

September 18, 2022
Daniel 5:1-31
"The Handwriting On The Wall"

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

After Nebuchadnezzar five kings would come and go. There would be a deterioration of the kingdom over those years. The last king would be Belshazzar. God's Word is sure, it will come to pass just as He has said. Reap His promises not His judgment!

Notice the history lesson given for the king to recall what had happened before. It is important to remember the past, Scripture often instructs God's believers to recall. To recall the past gives believers confidence to trust God going forward.

The Gentile world powers to come, just like Babylon, will fall because they rebel against God and are characterized by moral and spiritual corruption. Consider the moral and spiritual condition of our nation as a whole today. Trust and obey the Lord with all your heart no matter what other people do.

THE TIME FOR REPENTANCE HAD RUN OUT. Belshazzar had gone too far. The king was slain that night. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." **1 John 1:9** CSB We all sin but be sure to keep short accounts with the Lord when it comes to sin, repent and be restored into sweet fellowship with Him!

Application:

Vv 25-31 reflects these words of Scripture, "Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, because the one who sows to his flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith." **Galatians 6:7-10** CSB

Something as seemingly benign as defiling the temple articles was devastating. In our Wednesday night Bible study king Ahaziah was injured and sent to get help from false gods. The God of heaven sent his messenger, Elijah, to inform the king that this sin was going to cost him his life. He simply bypassed God to ask for help and went to another source for healing. Acts of disobedience that may seem small to us may be huge acts of rebellion in God's eyes. "But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out." **Numbers 32:23** CSB Don't hide your sin, confess it and repent before it is too late!