

Daniel – Pt. 3
Speak to the Hand
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Daniel 5:1-6 (NIV)

[¹] King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them.

[²] While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.

[³] So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them.

[⁴] As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

[⁵] Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote.

[⁶] His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way.

Daniel 5:10 (NIV)

[¹⁰] The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. "O king, live forever!" she said. "Don't be alarmed! Don't look so pale!"

Daniel 5:13 (NIV)

[¹³] So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah?"

Daniel 5:17-18 (NIV)

[¹⁷] Then Daniel answered the king, "You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.

[¹⁸] "O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor.

Daniel 5:22 (NIV)

[²²] "But you his son, O Belshazzar, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this.

Daniel 5:25-31 (NIV)

[²⁵] "This is the inscription that was written: 'MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN'"

[26] "This is what these words mean: *Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

[27] *Tekel*: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

[28] *Peres*: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

[29] Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

[30] That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain,

[31] and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.