



# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

## CHAPTER 5: SILENT JUDGMENT

### I. Outline of the chapter

#### A. *The royal feast*

1. The royal revelry vrs 1-4
2. The silent hand vrs 5
3. A quaking king vrs 6
4. The call for understanding vrs 7
5. The helpless advisors vrs 8-9
6. The queen's advice vrs 10-12

#### B. *God's man arrives*

1. Daniel brought in vrs 13-16
  - a) I have heard of you
  - b) Interpret the writing and I will give you gifts
2. Daniel answers the king vrs 17
  - a) Keep your gifts
  - b) Reward someone else
  - c) Yet, I will interpret the writing
3. Lessons from the past vrs 18-21
  - a) God gave Nebuchadnezzar a kingdom with great majesty
  - b) God humbled Nebuchadnezzar when his heart was lifted up with pride
4. Belshazzar's obligation vrs 22-23
  - a) You should have learned from Nebuchadnezzar's example
  - b) You have not glorified the God who holds your life in His hand



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5. The writing interpreted vrs 24-28
  - a) Mene, Mene: numbered
  - b) Tekel: weight, balances
  - c) Peres: division, Persian
6. Daniel honored vrs 29

## ***C. Swift execution of judgment***

1. Belshazzar is slain and Darius the Mede receives the kingdom vrs 30-31

## **II. Points to remember**

- A. God holds men accountable at the individual, group, city, region and national levels.***
- B. Three times now (chapters 2, 4 & 5) we have seen that the best wisdom of the day was not sufficient for the needs of the moment. Academic education is a great tool for this life's journey, but knowledge of God's Word and the proper application of it has eternal rewards.***
- C. God expects us to learn lessons from the past, verse 22. The principles in the lessons of Nadab and Abihu, Uzzah and a host of other Old Testament narratives that some object to being used are just as poignant and relevant today as the day they occurred, Romans 15: 4***
- D. Judgment is certain, Hebrews 9: 27; II Corinthians 5: 10***