

## Persia conquers Babylon

### *God's Hand opens the Gate & Writes on the Wall*

**Daniel 5:1-3** Belshazzar the king held a great feast, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand. Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them.

Nabopolassar	626 - 605
Nebuchadnezzar	605 - 561
Evil Merodach	561 - 560
Nabonidus	560 - 539
Belshazzar	539 - 539

**Jeremiah 51:57** "I will make her princes and her wise men drunk...That they may sleep a perpetual sleep and not wake up," declares the King, whose name is LORD {Yahweh}of hosts.

**Isaiah 45:1-4** Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed... To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut. For the sake of Jacob My servant, and Israel My chosen one, I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor, though you have not known Me.

**Daniel 5:5** Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing.

**6** Then the king's face grew pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and his hip joints went slack and his knees began knocking together.

**8** Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the inscription or make known its interpretation to the king.

**9** Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, his face grew even paler, and his nobles were perplexed.

**13 -16** Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "... If you are able to read the inscription and make its interpretation known to me, you will be clothed with purple and wear a necklace of gold around your neck, and you will have authority as the third ruler in the kingdom."

**17** Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Keep your gifts for yourself or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription to the king and make the interpretation known to him.

**25** "Now this is the inscription that was written out: 'MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.'

**26** "This is the interpretation of the message: 'MENE'--God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it.

**27** " 'TEKEL'--you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient.

**28** " 'PERES'--your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians."

**29** They clothed Daniel with purple and put a necklace of gold around his neck, and issued a proclamation concerning him that he now had authority as the third ruler in the kingdom.

**30** That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.

**31** So Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.

**Ezra 1:1-3** Now in the first year of Cyrus..., the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, saying: "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him!'"

**6** All those about them encouraged them with articles of silver, with gold, with goods, with cattle and with valuables, aside from all that was given as a freewill offering.

**7-8** King Cyrus brought out the articles of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem, and Cyrus, king of Persia, had them brought out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and he counted them out to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah.

**James 2:10** Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

**Romans 3:23** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

**Romans 6:23** The wages of sin is death

**Isaiah 59:2** Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God

**John 16:8** He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment

**John 1:9** There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

**Isaiah 53:12** He was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the ~~sin of many~~ **the sins of the many**, and interceded for the transgressors

**2 Corinthians 5:19** God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**Colossians 1:13** He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son

**Daniel 6:28** So this Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

**Isaiah 64:6** All our righteous deeds {literally, our righteousnesses} are like filthy rags