

First Words:

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Feast – **Daniel 5:1-4**

1. The Mood – **Daniel 5:1** - King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand.
2. The Debauchery – **Daniel 5:3** - Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them.
3. The Idolatry - **Daniel 5:4** - They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Sign – **Daniel 5:5-9**

1. The revelation - **Daniel 5:5** - Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote.
2. The response - **Daniel 5:6** - Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together.
3. The result - **Daniel 5:7-8** -The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." <sup>8</sup> Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation.

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor – **Daniel 5:10-12**

1. The queen's position - **Daniel 5:10** - The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting hall, and the queen declared, "O king, live forever! Let not your thoughts alarm you or your color change.
2. The queen's memory - **Daniel 5:11** - There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers...
3. The queen's advice - **Daniel 5:12** - Because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."

D. The \_\_\_\_\_ Offer – **Daniel 5:13-16**

1. The remembrance of Daniel – **Daniel 5:13** - Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah.
2. The reputation of Daniel – **Daniel 5:14**- I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.
3. The request of Daniel -**Daniel 5:16** - But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

E. The \_\_\_\_\_ Denouncement – **Daniel 5:17-24**

1. Keep your money – **Daniel 5:17** - Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation.

2. Lessons from the past - ***Daniel 5:20*** - *But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him.*

3. Stupid is what stupid does - ***Daniel 5:23*** - *But you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored.*

4. Message from heaven – ***Daniel 5:24*** - *“Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed.”*

F. The \_\_\_\_\_ Interpretation – ***Daniel 5:25-29***

1. The writing - ***Daniel 5:25*** - *And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN.*

2. The analysis - ***Daniel 5:26–28*** - *This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; <sup>27</sup> TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; <sup>28</sup> PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”*

G. The \_\_\_\_\_ Fulfillment - ***Daniel 5:30 -31***

1. The fall of Belshazzar – ***Daniel 5:30*** - *That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed.*

2. The rise of Darius – ***Daniel 5:31*** - *And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.*

This week as a Believer in Babylon I should:

Sunday - Continue or start our Daniel Devotions

Monday - Review Sunday’s Study Guide

Tuesday – Write down some ways the world makes fun of the sacred

Wednesday – Remember some proud people who have been humbled

Thursday – On a scale of 1-10, how good is your reputation with the lost

Friday – Pray through Daniel 5

Saturday - Review this past Sunday’s Study Guide

