

Daniel Part I
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Lesson 7

**WHO ARE YOU TOASTING WITH THIS VESSEL THAT
BELONGS TO GOD?**

Daniel 5:1-2

Belshazzar knew that these vessels belonged to the Most High God.

Daniel 5:3 These vessels belonged to the God whose temple is in Jerusalem.

Daniel 5:3-4

They are going to party now, but pay later.

Historical Context:

Wall: The fortresses and ramparts are impenetrable.

No way anybody could get in and harm them....

Babylon had a 20 year supply of food and the wall was built over the Euphrates River so they had their water supply.

Heb. 11:1

There was no record of Belshazzar as king until the 1920's.

Belshazzar was the son of Nabonidus.

Daniel 5:7 ... authority as 3rd ruler in the kingdom. This implies that there were already two rulers. Nabonidus on the outside of Babylon and Belshazzar on the inside, secure within the walls.

Nebuchadnezzar is called Belshazzar's father.

Nebuchadnezzar was the icon of Babylon who built the hanging gardens, one of the seven wonders of the world.

Daniel 4:30

October 7, 562 B.C. is the recorded death of Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel 5 is 539 B.C.

556 B.C. Nabonidus becomes king

Daniel is 81 years old

Belshazzar knows what God has said.

Daniel 2

God had spoken to Babylon.

Belshazzar was looking at the natural and not listening to the supernatural.

Daniel 2:36-37 How did Nebuchadnezzar get this power?

Daniel 2:38 God gave it to him.

Daniel 4:10-17 Parallel with Daniel 2:38-39

Daniel 2:39 After you, a kingdom inferior. An **inferior** kingdom will overtake a **superior** kingdom.

Daniel 3:1 Nebuchadnezzar defies God

Daniel 5 Reminds us of Sept. 11, 2001

Where do you find America in prophecy? You don't!! America is not in prophecy, so what happens to us?

Babylon is in prophecy.

Daniel 2:39-40

Is. 44:1-3,6-7

What information did Daniel have access to?

Isaiah is written well over a century before Daniel.

Amos 3:7 God does nothing in secret

Is. 44:8 We don't have to be afraid of the future.

Is there any other god besides God?

Are we giving this vessel over to sensuality, materialism, etc.?

What am I doing with God's vessel?

Is. 44:9 Precious things are of no profit.

Is. 44:24-25

Is. 44:26-28 Cyrus? He is My shepherd! Over 150 years before Belshazzar's party.

Daniel 9:2 Daniel knows the word of God and Isaiah's prophecy.

Is. 45:1-6

Isaiah is saying the temple will be rebuilt when it is still standing, in his lifetime.

Rev. 4:11

As you study His word, you honor Him.

I Cor. 6:19-20

What are we doing with what belongs to God?

Is. 45:7 I am the LORD.

Daniel 5 539 B.C.

Queen is the wife of Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 5:11 Can people say this about you? "A person who is unusual...."

Where did he get his wisdom and knowledge?

Prov. 1:7 Job. 28:28

Daniel 5:11-16 You need a wise man? Call Daniel!!!

Belshazzar had heard about Daniel, but had not acted on it.

Daniel 5:17

Daniel 5:18-20 Daniel is talking to a man whose heart is lifted up.

Daniel 5:20-21 He lost his mind until he came to his senses.

Daniel 5:22 Even though you knew – you didn't humble yourself/heart.

Remember: Nebuchadnezzar made a decree (Daniel 4:35)

Daniel 5:23 The God in whose hand is your life-breath. Your ways are in His hand. Are you glorifying God?

Daniel 5:25-27 America's days are numbered.

May we not be found wanting.

Eph. 4:1

Daniel 5:28 There is a day of accounting coming.

Daniel 5:22-23 Humble yourself! Don't exalt yourself above God.

May we be Daniels and not Belshazzars.

2 Cor. 5:9 I have one ambition: To be pleasing to God.