

HERE'S YOUR SIGN!

Your Story, His Glory

Daniel 5:1-30

“The writing is on the wall”-

Imminent danger has become apparent

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.

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 legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

¹⁶ If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

¹⁷ Then Daniel answered the king, “You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else...”

Are you for sale?

...Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.”

²¹ “the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone He wishes.”

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” Romans 13:1
²² “But you, Belshazzar, his son-have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this.”

Do you know better?

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. ²⁴ Therefore He sent the hand that wrote the inscription.”

²⁵ “This is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN

²⁶ “Here 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.”

²⁹ 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.

1. OUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED.

2. WE WILL BE WEIGHED ON THE SCALES.

3. WE CAN'T TAKE IT WITH US.