

# The Writing On the Wall

## PART TWO

Daniel 5:25-27



# The Writing On The Palace Wall Of Belshazzar

- MENE-God has numbered your kingdom (reign) and finished it (the repetition confirms fulfillment is sure)
- TEKEL-You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting
- PERES- Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians (Peres is the plural form of Parsin)

# MENE- God Has Numbered Your Reign And Finished It

- King Belshazzar could have saved his life like King Hezekiah did
- The same sentence was given to Hezekiah in 2 Kings 20:1

***“In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’”***

# But The Difference Was Hezekiah's Heart!

## Verse 2

*“Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord saying,*

*Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.”*

# Hezekiah Got An Extension!

## 2Kings 20:4-6

*“And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him saying,*

*Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of my people,*

*‘Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you...’*”

# 2Kings 20:4-6

*“On the third day you shall go up to the house of the Lord.*

*And I will your add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of my servant David.”*

- *Because of a leader’s relationship with God, others would receive blessings too!*

# Isaiah 55:7

*“Let the wicked forsake his way, And the  
unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to  
the Lord,  
And He will have mercy on him;  
And to our God,  
For He will abundantly pardon.”*

*Belshazzar refused to forsake his ways, unlike his  
father, King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:1-3), and it  
cost him his life!*

# TEKEL-You Have Been Weighed In The Balances And Found Wanting

- God is a Weight Watcher
- King Belshazzar did not have enough substance to his life to amount to anything on God's scales
- Wanting means deficient or lacking something
- God, in His mercy, and in advance, is telling Belshazzar that he doesn't weigh enough. He'd better put on some more weight



# Psalms 62:9

*“Surely men of low degree are a vapor, men of high degree are a lie.*

*If they are weighed on the scales, They are Altogether lighter than vapor.”*

- People who live lives without God are wasting their lives and are like vapor.
- No matter how much money you earn or how much fame you obtain, or what great things you accomplish; without God in your life, it will blow away or just be lost. Luke 12
- Without Jesus on the scale with us, we are all “underweight”. With good works alone we will not weigh enough, Ephesians 2:8

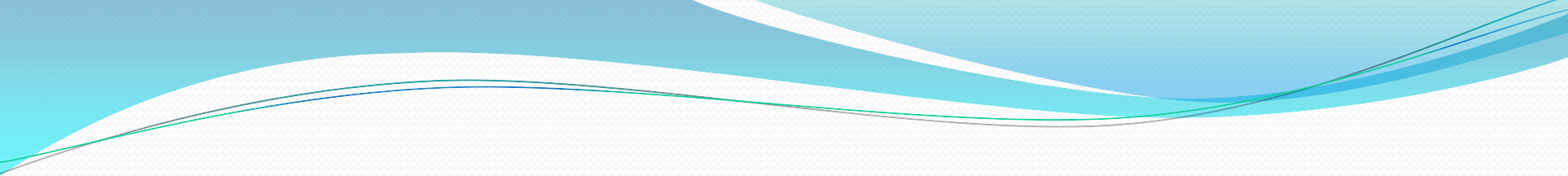
# Some Of Us On God's Scales Weigh Too Much!

- We can become accustomed to too much weight
- Hebrew 12:1-2 speaks about God's children who become weighted down with besetting sins (sins that easily trip us)
- We also can be weighted down with the cares of this life, Matthew 6:25-33

# Peres: Your Kingdom Has Been Divided And Given To The Medes And Persians

- His legacy was sealed by his attitude
- He remained indifferent to God's plea and, as a result, suffered God's wrath and was slain that night according to the Bible Daniel 5:30, and Darius took over his throne
- The spiritual decisions that parents make affect their offspring (we don't know what happened to the king's offspring)
- God is longsuffering 2Peter 3:9

- A man once saw a bird on an electrical wire and asked an electrician nearby how the bird could sit on that wire and not be killed
- The electrician told the man that if he were to touch that electrical wire with a stick, he would be electrocuted because he was on the ground using a stick to touch the wire
- On the other hand since the bird was “totally given over to the wire,” the bird was safe.

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- If on the other hand, the bird touched the wire and the ground simultaneously it would die
  - Many people today want to hold on to God and the world at the same time and not totally give themselves to Christ
  - Remember Lot's wife who tried to hold on to the world and God and that combination destroyed her  
1 John 2:15

# The Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38