

**“The Handwriting Is On The Wall
And Some People Just Don’t See it”
Daniel 5**

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The writing is on the wall

**A situation is going to get worse
and worse, very difficult and
unpleasant**

Verse 1 - 4

**You know the writing is on
the wall when you trust in
false gods**

Belshazzar's last straw:

Drank wine from the Temple vessels and worshipped false gods!

NEVER FORGET:

God will not be mocked -

Galatians 6: 7-9

LESSON:

When the handwriting is on the wall, it is time to repent, *not party!*

Verse 5 - 9

From party to panic!

God rocks Belshazzar's world -
fingers write on a wall!

**The king's countenance changed
from great to ghastly!**

People focus on the love of God
and ignore the terror and wrath
of God - Isaiah 13: 6-8

Principle:

When your knees knock - ***KNEEL!!***

**Belshazzar represents all the
unsaved upon whom God's wrath
will fall!**

**The lost of this world are a
heartbeat away from terrible
judgment and don't even know it!**

Sadly, this is the majority -

Matthew 7: 13-14

Verse 10 - 12

911 - send for the man of God

The Queen remembers the forgotten Daniel -

When the writing is on the wall -
bad news comes:

- 1) **DO NOT** run in a panic like a lost hunter
- 2) **DO NOT** run to the world and seek man's wisdom
- 3) **DO** seek wisdom from the people of God

When the writing is on the wall - bad news comes: (cont.)

- 4) DO seek praying people
- 5) DO seek faith-filled people
- 6) DO seek abiding in Christ
people

DO SEND FOR THE MAN OF GOD!!

Verse 13 - 16
The King meets Daniel

Why did he not think of Daniel?

Daniel has been ignored and forgotten for 20 years

When the good times roll, people ignore God, forget God, and have an attitude of *“don’t bother me with that God stuff!!”*

What does it take for us to open our eyes?

CRISIS!

Verse 17 - 24

The forgotten Daniel responds

Daniel seized the opportunity to witness; after 20 to 30 years of no input, *Daniel is ready!*

1 Peter 3: 15 - *“Always be ready to give a defense (apologia) to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”*

Daniel gives Belshazzar a much-needed history lesson -

But you, Belshazzar, did not repent!

Lesson #1

- With knowledge, comes responsibility
- Do not spurn the light that God gives to you

Hebrews 10: 29

Lesson #2

- Human arrogance predisposes one to overestimate self and underestimate God
- God holds your breath in His hands

Job 33: 4

Verse 25 - 30

**The handwriting on the wall -
some people just don't see it**

Written in Aramaic -

Why the problem for the super knowledgeable of Babylon?

“Mene” means the same as
“Mina” in Hebrew

“Tekel” comes from the root word
“Shekel”

“Upharsin” means a half shekel

This is what they saw:

mina, mina, shekel, half-shekel

Daniel's interpretation:

numbered, numbered, weighed, divided

**That night Belshazzar was slain;
that night his soul was required of
him!**

CONCLUSION:

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- The handwriting is on the wall for us today - ***Bible Prophecy says so!***
- God holds His people responsible to know what is coming -
SO STUDY!

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- Fallen, human government' days are numbered and found wanting
- The people of the world must own this - 1 Samuel 12: 13-15

***“He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the
churches.”***

(Said to the 7 churches in Revelation)

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