

/We will now begin the sixth lecture on the Book of Daniel. / Today's passage is chapter 5 of Daniel. / The title of chapter 5 is "The Writing on the Wall."

/First, the end of Babylon and their sins. / Verses 1-4 / Second, the fingers of a human hand appears and writes on the wall. / Verses 5-6. / Third, neither the wise men of Babylon nor the people can read or understand the writing. / Verses 7-9.

/Fourth, Daniel is called to interpret the writing on the wall. /Verses 10-16. / Fifth, Daniel tells them the reason for the writing. / Verses 17-24.

/Sixth, Daniel reads the writing on the wall and interprets it. / Verses 25-28. / Seventh, Daniel is rewarded, and Babylon perishes. / Verses 29-31.

/Read verse 1. / King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them.

Here we have King Belshazzar. / "King Belshazzar" was the last king of Babylon. /Who is this King Belshazzar? / King Nebuchadnezzar died in 562 B.C.

/His son, Evil-Merodach became king. / Evil-Merodach is mentioned in 2 Kings 25:27. / He is also spoken of in Jeremiah 52:31-34. /52:31-34./ Evil-Merodach died as a result of a palace rebellion.

/Then, his brother-in-law, Nergal-Sharezer became king. / His brother-in-law, Nergal-Sharezer became king. / He died in 556 B.C. / Jeremiah 39:3.

/The son of Nergal-Sharezer, Labashi-Marduk became king next. / Labashi-Marduk. /Labashi-Marduk. / This man was kicked off the throne after nine months. / Then, Nabonidus became king.

/Nabonidus became king. / King Nabonidus lived in a place called Tema. / His son, Belshazzar ruled over the city of Babylon.

/King Belshazzar was the son of Nabonidus. / Nabonidus and Belshazzar ruled over Babylon together.

/Verse 2. / While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.

/King Belshazzar hosted a great banquet with a thousand of his nobles. / Here it says, "Nebuchadnezzar his father."/ King Belshazzar's father was not Nebuchadnezzar. / However, he was called his father since he was one of the former kings.

/Here, the king held a banquet with a thousand of his nobles. / They drank from the gold and silver goblets that were taken from the temple in Jerusalem.

/Verses 3-4. / So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

/There at the banquet, they drank from the goblets taken from the temple. / They praised the idols made from gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. / Their drinking of wine was a kind of ceremony to serve the god of wine.

/They served the god of wine. / This is the reason why Babylon perished./ This was the sin that resulted in Babylon's destruction. / This was the sin that made King Belshazzar perish. /Then what were the sins of the nation of Babylon?

/First, it was the sin of debauchery./ 2 Timothy 3:4 / Luke 17:26-30 / Luke 17:26-30/ At any time, those who love pleasure more than God will perish. / Debauchery will lead to destruction. / Romans 13:13 / Ephesians 5:18 / Proverbs 20:1.

/Second, it was the sin of contaminating the articles of the temple. / Because God is holy, the articles of the temple are holy. / The articles are holy. / 2 Timothy 2:21 / Isaiah 3:8

/However, they drank wine with the articles from the temple. / They contaminated the things belonging to the holy God. / We are the temple of God./ 1 Corinthians 3:16-17/ Therefore, we must not contaminate our bodies.

/Our bodies must be used in holy ways before God./ There are things that belong to God. / They are called believers. / The Lord's Day is called a Holy Day. / Also, tithes belong to God.

/Church sanctuaries and all offices from God are holy. / We must use these in holy ways.

/There was a third sin that resulted in Babylon's destruction. /It was the sin of praising the gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. / Materials can become idols. / Money becomes an idol.

/The world becomes an idol, /man becomes an idol, /greed becomes an idol, /the self becomes an idol. /Romans 1:25 /Philippians 3:18-19. /Fourth, it was the sin of being proud. / Proverbs 16:19.

