

Quiet Time

September 15-21, 2024

Daniel 5:22-23

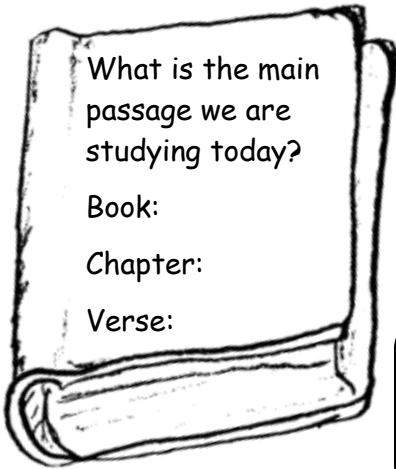
²² And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, ²³ but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. ...And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.

GOD Judges
Belshazzar
for His Pride



Sermon notes

As you attend church service with your family, use these next two pages to help you listen and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God, praying, and listening to God's Word being read and taught.



Title of Sermon:

What is the Big Idea of the passage?



Which song from today's service is your favorite and why?



Words you heard but don't know...

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something that you heard in the sermon today.

Fill in the blanks below during the service, and then talk to your parents about them on the way home.

I heard _____
but was confused or had a hard time believing it.

Hearing and believing this about God is... _____

_____ ...changes the way I...

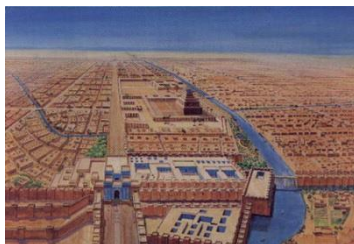
GOD Judges Belshazzar for His Pride - Monday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: *Daniel 5:1-4*

In the start of *Daniel 5*, we have a new king. Belshazzar was very prideful, just like Nebuchadnezzar had been. He thought that nobody could get through the city's massive walls, and that they could not be starved out because of a river that flowed through the city.



Review: What happened to King Nebuchadnezzar because of his pride (4:33)?

How many people were at Belshazzar's feast (v 1)? _____

Belshazzar ordered special cups to be brought to use for the wine.

What was special about these cups (v 2)? _____

When they drank the wine, who did they praise (v 4)? _____

Application:

Belshazzar was very prideful. He thought nobody could beat him. He also dared to "show God" that he was not scared of HIM, either. A thousand people were there, too. Most of those people knew what happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. They chose to drink from the cups and worship false gods, as well.

It is easy to follow somebody else into sin. Have you ever done something you weren't supposed to do because everybody else was doing it? _____ What was it? _____

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD Judges Belshazzar for His Pride – Tuesday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 5:5-9

Draw a picture of what happened in the middle of the feast (v 5)?

How did Belshazzar feel now (v 6)?



We know this because of verse 6. Fill in the blanks:

The king's color _____.

His thoughts _____ him.

His limbs _____.

His knees _____.

Belshazzar needed to know what the writing meant. He brought all of his wise men to ask them. He offered a reward! Did any of them know what the message said (v 8)? YES No Some of it

Belshazzar didn't feel so secure in his kingdom now. There was someone more powerful who was able to suddenly appear in the room and write a message he could not understand. How does verse 9 describe Belshazzar? _____

Application:

God gave a message to Belshazzar, but he didn't know what it meant. He needed somebody to tell him. God has given you a message as well. Where is God's message to you (2 Timothy 3:14-17)? _____

Who tells you what His Word means (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD Judges Belshazzar for His Pride - Wednesday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 5:10-12

The queen came in with a suggestion. She remembered a man that interpreted dreams for King Nebuchadnezzar. Who did she tell Belshazzar to call to interpret the message on the wall (v 12)?

- a. Magicians b. Enchanters c. Astrologers d. Daniel

What three things did the queen say was found in Daniel (v 11)?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Because Daniel possessed these things, what did the queen say lived in Daniel (v 11)? _____

According to *John 8:12*, who is the Light of the world? _____

Who gives wisdom and understanding to all men (*James 1:5; Daniel 2:20-23*)? _____

Why did she tell Belshazzar to call him (vv 11-12)?

- a. The “*spirit of the holy gods*” was in him.
- b. He was gifted with great knowledge.
- c. He was gifted in solving problems
- d. All of the above.

Was the queen right about Daniel that the Spirit of God was working in Daniel (*Daniel 2:27-30*)? _____

Was the queen confident that Daniel could give the interpretation of the message on the wall (v 12)? _____

Application:

In *Galatians 5:22-23*, Paul wrote a list of “*fruit*” that will be true of you if the Spirit of God is living in you. What will people see in you? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD Judges Belshazzar for His Pride - Thursday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 5:13-17

Daniel came into the room. (He was probably 80 years old now.)

