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## *The Handwriting on the Wall*

Daniel 5

### I. The Revelry is Delighted In (vv. 1-4)

- A. The king's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1a)
- B. The king's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1b)
- C. The king's \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2-4)

### II. The Writing on the Wall (vv. 5-12)

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ response (vv. 5-7)
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ men's response (vv. 8-9)
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ mother's response (vv. 10-12)

### III. The Request (vv. 13-16)

- A. Daniel is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 13-14)
- B. Daniel is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15)
- C. Daniel is \_\_\_\_\_ a reward (v. 16)

### IV. The Reply (vv. 17-28)

- A. The humility of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17)
- B. The humiliation of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18-21)
- C. The haughty pride of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 22-24)
- D. The holy judgment of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 25-28)

### V. The Revelation is Fulfilled (vv. 29-31)

- A. Daniel's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 29)
- B. Belshazzar's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 30)
- C. Darius' \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 31)

### TAKE HOME

- **Learn** from the lesson of Belshazzar, that God is the ultimate sovereign and not you
- **Look** for the handwriting on the wall in your life through studying God's Holy Word
- **Live** for Christ today for you never know when your life on earth is over

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read Daniel 5:1. Why is the king able to have a great feast in the midst of Babylon being under siege? Do you ever become indifferent to the spiritual dangers around you? How does 1 Pet. 5:8-9 and Eph. 6:18 help us stay focused?

2. In times of difficulty, are you ever tempted to indulge in the things of this world? What are you tempted with? How does 1 Cor. 6:12 help us keep our freedoms in check?

3. Read Daniel 5:2-4. How is the king being irreverent? Have you ever taken advantage of “holy things” and practiced irreverence in your life? Explain what happened.

4. Read Daniel 5:5-12. What were the varied responses to the handwriting on the wall? What do you think your response would have been? Why?

5. Read Daniel 5:13-16. What was the request that was made? Do you think Belshazzar really believes what he is saying to Daniel? Why or why not?

6. Read Daniel 5:17-29. How do we see Daniel’s humility? What was the difference between Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar? Is there anything that has been measured and is coming up short in your life? What is it? What are you going to do about it?

7. Read Daniel 5:29-31. How does this story end? Read Isaiah 45:1-7. How does this passage give us a biblical perspective of what happened that night? What truths can you learn and apply in your own life?

8. Read the take home challenges. Which one do you need to heed the most? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from Daniel 5?

*“The scenario wasn’t a new one for Daniel: a revelation from God, a fearful and frustrated ruler, incompetent counselors, and God’s servant to the rescue.”*

- Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*