/God hates stubbornness. /He hates pride. /Proverbs 16:18. /Pride goes before destruction. /King Belshazzar knew that King Nebuchadnezzar was destroyed for his pride.

/He knew that the former king's destruction was a result of pride. / However, he too became arrogant. / We must learn from the faith of our ancestors of faith.

/Also, we must avoid the ways of those who were perished for their sins. / Next, the fifth sin was the sin of rejecting God. / The sin was the sin of disobedience to the word of God.

/To disobey God is to hasten the judgment of God. / Sixth, it was the sin of failing to give glory to God. / Malachi 2:2 / We must not do anything that does not give glory to God. /1 Corinthians 6:12.

/We must not do anything that does not agree with God's word. /We must not do anything that covers the glory of God. /Philippians 20:1.

/Verse 5. / Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote.

/Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared. / There was a wall near the lampstand in the royal palace. / It was a white plastered the wall.

/Suddenly, fingers appeared and wrote on the wall. / Only the fingers appeared and wrote on the wall.

/Verse 6. / His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way.

/The king's face turned pale. / He was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way./ This was clearly a bad sign.

/Furthermore, the king and his officials could not read or understand the writing. / However, they knew in their conscience that this was a very bad sign.

/They knew in their conscience that they had done wrong before God. / They knew that it was wrong of them to serve idols.

/Verse 7. / The king called out for the enchanters, astrologers and diviners to be brought and said to these wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

/No one could read the writing. / They called the wise men. /They could not read the writing. /The king said that whoever read the writing and interpreted it would be clothed in purple. /He would be given a gold chain.

/In addition, he would be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom. / The appearance of the fingers was a warning of God's judgment on the king. /The fingers were a forewarning of God's judgment.

/There are signs of judgment in any age. / Ezekiel 7:10-19

/Today, we can see that the Lord's judgment is near when we see how the wicked use their powers. /Isaiah 12:3-4.

/This appearance of the fingers was a special revelation from God. /Therefore, one would only know the writing by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. /Here, the clothes of "purple" were for the noble.

/Third, the person would be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom./ This was the highest position of the people. / At the time, King Belshazzar and his father Nabonidus ruled the country. / Nabonidus.

/The next highest position of the people was the position of the third highest ruler. / Still, the people could not read the writing.

/Verse 10. / The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. "O king, live forever!" she said. "Don't be alarmed! Don't look so pale!

/At the moment, the queen came into the banquet hall. / Who was this queen? / She was thought to be the wife of King Nabonidus. / She was the mother of King Belshazzar. / Also, she was known to be the daughter of King Nebuchadnezzar. /In history, her name was Nitocris. /Nitocris.

/Nitocris was the wife of Nabonidus, / the mother of King Belshazzar, / and the daughter of King Nebuchadnezzar. / The queen introduced Daniel to him.

/The queen introduced Daniel, because no one else could interpret the writing but Daniel could. / It seems that Daniel was not with them at the time. / Daniel was not in the room where such debauched acts took place.

/Daniel lived in the spiritual world with faith. / Daniel truly was the light of the times./ When the people was not aware of the truth, Daniel taught the people the truth.

/Then, what was this writing? / The writing is revealed in verse 25. / However, this writing was so unique that even Daniel could not read it without a special revelation.

/The wise men of Babylon could not read the writing. / The writing was like a secret code that no one would read.

/It was written in special letters. / Even Daniel was not able to read it before God revealed it to him.

/Verse 13. / So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah?"

/Daniel was brought before the king. / Daniel was believed to have the spirit of the holy gods.

/Verse 16. / Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

/King Belshazzar asked Daniel, "Can you read this writing and interpret it for me?" / Those who walk with God can interpret difficult dreams. /They can know the special revelation. /They can know God's will.

/Those who are always awake can know the truth. / Acts 7:55, 56 / When Babylon perished, Daniel was about eighty years old. / Here, if Daniel could interpret the writing, he would become the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

/Verse 17. / Then Daniel answered the king, "You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.

