

Whose Glory do You Reflect?

January 28, 2018
Daniel 5

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The Setting

- Daniel 5:1,31 - 539bc Babylon fell
- Daniel deported ~605bc ; Now some ~70 years later!
- Liberals have claimed no King Belshazzar
- 1854 Cuneiform cylinders found; later deeds sworn to Nabonidus & Belshazzar (deeds often sworn by kings)
- Darius was OUTSIDE Babylon on that night!

The Wild Party

1-4

- What do you do when under siege? Belshazzar partied!
- Babylon saw itself as invincible - 10 yrs food; Euphrates formed moat

The God of Heaven Communicates

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- Three simple words – shook Belshazzar to the core!

A Sinner's Response

7-9

- Called on the world's wisdom
- unholy men don't understand - 1 Cor 2:14

A Reputation Called Upon

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- Daniel's faithfulness was not completely forgotten
- Are you a Daniel? Will you be called upon for your testimony?
- Believers commanded 1 Peter 2:11-12; 3:14-16

Daniel's Boldness

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- Standing before King – challenges him boldly about Nebuchadnezzar
- You knew these truths! Dan 5:22-23

God's Message Revealed

24-29

- Mene – number & counted
- Tekel – weighed
- Peres/Parsan – divided, word play on Persian

Question - Will Your Party Be Judged?

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- God has numbered your days & deeds – Psalm 39:4-5
- God will weigh your deeds – Rom 2:5-6
- God will divide the sheep from the goats – which are you? Mt 25:31-32
- The Hope of the Gospel Romans 3:20-25

Think, Ask & Reflect:

How do we party while a siege is at our gates?

Read 1 Cor2:14 – how can God use believers in this world?

Would you be called like Daniel? Read 1 Peter 2:11-12; 3:14-16. How are we to be acting in this world?

How does the Gospel protect us from Mene, Tekel, Peres?

How would you explain the concept of the Gospel to others? Pick a couple of people in your life and begin praying God will allow you to share this hope of Jesus Christ!

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