IS THERE WRITING ON THE WALL? - Belshazzar's Godless Banquet - Daniel 5

THE PLEASURE AT THE BANQUET vs.1-4

- A. Pleasure of wine vs. 1,4 (drinking people become bold in wickedness)
- B. Pleasure of women vs. 2,3
- C. Pleasure of wickedness vs. 2-4 (desecrated holy things, They honored gods but dishonored GOD)

THE PERPLEXITY AT THE BANQUET vs. 5-9 (an unusual occurrence)

A. Perplexity of the writings appearance vs. 5-7

Extreme fear v.6

- B. Perplexity of the writings meaning vs. 8
- C. Perplexity of changed countenance v.9

Fear and anger change people

THE PROPHET AT THE BANQUET vs. 10-16

Daniel summoned by the aged Queen perhaps Nebuchadnezzar's wife or daughter

- Notice her great faith in Daniel based on past experience
- A. Personality of the prophet vs. 12-14
 - 1. A child of God
 - 2. Full of understanding
 - 3. Spirit Controlled
 - 4. Interpreter of dreams
- B. Possible Promotions of the prophet vs.16

THE PROCLAMATION AT THE BANQUET vs.17-23

No excuse for not knowing the God of Israel – His grandfather knew God. His grandmother knew God. He grew up around the Israelites all his life. He should have heard the stories of miracles.

- A. Proclamation of God to grandfather vs.17-19
- B. Proclamation of Nebuchadnezzar
- C. Proclamation of Belshazzar's misuse of Holy things vs.22,23

THE PRONOUNCEMENTS AT THE BANQUET vs. 24-31

Now Daniel pronounces doom

Numbered and wanting and finished

- A. Pronouncement of kingdoms decline vs.26
- B. Pronouncement of kings doom vs.27
- C. Pronouncement of Kingdom's division vs. 28