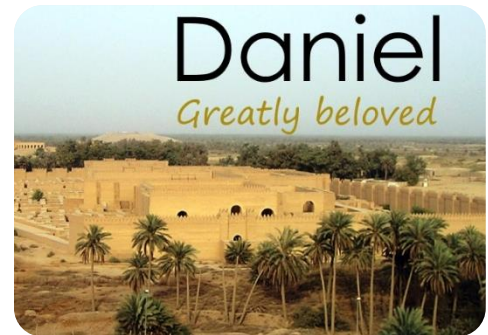


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In this chapter we have seen the riotous, adulterous, sacrilegious feast which Belshazzar made (1-4); the alarm given interrupting the party with handwriting on the wall (5-9); and calling Daniel to interpret the message written (10-31) – Matthew Henry.



17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king,

Keep your gifts to yourself / Daniel is the only person in the Old Testament called: greatly beloved of God... several times. Daniel knew what was going on. In the first year of Belshazzar's reign, Daniel saw in prophetic vision what would happen to this kingdom as it changes throughout the centuries even to our time. And now, he answers and says to the king...

Keep your gifts to yourself, or give your rewards to another / and the difference between Daniel and me... I would say, Keep your crap; or give it to someone else! But let's not interrupt Daniel... he says...

yet I will read the writing to the king,

and make known to him the interpretation.

18 O king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar your grand-father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor:

19 And for the majesty that God gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him:

whom he would he slew / he put to death; and whom he would he kept alive;

and whom he would he set up / he promoted; and whom he would he put down / he deposed.

20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind / his spirit... hardened in pride,

he was deposed from his kingly throne.

Archaeology reveals, in 1854 discovered on his own cuneiform inscription, Nebuchadnezzar's words: *For four years, my kingdom did not rejoice my heart.* And let me translate: For four years, Nebuchadnezzar went insane. But let's stop interrupting.

Daniel is speaking about Nebuchadnezzar

he was deposed from his kingly throne; and they removed his glory from him:

21 and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts,

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and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen,

and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew / he was driven insane, till he knew what?

till he knew

that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men,

and that He appointed over it whomever He will.

²² And you his grandson, O Belshazzar, you have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this;

²³ but have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven;

and they brought the vessels of His house before you,

and you, your lords, your wives, and your concubines / your girlfriends... have drunk wine in them;

and you have praised the gods of silver,

and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone,

which do not see, nor hear, nor know:

and the God in whose hand your breath is,

and whose are all your ways,

you have **not** glorified / so apparently, Daniel did know what was going on; and he continues.

²⁴ Then was the part of the hand / the finger of the hand... sent from Him.

/ and did you hear that? Daniel, this man greatly beloved by God... said to this jackass, this arrogant king who doesn't seem to be lacking in self-esteem.... That finger? God sent it. Daniel says, It's from Him! God gave it to you! Think about it. And I'd imagine if God gives you the finger... you better watch out, right?! Cuz... He's pointing at you. And that don't seem like He's saying, Be My Valentine.

Daniel continues...

and this writing was written / it was graven into the stone wall!



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²⁵ And this is the writing that was graven,

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, U-PHARSIN

Daniel is speaking with numbers... so let's do the math.

²⁶ This is the interpretation of the thing:

MENE; God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it

MENE means: *mina*, **1,000**.

²⁷ **TEKEL;** you are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting

TEKEL, Shekel... actually means, **20**.

²⁸ **PERES;** your kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians

PERES is half a *mina*. So do the math: **500**.

And the handwriting on the wall was:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, U-PHARSIN: **1000 ... 1000 ... 20 ... and 500**.

²⁹ Then commanded Belshazzar,

and they clothed Daniel with **scarlet**,

and put a chain of gold about his neck,

and made a proclamation concerning him,

that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom / the lion with eagle's wings kingdom,

³⁰ and in that night,

Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was slain / he was killed dead!

³¹ And Darius the Median took the kingdom,

being about sixty-two years old.

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Now the handwriting was MENE, MENE, TEKEL, U-PHARSIN: 1000 ... 1000 ... 20 ... and 500 which equals: 2,520. 2,520 what? 2,520 years of government gone wild, brutal, insane, inhuman, bestial rule as history relates to Jerusalem... starting with king Nebuchadnezzar.

And it's sort of interesting to note that in the late 1800s, as Jewish Zionism began to rise in England; a Christian mother taught her child to pray for the Jewish people, and for the safety of Jerusalem; which the child faithfully did every day. Many years later, in April 1917... the United States entered into **World War I**. By December 1917, **Ephraim's army of the great commonwealth of nations**;

the British military led by General Allenby... completed their 'Jerusalem Operation' when he respectfully walked into the City, this one who had prayed for years, taking it back. **Allenby enters Jerusalem - 1917**

Obviously, God's 2,520-year eviction notice of insanity and bestial rule had run its course.

And like a good disciple, a good student, a good learner -- do your math! From December 1917... subtract 2,520 years. And isn't it interesting? We are precisely taken back to the murky time and history of when Nebuchadnezzar began his deportation of the House of Judah into Babylonian captivity.

101 years later, **the brother of Ephraim**, **the great nation** – established its embassy in Jerusalem.

And it all makes you proud of God, doesn't it? He knows what is going on. And imagine, if He is faithful to that kind of promise here; well, what has He promised for all eternity that He will also be faithful to?

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