/Daniel did not interpret the writing for the "rewards."/ Daniel did not want a reward. / Daniel immediately knew that where the fingers came from, and he told the king about it.

/Verse 18. / "O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor.

/Our God is described as "the Most High God." / The fingers were from God. / Daniel told the king the reason why the fingers appeared.

/It was because of the rebellion against God who is the Lord of heaven. / It was because they served an idol that had no life. / It was because they did not give glory to God.

/God was the one who gave the kingdom to King Nebuchadnezzar. / 1 Samuel 2:6 / God gave King Nebuchadnezzar the authority. / God was the Lord.

/Verse 20. / But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory.

/There was a time when King Nebuchadnezzar became arrogant and was driven away from his throne. / This is in chapter 4.

/Verse 21. / He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like cattle; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and sets over them anyone he wishes.

/King Nebuchadnezzar was arrogant before God. / Hence, he was driven away. / He became one like a beast. / He ate grass like cattle. / His body was drenched with the dew

of heaven.

/When he acknowledged that the Most High God was sovereign over the kingdoms of men, his kingship was recovered. / King Nebuchadnezzar was healed when he looked up to God.

/Verse 22. / "But you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this.

/King Belshazzar was a descendant of King Nebuchadnezzar. /King Nebuchadnezzar was king before King Belshazzar. / He knew that King Nebuchadnezzar fell because of his pride. / Even though King Belshazzar knew all about this, he could not throw out his sin of arrogance.

/We must learn from our ancestors' experiences. / Even though King Belshazzar was aware that King Nebuchadnezzar fell because of his sin of pride, King Belshazzar too became arrogant./ He deliberately committed sins. / Proverbs 29:1 / Hebrews 13:7 / 1 Corinthians 10:11

/Verse 23. / Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways.

/King Belshazzar set himself up and rebelled against God. / He brought the articles from the temple of the Holy God. / He drank from the articles with other nobles. / He praised the false idols.

/He did not give glory to God. / Gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone have no life. / The king praised gods that did not have life, but he did not praise the true God.

/Our God is the true God. / However, the king did not give glory to God. / He did not praise the true God.

/Therefore, God was going to judge the king. / God will judge the kingdom of Babylon. / Hence, the fingers appeared.

/Verse 25. / "This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN

/Daniel could read the writing. / This writing was not something anyone could read. / It was written in Hebrew. /It said, "MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN."

/Verse 26. / "This is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

/“Mene” meant, “God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.”

/Verse 27. / Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

/“Tekel” meant, “The king has been weighed on the scales and found wanting.”

/Verse 28. / Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

/“Peres” meant, “The kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”/ Let’s first discuss “Mene” in verse 26. / “Mene” means, “numbered.”

/God would number the days of the king’s kingdom. / God would count the years of the king’s reign. / God would count the days. / God would count a year, two years, three years, and so on to judge the generation.

/The end of the days would come. / Matthew 24:15, 33. / We must know that it is the end of the days, so we must be prepared. / Believers must know that now is the last of days. / We must be prepared. / We must be discerning.

/We must know how long the days would last. / The times will not last long. / Therefore, we must be prepared because this age will not last long. / Luke 16:2 / Isaiah 17:26

/Next we have “Tekel.” / “Tekel” in verse 27. / This meant that the king has been weighed on the scales and found wanting. / “Tekel” means, “weighed.” / Anyone who is not weighed on the scales before God will receive judgment.

/God judges justly. / Proverbs 24:12 / Then, what does God consider weighty? / We must be weighty people. / What does God think is weighty?

/It is “righteousness.” It is the right thing. / 2 Peter 3:13 / 3:13 / Jeremiah 5:1 / Then what does God find light? / It is in Psalm 62:9. / It is “wickedness.” / Wickedness is light.