How does Belshazzar describe Daniel (v 13)? “one of the _____ of _____ brought from _____”

Here is Daniel, taken from his country, his family, and his place of worshiping God. The city of Jerusalem and the temple of his God have been destroyed, and he has been put in a place of power in this pagan kingdom. Yet, throughout everything you’ve read about Daniel, he has not shown any anger, or a rebellious attitude toward the rulers. Even now, as Belshazzar reminds Daniel of his captivity, Daniel comes as a servant.

What did Belshazzar say he would do for Daniel if Daniel would interpret the writing (v 16)? “clothed with _____ and have a _____ of _____ and be made the _____ in the _____”

Under Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel had been placed over all the wise men. Now, Belshazzar is promising to give Daniel even greater power and influence. This was a great opportunity for an exile. What did Daniel think about the gifts (v 17)? _____

Was Daniel going to read the message to Belshazzar (v 17)? _____

Application:

This story reminds me of Joseph who was sold into slavery, falsely accused and imprisoned, and yet was used by God to deliver a message to a foreign ruler. Even though they were mistreated by others, they served others with humility. *Romans 12:14-21* tells us to do the same:

Romans 12:20–21 (ESV) —²⁰ If your _____ is hungry, _____ him; if he is thirsty, give him something to _____...²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with _____.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

God Judges Belshazzar for His Pride – Friday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 5:17-23

Who did Daniel say gave Nebuchadnezzar his great power (v 18)? _____

How did all people, nations and languages respond to Nebuchadnezzar (v 19)? _____

Why did God take Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom away (v 20)? _____

When was Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom restored (v 21)? _____

Did Belshazzar know this story (v 22)? _____

Did Belshazzar think that God would do the same thing to him (v 22)? _____

Instead, Belshazzar was using the vessels from God's temple to get drunk. Who were the people at Belshazzar's feast worshipping during the party (v 23)? _____

Just as their gods could not see, hear, or know, Belshazzar and his guests could not see, hear, or know God. Daniel told Belshazzar that God held Belshazzar's breath in His hand (v 23). What do you think this means? _____

Application:

Whether or not you think about this, God holds your breath in His hand, too. He has already determined how many days you'll live on this earth, when you'll die and how you'll die, and there is nothing you can do to know when that day is, stop that day from coming, or extend your life beyond that day. You're not God and so you don't deserve to be treated as God. Humble yourself before God today. *Matthew 6:9-10 (ESV)* —⁹ *Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, _____ be _____, on earth as it is in heaven" ...including in your life.*

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD Judges Belshazzar for His Pride - Saturday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 5:24-31

Match the word that was written on the wall with the word and the sentence describing what it means (vv 26-28):

MENE	divided	Your kingdom will be given to other nations.
TEKEL	numbered	You don't meet up to God's standard.
PERES/PARSIN	weighed	God is bringing your kingdom to its end.

Did Belshazzar take the message from God seriously... did he listen to what Daniel said (v 29)? _____ How do you know (v 29)? _____

Did God's word come true (v 30)? _____ How soon did it happen (v 30)? _____

While Belshazzar and 1,000 of his highest officials were partying, the Medes diverted the water from the city and entered through the aqueduct...the only hole in the huge walls that was designed to bring fresh water into the city.

Application:

God is more powerful than kings and kingdoms! Belshazzar thought he was more powerful than anyone, including God. He could have learned from King Nebuchadnezzar's example. He didn't, but you can. Learn from God's Word! *Proverbs 16:18* ^(ESV) —Pride goes before _____ *James 4:6* ^(ESV) —God opposes the _____, but gives grace to the humble. Do you always want your way? _____ Do you get angry when things don't go as you want? _____ Or, do you trust God like Daniel and show that God's Spirit lives inside of you? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Prayer Journal

Honor God with your praises and respect

Examine your life for sin and confess it to God

Ask God to supply for your personal needs

Request God's help for the needs of others

Thank God for blessing you every day

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Gray Road Baptist Church, Children's Ministries

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THE PRAISE FACTORY

Come join us on Wednesday nights in the gym!

7:00-8:30 p.m.



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September 25

NO Praise Factory

UNIT #7: The Law-giving God

Unit #7: What are God's laws like?

Unit #7 Answer: God's laws are perfect.

Unit #7 Verse: Psalm 19:7

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Big Idea #30: God's laws are written in the Bible.

Big Idea #30 Verse: Deuteronomy 5:1

Big Idea #31: God created us as perfect law keepers, but we are all lawbreakers.

Big Idea #31 Verse: Psalm 14:2-3

Big Idea #32: God gave us His laws to convict us of our sin that we might be saved.

Big Idea #32 Verse: Isaiah 55:6-7

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon Him while He is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.