifying Belshazzar—a probable timeline
1. Nebuchadnezzar's humiliation and death 563-562 BC
 2. Son Evil-Merodach assassinated in 560 BC
 3. Son-in-law Neriglassar died of natural causes in 556 BC
 4. Grandson Laborosoarchad assassinated in 556 BC
 5. Nabonidas selected by assassins to rule till Babylon fell in 539 BC
 - a. May have married _____ of Nebuchadnezzar and _____ Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar's _____
 - b. May have married _____ of Nebuchadnezzar and _____ Belshazzar, Nebuchadnezzar's _____
 - c. Spent last _____ years of reign at Teima oasis in _____
- B. Describing the situation
1. Medes and Persians had _____ the empire
 2. Nabonidas _____ or _____ at Borsippa
 3. Belshazzar and lords felt _____ while Babylon _____
 - a. _____ to withstand any _____
 - b. _____ to survive _____ of siege
 - c. Supplied with _____ from Euphrates River within _____
- II. Belshazzar's Folly (Daniel 5:1-4)
- A. _____ false _____
- B. _____ false _____
1. _____ the God of Israel
 2. _____ the gods of _____
- III. Belshazzar's Fear (Daniel 5:5-9)
- A. Frightened by sight of _____ writing on the _____
- B. Called for wise men to _____ and _____ the inscription
- C. Promised _____ for successful interpretation

- D. _____ by the _____ of his wise men—proves the _____ of world rulers when confronted by _____
- IV. Belshazzar's Desperation (Daniel 5:10-16)
- A. Comforted by the _____—probably _____, not _____
- B. Encouraged to call on _____
1. Praised his _____ and _____
 2. Praised his _____ under Nebuchadnezzar
 3. Praised his _____ under Nebuchadnezzar
 4. Implied he was _____ or _____
- C. Summoned Daniel
1. Identified him as a _____
 2. Admitted having _____ of his stature
 3. Made him the same _____ for interpretation of inscription
- V. Daniel's Sermon (Daniel 5:17-23)
- A. Cared _____ for the _____
- B. Reminded Belshazzar of Nebuchadnezzar's _____
1. It was a _____ from _____
 2. It was much more _____ than Belshazzar's
- C. Reminded Belshazzar of Nebuchadnezzar's _____
- D. Pointed out Belshazzar's _____ arrogance despite history
- E. Charged Belshazzar with foolish _____
1. Profaned the _____
 2. Praised the _____
 3. Disdained the _____ and _____ of _____
- VI. Daniel's Interpretation (Daniel 5:24-28)
- A. *MENE, MENE*—God has reached the _____ of kingdom's _____
- B. *TEKEL*—God found Belshazzar to be _____ of _____
- C. *UPHARSIN/PERES*—Kingdom is _____ and given to Medo-Persia
- VII. Conclusion (Daniel 5:29-31)
- A. Daniel received _____
- B. Belshazzar _____
- C. Darius of the Medes _____
1. Illustrates God's _____ of the wicked _____
 2. Shows God's _____ of His _____