

## **Daniel 5 (NASB) Precis (Summarization)**

Belshazzar's feast for a thousand of his nobles, wives, and concubines. Belshazzar ordered to bring the gold and silver vessels that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. The nobles and guests drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

A human hand began writing on the plaster of the wall in full view. The king became pale and his thoughts alarmed him and was physically jarred. The king called on sorcerers, the Chaldean, and the diviners for interpretation. King Belshazzar's wise men could not read the inscription and the king grew even more alarmed.

The queen entered the banquet and told the king not to be scared. There is a man in the kingdom that can interpret the writing. Belshazzar's father, the king, appointed him chief of the soothsayer priests, sorcerers, Chaldeans, and diviners. They called on Daniel to interpret the writings.

Daniel was brought before the king. The king asked "are you that Daniel"? The king told Daniel if he could interpret the writings he would be clothed with purple and wear a necklace of gold and would have the authority as the third ruler in the kingdom.

Daniel replied to the king "keep your gifts". O king, the Most High God granted sovereignty, greatness, honor, and majesty to Nebuchadnezzar your father. Now because of the greatness which He granted him, everyone trembled with fear. When his heart was arrogant and his spirit became overbearing, he was deposed from his royal throne and his dignity was taken away from him. He was driven away from mankind and his heart was made like that of animals. He was given grass to eat like cattle until he recognized that the Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind. Belshazzar had not humbled his heart, even though he knew all of this, but rose up against the Lord of heaven. Almighty God has written on the wall.

Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin

Mene- God has valued your kingdom. Tekel- you have been weighed and found efficient. Upharsin – your kingdom has been divided and been given to Medes and the Persians.

Belshazzar clothed Daniel in purple and gold. He was made the third ruler. Belshazzar was killed by morning. Darius the Mede received the kingdom.