

Assignments on Daniel 5

Please read Daniel chapter 5 and answer the following questions.

1. Who was king of Babylon at this time – 5:1? How and with whom did he celebrate?

2. What did he use in the celebration – 5:2,3? How had they obtained these vessels? (Think: How does this illustrate the way that pagan rulers often celebrated?)

3. **Special Assignment:** “Scholars” in past years claimed Babylon had no king named Belshazzar, so the Bible was wrong. Search what sources you may have (Bible dictionaries, etc.) to see what you can learn about Belshazzar and his relationship to Nebuchadnezzar.

4. Explain how Belshazzar’s error was similar to that of Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 4.

5. **Application:** Give examples in which people today take things that God intended to be used in His spiritual service, but people use them in secular or unspiritual ways.

6. What did the people do that would especially offend God – 5:4?

7. What appeared in the sight of the king, and what did it do – 5:5?

8. What effect did this have on Belshazzar – 5:6?

9. Whom did Belshazzar call, and what did he offer them – 5:7?

10. What events earlier in the book involve similar requests?

11. **Special Assignment:** A search to see why Belshazzar offered the third position in the kingdom (rather than the second) can lead to interesting facts. See what you can find.

12. What results did the wise men achieve and how did this affect the rulers – 5:8,9?

13. Who came to offer help, and whom did she say should be called – 5:10-12?

14. How did she describe Daniel and his abilities?

15. When the king called Daniel, what did he say he had heard about him – 5:13,14?

16. What offer did he make did Daniel – 5:15,16?

17. What did Daniel say about the king's rewards, but what did he offer to do – 5:17?

18. **Application:** Is it acceptable for teachers and preachers of God's word to be financially supported (give Scripture)? (Think: Why might Daniel not want the rewards?)

19. How did Daniel describe king Nebuchadnezzar – 5:18,19?

20. What did Daniel say happened to Nebuchadnezzar, and for what purpose – 5:20,21?

21. How did Daniel describe Belshazzar's error – 5:22,23?

22. How did Daniel describe the gods that Belshazzar worshiped?

23. By way of contrast, how did Daniel describe the true God?

24. **Application:** What lessons should we learn about the difference between the true God and false gods?

25. List each of the words that the hand sent by God had written on the wall and explain the significance of each one – 5:24-28.

26. What lesson was the message intended to teach Belshazzar?

27. What reward did Belshazzar give to Daniel – 5:29?

28. How was the message written on the wall fulfilled – 5:30,31?

29. **Special Assignment:** See what you can learn about Babylon's fall to the Persians.

30. **Application:** What other lessons can we learn about Daniel as a prophet and his message to Belshazzar?