

In Daniel Chapter 5, we see the Hand of God move!

Belshazzar was Nebuchadnezzar's grandson (by Nebuchadnezzar's daughter).

Babylon was under attack by the Medes and Persians for some four months now.

Until 1853, the book of Daniel was dubbed a fake by Biblical critics. What events proved that Daniel is authentic?

Belshazzar has a great idea – to take the holy vessels and praise the man-made gods. By that, he shows much less concern for the Power of God.

The leadership was living in the flesh. You can see what was important in their lives.

Belshazzar sees the handwriting on the wall – a message of judgment.

He calls his wise men in, but they, like so many unsaved people today, could not read or understand God's Word.

Who tells Belshazzar about Daniel? _____

Daniel wasn't very popular because he stood for righteousness. He was probably removed from office sometime after Nebuchadnezzar's death. He didn't stand for what the leaders wanted.

❖ **You either stand for righteousness or for what the people want!** ❖

Why was it impossible to change Daniel?

He purposed in his heart – He wasn't going to be changed by the world.

After all else fails, Belshazzar calls on the man of God.

Compare the differences in how Daniel spoke to Nebuchadnezzar and to Belshazzar.

Daniel spoke God's Word as it was written. Daniel didn't want a reward; he only wanted to do what was right.

God holds people responsible to learn from their parents and to learn from others around them.

The interpretation of the writing:

MENE _____

TEKEL _____

PERES _____

God wanted to give Belshazzar the one thing that he lacked, but Belshazzar refused to take it because if he took it, God might want to work in his life and he wanted to work in his own life.

Daniel didn't try to get Belshazzar to repent as he did Nebuchadnezzar.

Isaiah 22:13 – the spirit of the world.

Belshazzar was slain that very night!

Are you praying sincerely that the hand of God will move in other people's lives?

Pray... And you'll see God start working.

Don't rest in the security you can see around you. There is security in only one thing – Jesus Christ.