

# The Book Of Daniel

## Verse By Verse For Children – Lesson 21

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### DeCode Today's Theme!

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### HISTORICAL SNAP SHOT – SAY CHEESE!!

Nebuchadnezzar was the greatest king of the Neo-Babylonian Period and the last truly great ruler of Babylon. His successors were insignificant by comparison.

He was followed by his son **Awel-marduk** (561-560 B.C.), the Evil-Merodach of the Old Testament, see 2 Kings 25:27-30, **Neriglissar** (560-558 B.C.), and **Labashi-Marduk** (557 B.C.), murdered as a mere child.

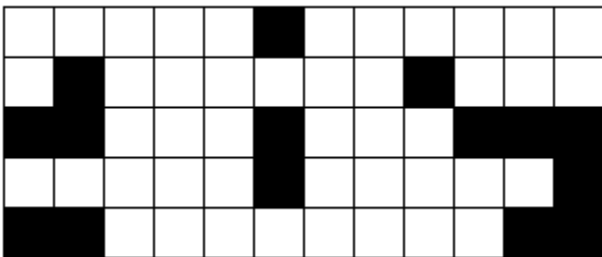
The last king of Babylon, **Nabonidus** (556-539 B.C.) was an enigmatic figure who seems to have favored the moon god, **Sin**, over the national god, **Marduk**.

He moved his residence to Tema in the Syro-Arabian Desert for ten years, leaving his son **Belshazzar** Dan. 5:1 as regent in Babylon.

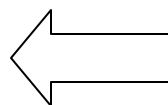
Nabonidus returned to a divided capital amid a threat from the united Medes and Persians. In 539 B.C., the Persian Cyrus II, the Great, entered Babylon without a fight.

Thus ended Babylon's dominant role in Near Eastern politics.

Only Nebby and his great, great, grandson Bels hazzar is mentioned in Daniel.

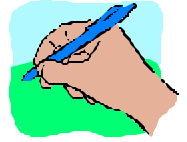


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## Handwriting On The Wall!

P1 What do you think of when you read this title? In our TRUE story today we will read about a real hand writing on a wall! No arm, no body, no head... just a hand!



P2 The next king we read about in Daniel is Belshazzar. He is not really a king but is acting as king in place of his father Nabonidus who is away at the time of our story. Be careful not to confuse Belshazzar with Daniel's Babylonian name Belteshazzar. One is "BEL" - shazzar and the other is "BELTE" – shazzar. In these lessons we will always call Daniel by his Hebrew name.

P3 Belshazzar has not learned very much from his great great grandfather Nebuchadnezzar. Most people don't. Most people do not know who their great great grandfather is, do you?? But Belshazzar should remember Nebby because Nebby was the greatest Babylonian king up till this time.

P4 Now to the text of the story: These are the last recorded words of Nebuchadnezzar as they indicate that he had finally learned his lesson. It may be, and I personally believe, that we will meet Nebby in heaven one day! Dan 4:37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

P5 Now we meet the great-great grandson of Nebby. He is a spoiled teenager or young adult. Dan 5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. NOTE: His father is away and so he pitches a big party. You may be tempted to do this one day. If so, remember this story!

P6 Dan 5:2 Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father <sup>great-great grandfather</sup> Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. NOTE: Not a good idea. Having a party while dad is gone is one thing. But taking the HOLY and using the HOLY vessels of the LORD was NOT a good idea. God commanded that only certain people be allowed to even touch these vessels and Gentiles NEVER!

P7 Dan 5:3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. NOTE: oops!

P8 Dan 5:4 They drank wine, and praised the gods <sup>notice the little g and plural form</sup> of **gold**, and of **silver**, of **brass**, of **iron**, of **wood**, and of **stone**. NOTE: Discuss in class what is going on here.

P9 The laws of physics are about to go out the window again!! Dan 5:5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. YIKES!!!! A hand appears and starts writing on the wall over by the candlestick. THINK>> Who's hand do you THINK this is??

P10 Dan 5:6 Then the king's countenance was changed <sup>his face turns white</sup>, and his thoughts troubled him, <sup>What have I done??</sup> so that the joints of his loins were loosed, <sup>he had trouble standing up</sup> and his knees smote one against another. NOTE: This young king is so scared that his knees began to knock against each other!! Have you ever been this scared??

P11 Dan 5:7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his

neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. NOTE: Discuss this verse in class! Who else made this mistake??

P12 Dan 5:8 Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. – DUH!

P13 Dan 5:9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled <sup>scared</sup>, and his countenance <sup>how he looked</sup> was changed in him, and his lords were astonished. <sup>astonished, amazed</sup>

More next week....

- T** 1. Who was Belshazzar?
- H** 2. Who was Nebby to Belshazzar?
- I**
- N** 3. What is the difference between Belshazzar and Belteshazzar?
- K** 4. What did Belshazzar do when his father was out of town?

- T** 5. THINK... Why do you THINK Belshazzar took and used the vessels of God?
- H** a. he was showing off    b. he was full of pride    c. his father was away  
d. he had not learned from Nebby    e. all of these
- I**
- N** 6. How often could a Gentile touch the vessels of God?
- K** 7. What do you learn about Belshazzar from P8?

