

Introduction:

- A. When chapter 5 opens, Nebuchadnezzar has been dead for _____ years.
- B. Daniel is probably in his _____ or _____ and is living in semi-retirement.
- C. The kingdom of Babylon is led by co-regents, father and son, Nabonidus and Belshazzar (Nebuchadnezzar’s _____ and _____).
- D. When chapter 5 begins, the mighty army of the Medes and Persians was _____ outside the city of Babylon.
- E. Belshazzar didn’t consider this a genuine threat because of the city’s _____ and the stored _____.

I. The Story

- A. Belshazzar put on a huge _____, probably with the intent on putting a good spin on this recent turn of events.
- B. When it was time to offer toasts to the gods of Babylon, Belshazzar ordered that the _____ Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the _____ be used for the toasts.
- C. Suddenly the fingers of a human _____ appeared and wrote on the _____.
- D. The king’s face turned _____ and his knees _____.
- E. The king called for the _____ men, but just like with Nebuchadnezzar they could not _____ the message.
- F. Belshazzar’s _____ remembered what _____ had been able to do for her father, Nebuchadnezzar.
- G. Before Daniel revealed the message that God had written, he reviewed some _____ with Belshazzar.
- H. Next, Daniel spoke some _____ words to Belshazzar.
- I. Finally, Daniel gave the interpretation:
 - 1. Mene - God has _____ your days and brought them to an end.
 - 2. Tekel - You have been _____ and found _____.
 - 3. Peres - Your kingdom is divided and given to the _____ and _____.
- J. That very night, Belshazzar was _____, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom.

II. The Application - What lessons can we learn?

- A. God is the _____ One. God is the Righteous _____.
 - 1. None of us are in a position to say when something _____ God’s judgment and when it is _____.
 - 2. Our role is not to _____, but to offer the _____ of repentance and restoration.
- B. The fact that God is the Sovereign and Righteous Judge should cause us all to _____ ourselves to Him in reverent _____.
 - 1. When God gives _____, then they must be _____.
- C. Question: If God was writing on your wall, what would he be writing?

Answer Key: Intro.A. 25. B. 70s, 80s. C. son-in-law, grandson. D. camped. E. defenses, provisions. I.A. banquet. I.B. goblets, temple. I.C. hand, wall. I.D. pale, knocked. I.E. wise, interpret. I.F. mother, Daniel. I.G. history. I.H. biting. I.I.1. numbered. I.I.2. weighed, wanting. I.I.3. Medes, Persians. I.J. slain. II.A. Sovereign, Judge. II.A.1. is, not. II.A.2. judge, good, news. II.B. submit, fear. II.B.1. warning, heeded.