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Journey
Through
The Book
of Daniel

Week 12

After Nebuchadnezzar
died, his son,
Amel-Marduk, took over
the rule of Babylon. After
only 2 years of reign he
was murdered by
Nebuchadnezzar's brother-
in-law Neriglassar.

Neriglissar died four years later and was succeeded by his son, Labashi-Marduk, who was just a young boy at the time and only lasted nine months until he was beaten to death by conspirators attempting to overthrow the government.

After this coup the conspirators appointed Nabonidus as king, although he was not related to Nebuchadnezzar so he didn't have a right to the royal line.

Nabonidus was apparently
very intimidated by not
being a member of
Nebuchadnezzar's family,
so he married a widow of
Nebuchadnezzar therefore
marrying into the royal
family.

This widow of
Nebuchadnezzar had a
son by Nebuchadnezzar
named Belshazzar who
was a remaining child of
royalty who had not laid
claim to the throne and
because of that had not
been assassinated.

Nabonidus knew he could be assassinated at any time so he wisely moved the capital and his palace down to a town called Tayma in the middle of Arabia.

Nabonidus wanted to enjoy
the power and pleasure of
being king without the risk
of being assassinated
so he appointed
Nebuchadnezzar's son
Belshazzar, who is now his
step-son, as co-king or
co-regent.

Please note this is
Belshazzar and not
Belteshazzar which is
the name given to Daniel
by Nebuchadnezzar.

So at the opening of Daniel chapter 5 we have co-kings. Belshazzar occupies the throne in Babylon and Nabonidus has this throne down in Tayma, living a life of luxury without setting foot in Babylon.

Also, at the opening of this chapter the breast and the arms of silver from Nebuchadnezzar's dream in chapter 2 , which are the Medes and Persians, are preparing to topple the head of gold!

Daniel 5: 1(NASB)

Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

The first scene in the chapter opens with what history describes as an orgy. It is filled with desecration, blasphemy, sexual perversion and evil acts.

All great civilizations seem to follow the following pattern of destruction:

- It is blessed
- It becomes prideful
- It becomes self-indulgent and materialistic
- It begins to descend into degeneration, sexual perversion, debauchery, and evil
- It blasphemes and mocks God as it descends, and then it is destroyed

Daniel 5: 2(NASB)

*When Belshazzar tasted
the wine, he gave orders
to bring the gold and silver
vessels which
Nebuchadnezzar his
father had taken out of the
temple which was in
Jerusalem,*

Daniel 5: 2(NASB)

so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.

Question

How did they get the
gold and silver vessels
from the Temple of God?

Daniel 1: 1 (NASB)

In the third year of the
reign of Jehoiakim
king of Judah,
Nebuchadnezzar king
of Babylon came to
Jerusalem and
besieged it.

Daniel 1: 2 (NASB)

The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.

Question

What is Belshazzar doing
with the gold and silver
vessels from the Temple
of God?

Why are they doing this?

Galatians 6: 7

*Do not be deceived, God
is not mocked; for
whatever a man sows,
this he will also reap.*

Question

Do you see our society
today mocking God?

Leviticus 18: 22

'You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.





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Daniel 5: 3(NASB)

Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them.

Daniel 5: 4(NASB)

*They drank the wine and
praised the gods of gold
and silver, of bronze, iron,
wood and stone.*

They used the very
utensils that were set
apart and used for
worshipping the true Holy
God to worship all their
false gods, all the way
down to the rocks, in an
unholy, perverted,
drunken orgy!

Question

Why has God not
destroyed our nation
when we are doing the
same thing?

2 Chronicles 36: 15

he LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place;

2 Chronicles 36: 16

*but they continually
mocked the messengers of
God, despised His words
and scoffed at His
prophets, until the wrath
of the Lord arose against
His people, until there was
no remedy.*

Daniel 5: 5(NASB)

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.

Lamp stands were usually placed for the brightest lighting at the point where the king sat because the spotlight was on him, he was the center of attention.

It is very likely, since the king sat with the lamp stand beside him, that those fingers appeared and began writing across the plaster wall right over his head!

The archeologist Koldewey, who excavated Babylon, found a large room in the remains of a palace from the time of Belshazzar. This room was 55 feet wide and 169 feet long with plaster walls.

In one of the walls they found an alcove in the wall where they believe the king sat elevated within the wall so he would be the center of attention.

Daniel 5: 6(NASB)

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

Question

What is happening now?

Daniel 5: 7(NASB)

The king called aloud to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, “Any man who can read this inscription in the kingdom.”

Daniel 5: 7(NASB)

and explain its interpretation to me shall be clothed with purple and have a necklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as third ruler in the kingdom.”

Question

Does this reaction sound familiar?

Why is he saying he will make the one who can interpret the writing the third ruler?

Daniel 5: 8(NASB)

Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the inscription or make known its interpretation to the king.

Question

Does this sound familiar?

Remember, Daniel is in his mid 80s and most likely has retired and is living away from any interaction with the Babylonian government.

Daniel 5: 9(NASB)

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

Question

What is happening now?

Daniel 5: 10(NASB)

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.

Notice now instead of
Daniel entering on the
scene the queen enters
the scene.

Daniel 5: 11(NASB)

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.

Daniel 5: 11(NASB)

*And King
Nebuchadnezzar, your
father, your father the
king, appointed him chief
of the magicians,
conjurers, Chaldeans and
diviners.*

Question

What point does she
keep making about
Nebuchadnezzar to
Belshazzar?

Note: This is most likely the wife of king Nabonidus who is also the widow of Nebuchadnezzar and the mother of Belshazzar.

Question

How does she refer to
the one True God?

Does this sound
familiar?

Daniel 5: 12(NASB)

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,

Daniel 5: 12(NASB)

whom the king named Belteshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned and he will declare the interpretation.”

Daniel 5: 13(NASB)

*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?*

Question

Why does the king not know who Daniel is?

What does this tell us about Daniel?

Daniel 5: 14(NASB)

“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.

Daniel 5: 15(NASB)

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.

Daniel 5: 16(NASB)

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,

Daniel 5: 16(NASB)

*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.”*

Question

Daniel is promised great wealth and a position as the third ruler of the kingdom if he can reveal what the writing on the wall means, do you think he will take it?

Daniel 5: 17(NASB)

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.

Question

We see from his response that Daniel is the same at 85 as he was at 15. What can we learn about Daniel from this response?

Daniel 5: 18(NASB)

*O king, the Most High God
granted sovereignty,
grandeur, glory and
majesty to Nebuchadnezzar
your father.*

Daniel 5: 19(NASB)

*Because of the grandeur
which He bestowed on him,
all the peoples, nations and
men of every language
feared and trembled before
him;*

Daniel 5: 19(NASB)

*whomever he wished he
killed and whomever he
wished he spared alive; and
whomever he wished he
elevated and whomever he
wished he humbled.*

Daniel 5: 20(NASB)

But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became so proud that he behaved arrogantly, he was deposed from his royal throne and his glory was taken away from him.

Daniel 5: 21(NASB)

*He was also driven away
from mankind, and his
heart was made like that of
beasts, and his dwelling
place was with the wild
donkeys.*

*He was given grass to eat
like cattle, and his body
was drenched with the dew
of heaven until he
recognized that the Most
High God is ruler over the
realm of mankind and that
He sets over it whomever
He wishes.*

Daniel 5: 22(NASB)

*Yet you, his son,
Belshazzar, have not
humbled your heart, even
though you knew all this,*

Question

What should
Belshazzar have
known?