/“Righteousness” is heavy. / 1 Samuel 2:3 / Heavy things are “living by the Spirit.” / It is to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. /It is to obey God’s commands. /Acts 20:22-24.

/“God’s word” is heavy. / Godliness, goodness, and obedience are heavy. /Walking in wickedness is light. /Psalm 1:4. /It says that the wicked are like chaff that the wind blows away.

/We must dispose of anything that is not God’s word. / Superficial and formal rituals must be removed. / Jesus cursed the fig tree that did not have fruit. / When religion becomes formal and ritual, it becomes light.

/Also, we must continue to have righteousness, mercy, and faith. / These are the heavy things. / On the other hand, things belonging to people, things belonging to this world, and things related to sin are considered light. / Things belonging to people, belonging to

this world, pertaining to the sin are found wanting.

/However, the things of God and spiritual things are heavy. / Job 31:6 / Proverbs 16:2. / Proverbs 24:12/ Therefore, we must walk in the way of righteousness.

/Next, there is “Peres” in verse 28. / “Peres” is singular, and “parsin” is plural. / “Peres” is singular. / “Parsin” is plural. / The meanings are the same.

/The nation would be divided and given to the Medes and Persians. / Ultimately, Babylon would perish. / It would be given to the Medes and Persians.

/Authority is taken from anyone who sins. / His nation is taken away. / His authority would be taken away by others.

/Verse 29. / Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

/Daniel was exalted. / He was rewarded. / Daniel kept his faith was commended before God. / Daniel was exalted for keeping his faith.

/Verse 30. / That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain,

/Verse 31. / and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

/That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans was killed. / Belshazzar, king of Babylon, was killed. / “Darius” the Mede took over the kingdom. / Revelation 18:1.

/In the last days, the humanistic Babylon will surely be destroyed. / When a nation perishes, it perishes suddenly. / 1 Thessalonians 5:3 / Luke 21:34 / That very night, King Belshazzar was killed.

/The nation of Babylon lasted about seventy years. / The nation of Babylon lasted seventy years. / The nation of Babylon lasted about 70 years.

/The kingdom of Babylon was destroyed in its seventieth year. / The Bible prophesied about the destruction of Babylon. /Isaiah 21:2 /45:1 /Jeremiah 51:31-39 /Babylon was the strongest nation and a sturdy fortress, but it was ultimately destroyed.

/In the Bible, the destruction of the Babylon was prophesied. / Isa. 21:2 / 45:1 / Jer. 51:31-39 / The kingdom of Babylon was a strong one and built sturdy, it was destroyed finally.

/No matter how powerful a nation may be, /no matter how strong a nation may be, /it will perish when it sins. / Here we have “Darius” the king of the Medes. / This is also mentioned in 6:1.



/In those days, the Medes and Persians were allies. / “Cyrus” was the king of Persia. / The king of the Medes was “Darius.” / They were allies. / Darius was a ruler of a province in Babylon, appointed by King Cyrus.

/Darius was a ruler of a province in Babylon, appointed by King Cyrus. / Darius was a ruler of an area, appointed by King Cyrus. /Darius’ name was Gubaru. / Gubaru.

/However, this Darius was a different person from Darius I, who was one of kings of Persia. / Darius I. / He was a different person from Darius the I, king of Persia.

/The same Darius is mentioned again in 6:1. / The Medes and Persians were allies. / The Medes and Persians together destroyed the nation of Babylon.

/King Belshazzar served idols. / He contaminated the articles from the temple of God. / He was arrogant. / He lived a life of debauchery. / He did not praise God.

/Then, the fingers of a hand appeared and gave warning of his destruction. / Babylon perished just as the fingers wrote on the wall. /God numbered the nation and then let it perish.

/God weighed Babylon, and he destroyed the nation because it was light. / Then the nation was given to another nation.

/Therefore, we must not commit sins, / but revere God, / obey his word, / and receive his blessings for a long time.

/Here we will conclude the sixth lecture of Daniel. / Thank you.