

The Book of Daniel
"End Time Wall Writing"
Daniel 5:1-31

Introduction

1. God speaks in wonderful ways His purpose to fulfill. Cf. Heb. 1:1.

2. As all the chapters in Daniel, this one has definite prophetic significance. This will be seen with clarity by a careful study of the events recorded. But this prophecy is based upon a genuine historical account.

3. All centers around the message of God to a Gentile king. The message came thru an amazing wall writing. The events surrounding this experience are studied with meaning.

4. Consider the following about the wall writing from an historical perspective.

1. Its OCCASION vv. 1-4.

Whatever else may have characterized the situation, there are four big words which tell the sad story:

a. Feasting.

b. Drinking.

c. Excessing (presence of women not at this).

It seems strange that God should speak out at a gathering of this sort, but when men forget God, He never forgets them!

2. Its VISION vv. 5-9.

The vision noted:

a. The hand of God.

b. The fear of man.

c. The despair of human wisdom.

Man's extremity was an opportunity for God. It is at this juncture that God calls upon His prophet to give enlightenment.

3. Its EXPLANATION vv. 17-24.

The understanding of the vision came:

- a. Through a prophet of God. vv. 10-16.
Human means are unworthy vehicles of divine truth.
- b. Without expectation of profit. v. 17.
The Lord's word does not come because of human rewards. Cf. Balaam; Isa. 55:1; 1 Peter 5:2.
- c. By historical perspective. vv. 18-21
How patience had been given an opportunity to work!
- d. With prophetic rebuke. vv. 22-23.
 - 1) About pride.
 - 2) About sin against light.
 - 3) About rebellion against God.
 - 4) About blasphemous piety.
 - 5) About gross idoltry.
 - 6) About base ingratitude.

4. Its INTERPRETATION vv. 24-29.

Three unconnected words with meaning:

- a. Mene. Note Daniel adds "God."
- b. Tekel. Here is spiritual weight. Are people concerned about this weight problem????
- c. Peres. (Upharsin is the same word).
Persia is related phonetically.
Justice must now be exercised and sin must bear its punishment. What a fearful word to bring to any soul!

Conclusion The end came as predicted. The Word of the Lord was confirmed. History has given marvelous illumination to the accuracy of the Bible. Let us take heed lest the same come to us. Heb. 2:1-3.

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