

## Daniel 5

**5** King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

<sup>18</sup> "Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. <sup>19</sup> Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. <sup>20</sup> But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. <sup>21</sup> He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes. <sup>22</sup> "But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. <sup>23</sup> Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. <sup>24</sup> Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription. <sup>25</sup> "This is the inscription that was written: mene, mene, tekel, parsin <sup>26</sup> "Here is what these words mean: *Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. <sup>27</sup> *Tekel*: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. <sup>28</sup> *Peres*: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain.

When God judged Babylon, He judged the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ all at the same time.

God's judgment can seem to be swift, sudden and even severe but His judgement is preceded by time and warnings. Regarding Babylon's warnings, see Jeremiah 50:1-2, 18-19, 24

Mene - Numbered

Mene - Numbered

Tekel - Weighed

Parsin – Divided

The judgment of God is most clearly seen in the person of Jesus in two ways.

1) Judgment is \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus  
See John 5:22 and 2 Tim 4:1

2) Judgment was \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus  
See John 5:24