

OUR MISSION

We exist to be a refuge, drawing ourselves and others into a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILLSIDE SMALL GROUP – Our main small group meets Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Childcare will be provided. Come have community outside of Sundays!

HILLSIDE KIDS - Help our children's ministry. We need a few volunteers even once a month to return to full strength for our children.

HILLSIDE PRAYER GROUP - Our prayer group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the church building. Come pray with us! These have been fantastic meetings!

NEW TESTAMENT READING – This week, 1 Corinthians 10:23 – 15:49

SNACKS FOR BACKPACKS – It's that time again! Snacks for Backpacks! We will be collecting snacks and single serving non-perishable food items for students in need at Rockvale High School. Suggested list of items are at the communion stations. We would like volunteers to help with deliveries to the school throughout the year. See Sandra for questions or for more information.

If you have questions about any announcement or ministry, email us!

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HILLSIDE CHURCH

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

CHAPTER 5

August 21st, 2022

INTRODUCTION

EVENTS BETWEEN CHAPTERS 4 & 5:

- Nebuchadnezzar dies in 562BC after ruling 43 years.
- Nebuchadnezzar was succeeded by his son Evil-Merodach who ruled for 2 years but was then murdered in 560 by Neriglissar.
- Neriglissar ruled 4 years. He's mentioned in [Jeremiah 39](#) as Nergal-Sharezer.
- He is succeeded by his young son Labashi-Marduk who ruled 2 months before he was assassinated by Nabonidus.
- Nabonidus reigned 17 years and did much to restore the glory of Babylon and unfortunately her idols.
- Belshazzar was Nabonidus' eldest son and was appointed by his father as coregent.

THE WRITING ON THE WALL *Daniel 5:1-12*

Belshazzar, the name means, "Bel or Marduk has protected the king." The irony is that Belshazzar is dead at the end of this chapter.

The causing agent for this problem was not alcohol. The party was a symptom of a problem within.

One of the easiest ways to get stuck in life is to address external issues when there are really internal problems.

It is easier to worship a god that agrees with us, is happy with us and changes to meet our desires. We have fashioned gods that answer to our own wishes.

Indulgence: In the midst of calamity, Babylon asks, what shall we eat? what shall we wear? what shall we drink? Where shall we go? Why concern ourselves with problems if we have what we want?

Indifference: Belshazzar knows the armies of the Medes and Persians are advancing. He knows they are surrounding the city, but he takes no action.

The greatest obstacle in most cases of obeying the command, "Love your neighbor" is not hatred. It is indifference.

Irreverence: Nebuchadnezzar decrees that all people respect the God of the Jews, but over time, the words of the king are forgotten and Belshazzar desecrates sacred things.

"As we see Belshazzar and his friends celebrating, a mirror is held up to our own society. Our culture works very hard to celebrate its success; to pronounce its autonomy from its Creator God; to declare that it has no need of the God of the Bible and his ways anymore. Most of the time, the affluent West is having a party, and using all the gifts God has showered upon us to ignore him or mock his commands."

~Alistair Begg

What good are promises from a kingdom about to end?

We will never find worldly solutions to a problem with the soul.

References: Revelation 14:8, 18:1-5

DANIEL INTERPRETS THE HANDWRITING *Daniel 5:13-31*

Belshazzar, in calling Daniel an exile while using the temple vessels in a blasphemous way, had no problem reminding Daniel of the defeat of Jerusalem. However, Belshazzar was going to be reminded of Daniel's God.

Judges 2:10 (ESV) And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

Worldly pursuits have no place in godly agendas. Daniel was present to obey God, not because he was for sale.

Knowing isn't doing.

Knowledge informs you. Belief changes you.

Mene, Tekel and Parsin are three coins from larger in value to smaller in value. It is a countdown to the end.

Matthew 24:37-39 (ESV) For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. **38** For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, **39** and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Are we repeating the mistakes of Belshazzar?

- Do we know but not believe?
- Are we keeping guard or are we occupied with the party of the world?
- Have we forgotten those who have come before us?