

## ***A Blasphe­mous Feast Finishes Babylon*** **Daniel 5**

### **Time frame for Babylonian kings and Daniel:**

*Nebuchadnezzar (605-562) 43 yrs.*

*Evil-Merodach (562-560) 2 yrs.*

*Neriglassar (560-556) 4 yrs.*

*Labashi-Marduk (556) 4 mos.*

*Nabonidus (556-539) 17 yrs.*

*Belshazzar (553-539 as co-regent)*

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### **Blasphe­mous feast of Belshazzar, 5:1-4**

\*No respect for Yahweh (see vessels in 1:2 and recall 3:29).

\*No respect for the Persians. All are partying (5x *drinking*).

### **Baffling inscription etched by a mysterious hand, 5:5-12**

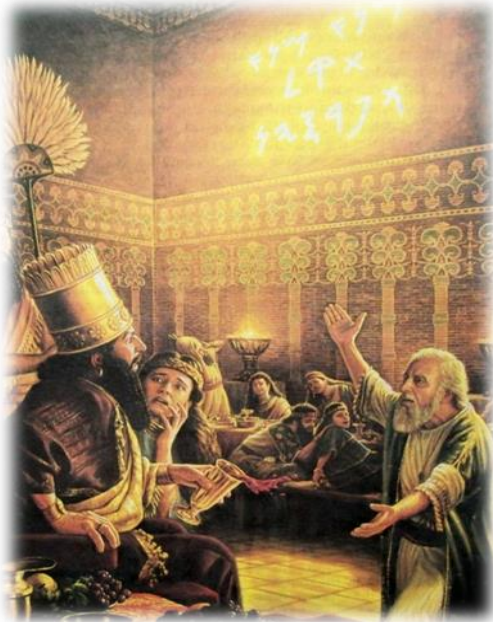
\*Cocky confidence turns comic with fear!

\*Queen mother (not a wife) enters and lauds Daniel's abilities.

### **Babylon falls as Daniel's interpretation predicted, 5:13-30**

\*Daniel offers a history lesson to rebuke a sinful family cycle.  
(stress = son of Nebuchadnezzar"--5:2,11,13,18,22)

\*It's Oct. 12, 539 BC, and Babylon falls to Persia (silver kingdom of 2:39). Again the humble rises and proud is humbled.



Daniel is not at all baffled by the very mysterious handwriting. However, he does appear to be baffled about something. What?

Do I have areas of weakness that seem to be a generational cycle?  
Do I need to face them squarely and seek God's help to make real changes?