

Lesson 7 – Daniel 5:1-31
“The Handwriting on the Wall”

1. The Background:

- a. Almost _____ years have passed since the events of chapter 1.
- b. Approximately _____ years have passed since the end of chapter 4.
- c. King Nebuchadnezzar died in _____ B.C.
- d. King Nabonidus, the last king of Babylon who began his reign in _____ B.C., turned over the kingdom to his son Belshazzar o/a _____ B.C., while he went to the oasis of Teima in Arabia.
- e. King Belshazzar reigned as Nabonidus’ _____ from _____ to _____ B.C.
- f. This chapter opens in October of _____ B.C.
- g. All the territory and provinces surrounding the city of Babylon have already been _____.
- h. Only the mighty city Babylon remained intact, but it was under siege by the _____ and the _____:
 - 1) The city was about _____ square miles in size.
 - 2) Outer wall was _____ feet thick and _____ feet high.
 - 3) Towers stationed all along the wall reached another _____ feet into the air.
 - 4) A system of inner and outer walls with a water moat between the walls made the city very secure.
 - 5) The Euphrates river flowed north-south through the center of the city and was bordered by walls on either side.
 - 6) A great bridge spanned the river, connecting the eastern section with the western section.
 - 7) The Babylonians had stocked up enough food and supplies to hold out for _____.

2. Read v1-4: Belshazzar’s _____ and _____:

- a. The enemy is pounding on the door and he throws a _____ fest.

b. The enemy is pounding on the door and he not only snubs his nose at God, but he _____ Him:

1) Sacrilegious:

a) Gross _____ toward God.

b) An outrageous violation of what is _____ (something dedicated or set apart for the service of worship of God).

2) Blasphemous:

a) Insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for _____.

b) Irreverence toward something considered _____.

3. Read v5-6: God's _____ and the king's _____.

4. Read v7-9: The "wise" men _____ one more time.

5. Read v10-16: The _____ wise man is _____.

6. Read v17-24: The _____ for the writing on the wall.

7. Read v25-28: The _____ on the wall:

a. "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it."

Your _____ are numbered by God, and He has called your _____.

b. "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

God has _____ you and found you to be _____, wanting, _____ (i.e. short of true weight).

c. "Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

God is turning you over to the _____.

d. Does this message have a universal application, and if so, what is it?

8. Read v30-31: Once up, the handwriting can't be _____ or _____.

9. The three occasions when "The Handwriting Is on the Wall":

a. God stops _____:

- 1) **John 6:44** – “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”
- 2) **Read Rom 1:18-32**: Reprobate mind = unapproved, unworthy, _____, disapproved, _____, _____.
- 3) **Matt 21:18-19** – “Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away.”

b. Physical _____ :

- 1) **Read Luke 16:19-26.**
- 2) **2 Cor 5:8** – “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”
- 3) **Php 1:23** – “For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:”

c. The _____ :

2 Thes 2:10-12 – “And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

10. Read Dan 6:1-3: Notice that the man of God is unaffected by God’s judgment on this earthly kingdom and, instead, “emerges triumphant as one of the presidents of the new kingdom in chapter 6” (Walvoord, *Daniel*, p131). **What is this a picture of?**