



Introduction

At a feast, Belshazzar sees a hand writing on the wall.

Questions

- 1. Where had the gold and silver vessels used in the feast come from?
- 2. Why did the king call for Daniel?
- 3. What is Daniel's accusation against king Belshazzar?



Summary Points

- v 1 to 9 At his feast the king is greatly troubled by seeing part of a hand writing a message on the wall, but none of his wise men can tell him its meaning
- v 10 to 16 At the recommendation of the queen, Daniel is brought in to reveal what the writing means
- v 17 to 24 Daniel tells Belshazzar that he has ignored the lessons (see theme) which his father Nebuchadnezzar had to learn and has not glorified God
- v 25 to 31 Daniel tells the king that he has been found wanting. His kingdom will end and be given to the Medes and Persians. That night Belshazzar is killed and Darius the Mede takes the kingdom

Timeline 570 BC (see below)



Theme

God's principles cannot be ignored without consequences

A selection of verses showing that there will be consequences if we ignore what God says.

The early Israelites are told the results of both obeying and disobeying God:

Deuteronomy 11 verses 26 to 28

Isaiah later tells the Israelites the consequences of disobeying God:

Isaiah 1 verse 20

The apostle Paul spells out the consequences of ignoring God:

Romans 1 verse 18

He points out the results of rejecting God's truth:

Romans 1 verses 24 to 32



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 2, Q 2: v 8 to 11, Q 3: v 22 and 23



Bible timeline

