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?


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2 Peter 3:8-12a (Sermon covers Daniel 5)