

# APPLICATION

## 5 Keys to Thriving while Living in Babylon

### 1 \_\_\_\_\_ to the True King

We have *purposed* to follow God over all

**The End of the \_\_\_\_\_ was NOT the End of Daniel!**

**Daniel 6:1-2** = Daniel is made a ruler by Darius!

### 2 Deep Ties to \_\_\_\_\_

We need each other's fellowship and encouragement!

**The Huge \_\_\_\_\_ of hearing each other's testimonies!**

**Acts 4:33** – "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

#### DANIEL CHALLENGE #1 – Heartfelt Community \_\_\_\_\_

Make a commitment to *at least* a monthly meal with fellow believers from church. (*Who will you invite? When?*)

### 3 Courageous Testimony: \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

We honor the earthly king – but we *obey* God

### 4 Reliance on \_\_\_\_\_: Daily and Urgent

Our *power* comes from God – not human might

#### DANIEL CHALLENGE #2 – Heartfelt Community \_\_\_\_\_

Make a commitment to pray *FOR* others and *WITH* others.  
→ *When will your prayer time be?*

### 5 Gardening with an Eye on the \_\_\_\_\_

Make Babylon *better*, while we wait for the *Eternal* Kingdom

**Remember \_\_\_\_\_ and Don't Forget \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Deuteronomy 6:10-12** – "when the LORD thy God shall... give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, And houses full of all good things... Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."



## THE BOOK OF DANIEL

How to Thrive while Living in Babylon

### Part 10: "The Fall of Babylon"

## TODAY'S TEXT: Daniel 5:1-31

### 5:1-2 – A \_\_\_\_\_ Empire

- Belshazzar is Nebuchadnezzar's \_\_\_\_\_  
"Father" = *'āb* = father, grandfather, ancestor (see: **Daniel 2:23**)  
"King" = *melek* = king, a royal, ruler  
**History:** Nebuchadnezzar → Chaos → Nabonidus & Belshazzar
- Chapter 5 of Daniel was written about \_\_\_\_\_ years AFTER chapter 4
  - Chapters 7-8 (*prophecy*) were written *between* chapters 4-5
- The Empire of Babylon has mostly been \_\_\_\_\_
  - *History:* Suffered a terrible defeat at the Battle of Opis
  - *History:* Nabonidus leading the army, now fleeing
- Only the \_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon remains: protected by its mighty \_\_\_\_\_
- Feasting while under \_\_\_\_\_
  - Probably trying to raise confidence in Babylon's gods

### 5:3-4 – A Direct Challenge to the \_\_\_\_\_ God

**Psalm 2:1-12** – "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

### 5:5 – The \_\_\_\_\_ is on the Wall

### 5:6-9 – The King's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

"Troubled" = *b<sup>ā</sup>hal* = frighten, alarm, dismay – to terrify

"Astonied" = *š<sup>ā</sup>mam* = appalled, stunned, overcome with shock, desolate

"Third Ruler" = very mysterious... until the discovery of the 'Nabonidus Cylinders' in 1824 and 1881. These confirm that Belshazzar was 2<sup>nd</sup> in power to Nabonidus and ruled in the city of Babylon!

## 5:10-12 – The Queen \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel

“thy father, the king, I say, thy father” = Your Grandfather

“Dissolving” = *śārâ* = loosen, open, to unravel, to free

**Daniel 2:20-22** – “Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth (*śārâ*) with him.”

## 5:13-17 – Daniel’s \_\_\_\_\_

**Deuteronomy 16:19** – “Thou shalt not wrest (*nāṭâ* = twist) judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift (*šōḥad* = bribe): for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.”

## 5:18-21 – The Challenge to Remember \_\_\_\_\_

**Job 8:13-15** – “So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish: Whose hope shall be cut off, and whose trust shall be a spider's web. He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: he shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.”

**Psalms 9:17** – “The wicked shall be turned into hell (*š'ôl* = the grave, the pit, hell), and all the nations that forget God.”

## 5:22 – Belshazzar’s \_\_\_\_\_ Pride and \_\_\_\_\_ Ignorance

**Romans 1:28** – “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient”

## 5:23 – The Foolishness of Trusting \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 115:4-8** – “Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them.”

## 5:24-25 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of the True King:

מְנַא מְנַא תְּקֵל וּפְרָסִין

## 5:26-28 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Writing

מְנַא (MENE) = A weight, measurement, numbered

תְּקֵל (TEKEL) = to measure or weigh

וּפְרָסִין (UPHARSIN/PERES) = To break in two, divide

## 5:29 – No \_\_\_\_\_: Continued *Intentional* Ignorance

**Obadiah 1:3-4** – “The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee... Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.”

## 5:30-31 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Babylonian Empire

**Daniel 2:36-39** – “This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom... Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth...”



**Psalms 2:2-10** – “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed... He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision... Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”