

DANIEL
CHAPTER
FIVE



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PART
FOUR

WRITING ON THE WALL



MANY YEARS PASSED, AND DANIEL, NOW AN OLDER MAN, WAS STILL IN SERVICE TO THE KINGDOM OF BABYLON...

WHEN A NEW KING, BELSHAZZAR, CAME INTO POWER.

KING BELSHAZZAR DECIDED TO HOST A GREAT BANQUET FOR THOUSANDS OF HIS LEADERS.

DURING THE FEAST, KING BELSHAZZAR HAD HIS SERVANTS BRING OUT THE GOLD AND SILVER GOBLETs THAT HIS FATHER, KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR, HAD TAKEN FROM THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM.




AS THE KING AND HIS NOBLES DRANK FROM THESE SACRED GOBLETs, THEY PRAISED FALSE GODS.

SUDDENLY, A HUMAN HAND APPEARED, AND ONE FINGER BEGAN TO WRITE ON THE WALL RIGHT IN FRONT OF EVERYONE AT THE FEAST!

AS KING BELSHAZZAR WATCHED, HE BEGAN TO SHAKE IN FEAR.

THE KING CALLED FOR HIS WISE MEN...

WHOEVER READS THIS WRITING AND TELLS ME WHAT IT MEANS, I WILL GIVE THEM RICHES AND POWER!

BUT THE WISE MEN COULD NOT READ THE WRITING OR TELL THE KING WHAT IT MEANT.

THIS MADE THE KING EVEN MORE TERRIFIED.

HEARING THE COMMOTION, THE QUEEN CAME INTO THE BANQUET HALL.



DON'T BE ALARMED! THERE IS A MAN WHO CAN HELP YOU.

HE WAS TRUSTED BY KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT INSIGHT AND WISDOM, SO MUCH SO THAT NEBUCHADNEZZAR PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF ALL OF BABYLON'S WISE MEN.



DANIEL APPEARED BEFORE
KING BELSHAZZAR

NONE OF MY WISE MEN CAN
READ THE WRITING ON THE
WALL AND TELL ME WHAT IT
MEANS...

...BUT IF YOU CAN, I WILL GIVE
YOU RICHES AND HONOR
BEYOND YOUR WILDEST
DREAMS.

YOU CAN KEEP
YOUR GIFTS AND
GIVE THEM TO
SOMEONE ELSE...

...BUT I WILL STILL READ THE
WRITING FOR YOU AND TELL
YOU WHAT IT MEANS.

"GOD GAVE YOUR
PREDECESSOR, KING
NEBUCHADNEZZAR,
ABSOLUTE POWER,
GLORY, AND SPLENDOR."



"BECAUSE OF THIS,
ALL THE NATIONS
OF THE EARTH
FEARED HIM."



"HE DID AS HE PLEASED TO HELP
OR HURT ANYONE HE CHOSE."

"BUT NEBUCHADNEZZAR
BECAME PROUD AND
ARROGANT..."



"SO GOD STRIPPED
HIM OF HIS THRONE
AND HIS POWER."



"ONLY AFTER
THIS DID KING
NEBUCHADNEZZAR
ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT GOD ALONE IS
KING OVER ALL THE
EARTH."

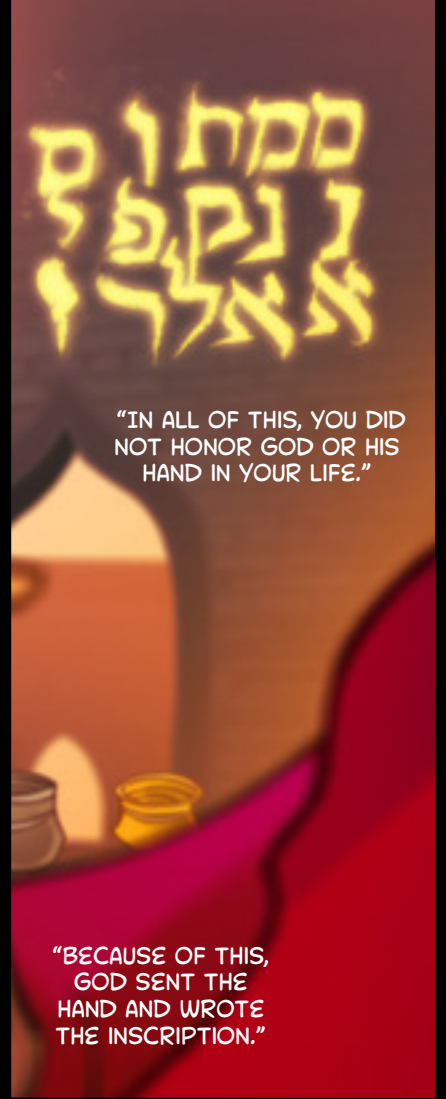


BUT YOU, KING BELSHAZZAR HAVE NOT HUMBLLED YOURSELF, EVEN THOUGH YOU KNEW ALL OF THIS.

INSTEAD, YOU HAVE BECOME PROUD AND HONORED YOURSELF ABOVE GOD.



"WHEN YOU BROUGHT OUT THE GOBLETS FROM GOD'S TEMPLE, YOU DRANK FROM THEM AND PRAISED FALSE GODS WHO CANNOT SEE OR HEAR OR UNDERSTAND."



"IN ALL OF THIS, YOU DID NOT HONOR GOD OR HIS HAND IN YOUR LIFE."

"BECAUSE OF THIS, GOD SENT THE HAND AND WROTE THE INSCRIPTION."



MY KING, THIS IS WHAT THE INSCRIPTION SAYS...



"MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN.' MENE MEANS NUMBERED: GOD HAS NUMBERED YOUR DAYS AND BROUGHT THEM TO AN END."

"TEKEL MEANS WEIGHED: YOU HAVE BEEN WEIGHED ON THE SCALES, AND YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND WANTING."

PERES MEANS DIVIDED: YOUR KINGDOM IS DIVIDED AND WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MEDES AND PERSIANS.



JUST AS THE KING HAD PROMISED, DANIEL WAS DRESSED IN WEALTH.



THAT VERY NIGHT, KING BELSHAZZAR WAS KILLED, AND HIS KINGDOM WAS GIVEN OVER TO ANOTHER RULER.

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