



## CALVARY CHAPEL

### Learning from the Past

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*1 Thessalonians 5:3* While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

- This was a false sense of security. Pride.

*Psalms 33:10-11* The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. **11** But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations

- The will of God shall be done, no matter what

*Daniel 5:1-4* King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. **2** While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father[a] had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. **3** So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. **4** As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

*John 2:16* For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the father but from the world.

- This feast was just a glimpse of the world system.

*Daniel 3:29* Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way."

- Pride, lack of respect for God.

*Galatians 6:7-8* Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. **8** Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

- If we "sow to the flesh," led by self-seeking desires, we will reap the only thing the flesh can produce—corruption.

*Daniel 5:5-6* Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. **6** His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

*Job 20:4-7* “Surely you know how it has been from of old, ever since mankind was placed on the earth, **5** that the mirth of the wicked is brief, the joy of the godless lasts but a moment. **6** Though the pride of the godless person reaches to the heavens and his head touches the clouds, **7** he will perish forever, like his own dung; those who have seen him will say, ‘Where is he?’

*Daniel 5:7-9* The king summoned the enchanters, astrologers[b] and diviners. Then he said to these wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.” **8** Then all the king’s wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant. **9** So King Belshazzar became even more terrified, and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled.

- Not all sources are reliable.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17* All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- The ultimate source of this information is not human, but divine. **All Scripture is God-breathed.**

*Colossians 2:14 (NLT)* He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

*Luke 11:20* But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

*Daniel 5:10-12* The queen,[c] hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. “May the king live forever!” she said. “Don’t be alarmed! Don’t look so pale! **11** There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners. **12** He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means.”

*James 1:5* If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

- Every believer can claim this promise from God’s word.

*Daniel 5:13-17* So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, “Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah? **14** I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. **15** The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. **16** Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and

have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.” **17** Then Daniel answered the king, “You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.

**2 Timothy 4:2** Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season.

- The servants of God are always available to respond to God's call in and out of season, to accomplish whatever God desires.

**Titus 2:8** Soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

**Daniel 5:18-29** “Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. **19** Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. **20** But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. **21** He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes. **22** “But you, Belshazzar, his son,[a] have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. **23** Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. **24** Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription. **25** “This is the inscription that was written: mene, mene, tekel, parsin **26** “Here is what these words mean: Mene[b]: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. **27** Tekel[c]: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. **28** Peres[d]: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.” **29** Then at Belshazzar’s command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

**James 4:6** But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

**Daniel 5:30-31** That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, **31** and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

**Proverbs 29:1** Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy.

- God's judgement can be quick and devastating.
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