- T**
- H** 8. From P10 describe what was happening to Belshazzar when he saw the hand writing on the wall! (yes you can also draw a picture)
- I**
- N**
- K**

# Crossword

**Across**

- 2. sixth god worshiped in p8
- 5. Daniel's Babylonian name
- 6. I love this ?
- 8. third god worshiped in p8
- 9. first god worshiped in p8
- 11. great great grandson of Nebby
- 13. fifth god worshiped in p8

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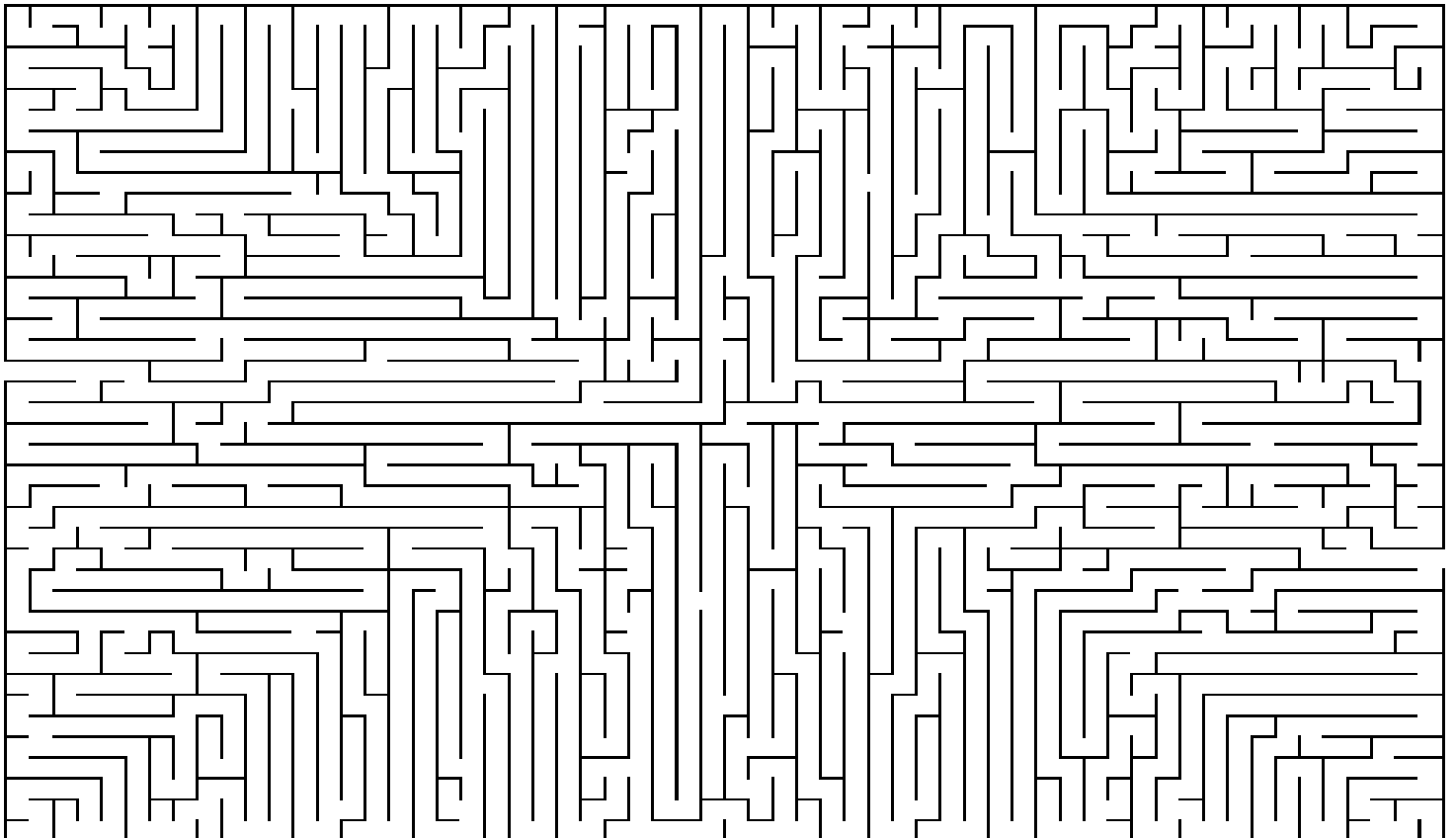
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**Down**

- 1. Belshazzar used these HOLY
- 3. we might see him in heaven
- 4. fourth god worshiped in p8
- 7. second god worshiped in p8
- 10. Belshazzar pitched a P\_\_\_\_\_
- 12. what wrote on the wall?



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 KNEENOCKER  
 LAWSOPHYSICS  
 NABONIDUS  
 PRAISE  
 PRIDE  
 SCARED  
 SOOTHSAYERS  
 TRUTH  
 WISEMEN  
 YIKES

Write Them Here...



### Ocean View

The ocean floor harbors the octopus and fish of many kinds. Hidden in the seaweed are these objects: a heart, spoon, house, teacup, koala bear's head, sailboat, banana, flower, shoe, pencil, bell, apple, and a car.