



Our Study: The Book of Daniel

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Lesson Eight: Daniel Chapter 5

King Belshazzar's Feast and Its Consequences

Kings of Babylon and Time Passage from Nebuchadnezzar to Belshazzar

(From the Ryrie Study Bible KJV)

Until recently this King was unknown except for mention in this chapter, but contemporary records have been discovered that report that Nabonidus, the last king of Babylon entrusted the kingship to his son, Bel-Shar-Usus while he retired to Arabia. Nebuchadnezzar died in 526 B.C., and was succeeded by his son, Amelmarduk (the evil-Merodach of Jeremiah 52:31). He in turn was murdered by his brother-in-law (the Nergal -Sharezer of Jeremiah 39:3 and 39:13), who was enthroned in August 560 B.C. He in turn was succeeded in 556 B.C., by his son Labashi-Marduk who was assassinated that same year by a group that included Nabonidus, who was King from 556 to 539 B.C.

A. What Happened at Belshazzar's Feast

- Daniel Chapter 5:1-4

Note: (1) 2nd Kings 20:12-18
(2) 2nd Kings 24:8-16
(3) 2nd Kings 25:8-15
(4) 2nd Chronicles 36:5-7
(5) 2nd Chronicles 36:9-10
(6) 2nd Chronicles 36:11-21
(7) Jeremiah 52:10-19

B. The Handwriting on the Wall

- Daniel Chapter 5:5

C. Belshazzar's Reaction to What He Saw

- Daniel Chapter 5:6-7

D. Wise Men Called but Can't Interpret the Writing

- Daniel Chapter 5:8-9

E. The Queen Comes and Says Call Daniel Because He Can Interpret the Dream

- Daniel Chapter 5:10-12

F. In Comes Daniel

- Daniel Chapter 5:13-16

G. Daniel Reminds the King of God's Past Judgment on Nebuchadnezzar

- Daniel Chapter 5:17-23

H. Daniel Tells the King the Writing is God's Decreed Judgment on Him

- Daniel Chapter 5:24-31