



EXILES

LIFE IN BABYLON

Greatest

Parties

In History



Belshazzar's Feast 587 B.C.



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Daniel 5:1

“King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them.”

King Nebuchadnezzar died 562

Amel-Marduk (son)

Nerglissar (brother-in-law)

Labashi-Marduk (boy king)

Nabonidus → Belshazzar

Big Date in History

October 12, 539

End of Babylon Empire

2 While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.

4 As they drank the wine, they
praised the gods of gold and silver,
of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

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Idolatry (Worship false gods)

Although they claimed to be wise,
they became fools and exchanged the
glory of the immortal God for images
made to look like a mortal human
being and birds and animals and
reptiles.

Romans 1:22-23

Unexpected Uninvited Guest



Daniel 5:5

Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace.

Daniel 5:6

The king watched the hand as it wrote. 6 His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

Unexpected Uninvited Guest



Queen Mother:

“Don’t be alarmed!

There is a man

in your kingdom who has

the spirit of the holy gods in him.”



Don't ever
underestimate the
power of a
Godly Life

“Are you Daniel,
one of the exiles
my father the king
brought from Judah?”



Daniel “schools” Belshazzar

A History Lesson

A Theology Lesson

A Reading Lesson

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A History Lesson

18 “Your Majesty, the Most High
God gave your father
Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and
greatness and glory and splendor.

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A History Lesson

He given the mind of an animal....
until he acknowledged that the Most
High God is sovereign over all
kingdoms on earth and sets over
them anyone he wishes.

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“But you, Belshazzar, his son,
have not humbled yourself, though
you knew all this

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You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways.

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A Reading Lesson

mene, mene,

tekem,

parsin

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A Reading Lesson

Mena, Mena -- God has
numbered the days of your reign
and brought it to an end.

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A Reading Lesson

Tekel

You have been weighed on the
scales and found wanting.

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A Reading Lesson

Peres -- Your kingdom is divided
and given to the Medes and
Persians.

Daniel 5:30

That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two

Lessons From Sad Ending

God's Word is true.

You can trust it.

Nations rise and fall as Daniel
interpreted the dream.

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Lessons From Sad Ending

Trust the Sovereignty of God

Exile ending -- new ruler, Cyrus
approves Zerubbabel taking 43,000
Jews back to Jerusalem.



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