



# 20/20 Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Preparing Your Children and Yourself for the Next Generation

## A Study of Daniel 1-6

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## Better Heed the Writing on the Wall

Daniel, Chapter 5

Message # 5

# M E S S A G E N O T E S

## Setting

- Time:
- Daniel – about \_\_\_\_\_ years old; probably \_\_\_\_\_
- Nebuchadnezzar - \_\_\_\_\_
- A New King - \_\_\_\_\_
- The Mede-Persians - \_\_\_\_\_
- The Attitude of Belshazzar: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Party (vv. 1-4)

1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand. 2 While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which *had been* in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. 3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which *had been* 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 and iron, wood and stone. Daniel 5:1-4 NKJV

### The Party-Stopper (vv. 5-9)

5 In the same hour the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other. 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise *men* of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and *have* a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." 8 Now all the king's wise *men* came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation. 9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished. (vv. 5-9)

### Mom's Advice (vv. 10-12)

10 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change. (v.10)

12 Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation." (v. 12)

### Daniel's Warning (vv. 13-28)

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke, and said to Daniel, "*Are* you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah?" (v.13)

22 "But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this. (v.22)

**25 "And this is the inscription that was written:**

**MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. (v.25)**

**26 This *is* the interpretation of *each* word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; 27 TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 28 PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." (vv. 26-28)**

**God's Follow-Through (vv. 29-31)**

**30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. 31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, *being* about sixty-two years old. (vv. 30,31)**

### **Life Applications from Daniel 5**

**1. NEVER** do we \_\_\_\_\_ without a series of \_\_\_\_\_ first.

A prerequisite for having a relationship with God: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. SOMETIMES** what we \_\_\_\_\_ is not what we \_\_\_\_\_

A prerequisite for having a relationship with God: \_\_\_\_\_

**18 The LORD *is* near to all who call upon Him,  
To all who call upon Him in truth. Psalm 145:18 NKJV**

**3. ALWAYS, the “fruit” of our lives is determined by the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
the \_\_\_\_\_**

**7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. Galatians 6:7,8 NKJV**

### **The Law of the Harvest (Gal. 6:7,8)**

1) We reap \_\_\_\_\_ we sow

2) We reap \_\_\_\_\_ than we sow

3) We reap in a \_\_\_\_\_ than we sow

A Prerequisite for having a relationship with God: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Integrity demands that we care enough to \_\_\_\_\_**

**6 Christ died for us at a time when we were helpless and sinful. 7 No one is really willing to die for an honest person, though someone might be willing to die for a truly good person. 8 But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful. Romans 5:6-8 CEV**