

*“Here is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.  
27 Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. 28 Peres: Your kingdom is divided and  
given to the Medes and Persians.” {Daniel 5:26-28}*

#### **Lesson 4 (June 27, 2023)**

### **“The Writing on the Wall”**

**Read Daniel 5:1-9.**

- 1. Who was King Belshazzar and what did he do with the gold and silver cups taken from the temple in Jerusalem? Why do you think he did this?**  
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- 2. What were the gold and silver cups used for in God’s temple in Jerusalem? See Jeremiah 52:19; Exodus 29:40.**
- 3. What is the significance of King Belshazzar’s actions? What does it tell you about him?**
- 4. In your culture, what has been set apart for God? In your society, how do people misuse these things? See Exodus 20:7; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 4:29-32; Matthew 23:8-10.**
- 5. How did King Belshazzar react to the writing on the wall? Why do you think he reacted that way? See Proverbs 28:1; Psalm 53:1-5.**

**Read Daniel 5:10-24.**

- 6. a. What did the queen know about Daniel?**
- b. What are you known for? What would you like your reputation to be? See Proverbs 22:1; Proverbs 10:7; Proverbs 3:3-4; 1 Peter 2:12.**

7. a. Why do you think Daniel turned down the king's offer of wealth, power, position and status?
- b. What have you had to give up in order to follow God and do what is right?
8. a. What did Belshazzar know about Nebuchadnezzar and God? How should he have responded?
- b. What are the three charges brought against Belshazzar by Daniel in verses 22-23? What do you learned from this?
- c. Where do you struggle with pride in your life? Where do you need to humble yourself before God this week?

**Read Daniel 5:25-31.**

9. What did the message on the wall mean? How did Belshazzar respond to Daniel's interpretation?
10. What do you learn about God from Daniel 5? How will you use this knowledge in the coming week?
11. Where and how is God trying to get your attention? How will you respond?