



*"Daniel - From the Felts
to the Zoo", pt 5*

*"The Writing on the Wall -
What's Read, What's Not Read"*

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Dan. 4:37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar,
praise, exalt and honor the King of
heaven, for all His works are true
and His ways just, and He is able to
humble those who walk in pride."



Dan. 5:1 ¶ King Belshazzar made a great festival for a thousand of his lords, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

Dan. 5:2 ¶ Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar commanded that they bring in the vessels of gold and silver that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them.



Dan. 5:3 So they brought in the vessels of gold and silver that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.

Dan. 5:4 They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.



Dan. 5:5 ¶ Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing.



Dan. 5:6 Then the king's face grew pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and his hip joints went slack and his knees began knocking together.



Dan. 5:9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, his face grew even paler, and his nobles were perplexed.



Dan. 5:10 ¶ The queen entered the banquet hall because of the words of the king and his nobles; the queen spoke and said, “O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you or your face be pale.



Dan. 5:11 “There is a man in your kingdom in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, appointed him chief of the magicians, conjurers, Chaldeans and diviners.



Dan. 5:12 “This was because an extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned and he will declare the interpretation.”



Dan. 5:13 ¶ Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, “Are you that Daniel who is one of the exiles from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah?”



Dan. 5:14 "Now I have heard about you that a spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination, insight and extraordinary wisdom have been found in you."



Dan. 5:15 “Just now the wise men and the conjurers were brought in before me that they might read this inscription and make its interpretation known to me, but they could not declare the interpretation of the message.



Dan. 5:16 “But I personally have heard about you, that you are able to give interpretations and solve difficult problems. Now if you are able to read the inscription and make its interpretation known to me, you will be clothed with purple and wear a necklace of gold around your neck, and you will have authority as the ‘third ruler in the kingdom.’”



Dan. 5:17 ¶ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, “Keep your gifts for yourself or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription to the king and make the interpretation known to him.



Dan. 5:22 "Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this,



Dan. 5:23 but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or understand. But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and all your ways, you have not glorified.



Dan. 5:25 ¶ “Now this is the
inscription that was written out:

‘MENE,

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TEKEL,

UPHARSIN’



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inscription that was written out:

NMBRDNMBRDWGDNDDDVDD



Dan. 5:26 “This is the interpretation of the message: ‘MENE’ — God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it.

Dan. 5:27 “‘TEKEL’ — you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient.

Dan. 5:28 “‘PERES’ — your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians.”



Dan. 5:25 ¶ “Now this is the inscription that was written out:

MENE - mina: 600g

TEKEL - shekel: 10g

UPHARSIN : half mina



'MENE' — numbered is the end of stock

"TEKEL' — weighed with a lack or degeneration

"PERES' — divided, idea of dissolution



Four kings since Nebuchadnezzar.

Amel-Marduk (562-560)

Neriglasser (560-556)

Labashi-Marduk (556)

Nabonidus (556-539)



Dan. 5:29 ¶ Then Belshazzar gave orders, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he now had authority as the ¹third ruler in the kingdom.

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Dan. 5:24 ¶ "So from his presence the hand was sent and this writing was inscribed.