

**1. Belshazzar's Feast**

- a) Daniel 5:1-4 What is particularly troubling about this scene?
- b) The apostle John prophesied a deliberate disregard of and disrespect for that which God calls holy will be repeated in the last days of earth's history. Revelation 17:4-6
- c) What leads people to demonstrate such an arrogant attitude toward God?
- d) Where do you see a similar attitude today?

**2. A message from an Unseen Guest**

- a) Daniel 5:5
- b) How does King Belshazzar respond to this message from an Unseen Guest?
  - i) Daniel 5:6 What can we learn from his reaction?
  - ii) Daniel 5:7-10 Why were the astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers unable to interpret the handwriting on the wall? After all, it was written Aramaic, in the language of Babylon.

**3. A message from the Queen and a testimony from Daniel**

- a) Daniel 5:10-12 What impresses you the most about the Queen's message to King Belshazzar?
- b) Why does Belshazzar need to be reminded of God's activity in his family history?
- c) What causes people to ignore truth and wise counsel that is right before their eyes?

- d) Daniel 5:13-16 How does King Belshazzar respond to the Queen's recommendation?
- e) Daniel 5:17-23 Why does Daniel offer such stern rebuke to King Belshazzar?

**4. Interpretation of the divine graffiti**

- a) Why is this message written in Aramaic?
- b) Three Aramaic verbs:
  - i) MENE, MENE – counted
  - ii) TEKEL – weighed
  - iii) PERES – divided
- c) Daniel 5:28 – Daniel's interpretation
- d) Daniel 5:29 What are your thoughts about King Belshazzar's response to Daniel's message of judgment?

**5. The day of judgment**

- a) Daniel 5:30
- b) What can we learn from this story that will help us to understand the fall of spiritual Babylon? Revelation 14:8, 18:1-5
- c) How can we face the final judgment without fear?
  - i) 1 John 4:17-18
  - ii) John 5:22-24
- d) What important lesson have you learned today?

