

**“The Party’s Over”**

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

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**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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