



- 4 ACROSS "Belshazzar the king made a great \_\_\_\_\_ for a thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand." DANIEL 5:1
- 6 ACROSS "While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver \_\_\_\_\_ which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem." DANIEL 5:2
- 7 DOWN "They drank wine, and praised the \_\_\_\_\_ of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone." DANIEL 5:4
- 2 DOWN "In the same hour the \_\_\_\_\_ of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace." DANIEL 5:5
- 8 ACROSS "Then the king's countenance changed, and his thoughts \_\_\_\_\_ him." DANIEL 5:6
- 9 DOWN "Then \_\_\_\_\_ was brought in before the king." DANIEL 5:13
- 1 DOWN The king said to Daniel, "If you can read the \_\_\_\_\_ and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple." DANIEL 5:16
- 3 ACROSS Daniel said to the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the \_\_\_\_\_." DANIEL 5:17
- 5 ACROSS "The Most High God \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses." DANIEL 5:21
- 3 DOWN "This is the \_\_\_\_\_ that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN." DANIEL 5:25



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# The Writing On the Wall

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Isn't God wonderful!

Just think, even the most mighty king is nothing compared to God. King Nebuchadnezzar finally learned that. He finally learned that God has power over all things, and that whatever power King Nebuchadnezzar had, it wasn't his own doing. God gave it to him.

Too bad his son didn't learn anything from his dad.

King Nebuchadnezzar died, and his son Belshazzar became king. He thought he was pretty hot stuff. Well, he was. He had just inherited the richest, the mightiest, the most glorious kingdom in the whole world. And he was in charge. He could do whatever he pleased. He could have whatever he wanted.

And so King Belshazzar decided to have a great feast to celebrate just how wonderful he was. He invited a thousand of all the most important people in Babylon.

It must have been a wild party. King Belshazzar began drinking wine. He drank too much wine, and he lost all his sense.

He brought out the sacred pitchers and cups of gold and silver that his father had taken from God's temple in Jerusalem. He and his guests drank wine from them with no thought at all that these were God's holy vessels.

The king and his guests were laughing too loudly, singing too badly, and falling all over themselves. They bowed to statues of gold and silver, bronze and iron and wood, and thanked them for making them so great and wonderful.

Right then, in the middle of King Belshazzar's wild party, a human

hand appeared out of nowhere. It wasn't attached to a body. And it began to write on the wall of the royal banquet hall.

The whole hall went quiet.

The only sound was the sound of a finger scratching giant letters into the plaster wall.

King Belshazzar was terrified.

His face turned white. And he began to shake all over, so that even his knees were knocking together.

He cried out, "BRING ME MY MAGICIANS, SORCERERS,  
AND WISEMEN!"

The party was over.

All the guests went home, and King Belshazzar was left alone in his banquet hall, with the writing on the wall.

The magicians, sorcerers, and wisemen came before the king, and the king said, "Tell me what this writing means! Whoever can tell me what it means, I will put a gold chain around his neck, a purple robe on his back, and I will make him the third most powerful man in all of Babylon."

Well, of course the magicians, sorcerers, and wisemen didn't know what the writing on the wall meant. Only God knew.

Now, the queen heard all of this, and she came to the king and said, "O King! May you live forever! Don't be afraid. Remember back in the days of Nebuchadnezzar your father. There was a man who had great wisdom and understanding, the power to answer riddles and to solve puzzles - and he could tell the meaning of dreams. His name is Daniel."

"Bring me this Daniel!" commanded the king.

And so, once again, Daniel came before the king of Babylon.

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