

# Daniel

# Chapter 5

# Homework

**DAY ONE** As we continue our study into Chapter 5, look at the “Highlights of Babylonian History” and “History of Israel” charts. What years did Nebuchadnezzar rule? \_\_\_\_\_

Name the next two rulers of united Babylon and the dates they ruled:

\_\_\_\_\_ ruled from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ruled from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Then there was a division of the Babylonian Empire. What year did that occur? \_\_\_\_\_

One king had a very short reign. Give his name and the date: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

What two kings ruled over the divided Empire? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

When did Belshazzar rule? \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel has somehow survived the succession of rulers in Babylon.

What empire would conquer both divisions of Babylon? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ What two kings would rule then? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The twelve chapters in Daniel are not in chronological order!

Chapters 1—4          Nebuchadnezzar is ruling.          Exile, statue dream, fiery furnace

Chapter 5              End of Belshazzar’s reign.          Handwriting on the wall

Chapter 6              Darius the Mede is ruling.          Lion’s den

Chapter 7              First year of Belshazzar          Vision of four beasts

Chapter 8              Third year of Belshazzar’s reign.      Vision of ram and a goat

Chapter 9              First year of Darius’ reign          Daniel’s prayer for his people

Chapter 10             Third year of Cyrus, king of Persia      Daniel’s terrifying vision

Chapter 11—12        First year of Darius’s reign          Conflicts to come and the end.

List the chapters in chronological order: \_\_\_\_\_

Knowing the full content of the book of Daniel will help us keep in context the first six chapters.

## **DAY TWO Dan. 5:1—9**

Who is giving a party? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the party being held? v. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

This would be the last day of this king’s rule. What year is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is invited? v. 1—3 \_\_\_\_\_

Who is honored at this party? v. 4 \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of wine containers were used? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did they come from? \_\_\_\_\_

How did they get to Babylon? \_\_\_\_\_

What year did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_ How long before these events did that occur? \_\_\_\_\_

Why would this be offensive to Daniel? \_\_\_\_\_

Did it matter what the Jews thought? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think that this was intentional in any way? \_\_\_\_\_

From these verses, how would you describe the king’s lifestyle? \_\_\_\_\_

God often sent messages to kings through the prophets. But this time, God’s message came by way of \_\_\_\_\_

How did the king react? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did the king think could help him? \_\_\_\_\_

What would be the reward for a successful interpretation? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What hindered the interpretation? \_\_\_\_\_  
What has replaced the happy festivities of this party? \_\_\_\_\_

**DAY THREE Daniel 5:10—16**

Verse 10 introduces another person—the \_\_\_\_\_

She evidently was not among the “wives and concubines.”

Why did she come to the banquet? \_\_\_\_\_

Her first sentence was the regular salutation for kings: \_\_\_\_\_

What comfort did she offer? \_\_\_\_\_

How is this man described? \_\_\_\_\_

What was his work record under Nebuchadnezzar? \_\_\_\_\_

Why was this man superior to the king’s other advisers? \_\_\_\_\_

What is his name? \_\_\_\_\_ whom Nebuchadnezzar had named \_\_\_\_\_

What solution would therefore be obvious? \_\_\_\_\_

What evidence is given that Belshazzar does not know Belteshazzar? \_\_\_\_\_

These names are so very similar. If you have reference materials, what is the meaning of each?

Belshazzar \_\_\_\_\_ Belteshazzar \_\_\_\_\_

But, what had the king heard about Daniel? v. 16 \_\_\_\_\_

What would be Daniel’s reward for a correct interpretation? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this more incentive that the king’s advisors were given in v. 7? \_\_\_\_\_

**DAY FOUR Daniel 5:17—24**

When Daniel speaks, he makes two points concerning the interpretation: v. 17

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel then tells Belshazzar what he had told Nebuchadnezzar in Dan. 2:37. To what does the king (whoever he is) owe his position? \_\_\_\_\_

How is Nebuchadnezzar’s power described? v. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

and v. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

But a warning about the consequences of pride? \_\_\_\_\_

Solomon had written about this.

Prov. 16:18 \_\_\_\_\_

Prov. 11:2 \_\_\_\_\_

How did God deal with Nebuchadnezzar’s pride? v. 21 \_\_\_\_\_

Had Belshazzar learned anything from his father’s experience? \_\_\_\_\_

What is listed here as essential for kings to know? 1. \_\_\_\_\_

and 2. \_\_\_\_\_

How is Belshazzar’s attitude described? \_\_\_\_\_

As a result, what had he done? \_\_\_\_\_

What had he not done? \_\_\_\_\_

God has always left man with no excuse. Read Rom. 1:18—21 and give two reasons why man has no excuse? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

and two results of their rejection of Him? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Who sent the message on the wall? \_\_\_\_\_

**DAY FIVE Daniel 5:25—31**

This part of Scripture is still in Aramaic which, like Hebrew, is often written without vowels, leaving some leeway of interpretation. It could have meaning with money divided or counted, but understanding the message was still vague. Without vowels (and with English letters) it would be MN MN TEK PHRSN. From v. 26—28 write out the interpretation:

MENE \_\_\_\_\_

Note that this word appears twice—for emphasis.

TEKEL \_\_\_\_\_

PERES \_\_\_\_\_

This is not good news for the king! Sometimes the messenger of bad news is killed!

Yet, how does the king respond to Daniel? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened that same night? \_\_\_\_\_.

Who will be the next ruler? \_\_\_\_\_ (and his age \_\_\_\_\_).

There are some very important lessons in this event—lessons well learned by those in power today.

**Some questions for thought:**

1. In what kinds of situations do you usually hear people say, “I saw the handwriting on the wall.”
2. Do you think that prosperity (having plenty to eat and drink) has an effect on our commitment to serve God? How and why?
3. The king was irreverent toward God. What are some present day examples of this attitude?
4. God can cause sudden changes in the course of events, as with the appearance of the hand. Do you know of any examples of this kind of action in your life or in the lives of others?

How did they/you respond?

What would be a proper response?

5. Do spiritual values pass down from generation to generation? In what ways?

Do these values carry any guarantees?