



Text Me (Daniel)

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The Handwriting is on the Wall

1. King Nebuchadnezzar's _____ - See Daniel 4

- _____
- _____ by God

2. King Belshazzar _____

- _____ God
- _____ from God
- History _____ - Neb and Bel

¹Many years later King Belshazzar gave a great feast for 1,000 of his nobles, and he drank wine with them. ²While Belshazzar was drinking the wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver cups that his predecessor, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken from the Temple in Jerusalem. He wanted to drink from them with his nobles, his wives, and his concubines. ³So they brought these gold cups taken from the Temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. ⁴While they drank from them they praised their idols made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. ⁵Suddenly, they saw the fingers of a human hand writing on the plaster wall of the king's palace, near the lampstand. The king himself saw the hand as it wrote, ⁶and his face turned pale with fright. His knees knocked together in fear and his legs gave way beneath him. **Daniel 5:1-6 NLT**

¹⁰ But when the queen mother heard what was happening, she hurried to the banquet hall. She said to Belshazzar, "Long live the king! Don't be so pale and frightened." ¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom who has within him the spirit of the holy gods. During Nebuchadnezzar's reign, this man was found to have insight, understanding, and wisdom like that of the gods. Your predecessor, the king—your predecessor King Nebuchadnezzar—made him chief over all the magicians, enchanter, astrologers, and fortune-tellers of Babylon. ¹² This man Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, has exceptional ability and is filled with divine knowledge and understanding. He can interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means." **Daniel 5:10-12**

²⁵ "This is the message that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. ²⁶ This is what these words mean: Mene means 'numbered'—God has numbered the days of your reign and has brought it to an end. ²⁷ Tekel means 'weighed'—you have been weighed on the balances and have not measured up. ²⁸ Parsin means 'divided'—your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

Daniel 5:25-28 NLT

What message would God send to you?

What message will you send to God to honor him?

Next Steps:

- ☐ I will "text" God my messages of love and praise everyday this week / month / year
- ☐ I confess that I don't always give God honor and credit for what he has done in my life
- ☐ I commit to be more humble and less proud
- ☐ Read Daniel 4 & 5 this week
- ☐ _____