

TIMES + SEASONS

The Study of Daniel (Part 1) – “Troubled Seasons”

Lesson 5 – “Judgment”

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Daniel 5:1-31

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“The writing on the wall” is an expression we still use today. It refers to an expectation of judgment or misfortune.

This phrase comes directly from the book of Daniel. God had used the Babylonians as His agent of judgment on the rebellious nation of Judah. Now, “the writing on the wall” was for Babylon.

In Daniel 5:1-31, the Most High God warned Babylon of imminent judgment with His handwriting on the wall of the king’s palace.

Main Lesson: People and nations that _____ against God must learn to see the handwriting on the wall.

Background: Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream (2:19-21) – Nebuchadnezzar died in 562 BC and Babylon was destroyed on Oct. 12, 529 BC.

1. Babylon’s _____ (v. 1-3)

- She was _____ (v. 1-2; 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 18-20)
- She was _____ (v. 3; Ezek. 22:26)

Revelation 18:1-5

2. Babylon’s _____ (v. 4-17)

- _____ *in the Wrong Gods* (v. 4-6)
- _____ *to the Wrong People* (v. 7-17)

Jeremiah 29:1, 10-11

3. Babylon’s _____ (v. 18-23)

- _____ *to Learn from the Past* (v. 18-22)
- _____ *to the Lord of Heaven* (v. 23)

Proverbs 16:18; 29:1

4. Babylon’s _____ (v. 24-31)

“You have been _____ . . . and found wanting!”