



Nebuchadnezzar's Sanity & Writing on Wall

Daniel 4-5

Lesson 88 Visuals

- **King Nebuchadnezzar had a troubling dream that he wanted Daniel to explain to him.**
- **In his dream, Nebuchadnezzar represented the enormous tree with abundant fruit.**
- **Daniel said that Nebuchadnezzar will live like an animal for seven years.**
- **Daniel said that once Nebuchadnezzar acknowledges that the Most-High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone He wishes, Nebuchadnezzar's sanity will be restored.**
- **Daniel advised King Nebuchadnezzar to turn from his sin so that this dream would not come true.**
- **As Nebuchadnezzar walked on the roof of the royal place of Babylon, he gave glory and credit to himself for Babylon.**



- **Those prideful words were still on his lips when a voice came from heaven that said his royal authority has been taken and he will be driven away from people and will live with wild animals.**
- **Daniel said Nebuchadnezzar will eat grass like cattle.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar needed to acknowledge that the Most-High is sovereign, meaning He is the One really in charge over all things.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar lived like an animal for seven years. His hair became so matted that it looked like he had feathers. And his fingernails looked like bird claws.**
- **Right before Nebuchadnezzar's sanity was restored, he raised his eyes toward heaven.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar then said that the Most-High God did as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.**
- **God restored back to Nebuchadnezzar his sanity, honor and kingdom.**



- **Belshazzar became the new king. He had a feast for a thousand nobles. There at the feast, he ordered for the gold and silver vessels that had been taken from the LORD's temple in Jerusalem.**
- **Belshazzar wanted for everyone at the feast to drink from those gold and silver vessels.**
- **Years before, Nebuchadnezzar had taken these gold and silver vessels from the LORD's Temple.**
- **As everyone was drinking wine out of them, King Belshazzar praised the gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.**
- **While the people drank their wine out of God's holy vessels and while they praised their false gods, the fingers of a man's hand appeared.**
- **The fingers of a man's hand wrote on the wall.**
- **Belshazzar couldn't read what was written nor could he understand the meaning so he called all the wise men. They couldn't even read it.**
- **Then the queen suggested that Belshazzar request Daniel come to give the meaning.**



- Daniel reminded Belshazzar how the LORD exalted Nebuchadnezzar when Nebuchadnezzar humbled himself before the Most-High God.
- Daniel said, “But you have not humbled your heart. Instead, you exalted yourself against the LORD.
- The LORD sent the hand and this writing.
- MENE, MENE, TEKEL and PARSIN were written on the wall.
- MENE means that God has numbered the days of Belshazzar’s kingdom and brought it to an end.
- TEKEL means that Belshazzar was weighed on the balance and was found deficient.
- PARSIN means that Belshazzar’s kingdom had been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians.
- Belshazzar was killed later that very night. Darius the Mede then became king.