

## E2E- Part 110

### Daniel 5

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1. All humanity is responsible to God for what He has already revealed. Paul's argument in Romans 1 is that there is evidence of God everywhere.
2. Belshazzar is now the king of Babylon. He hosts a feast and brings in the holy vessels Nebuchadnezzar plundered to drink and toast to their pagan gods.
3. Belshazzar knew that God had humbled Nebuchadnezzar, yet he deliberately defies God, committing an abomination and intentionally blaspheming against God Almighty.
4. Suddenly, a hand appears on the wall and writes a message. Understandably, the king is terrified and calls for an interpreter. He promises that whoever can read the message will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.
5. Daniel's reputation for wisdom continues, and he is brought before the king; however, Daniel refuses any reward of power or prestige to prevent any misconception that God can be bought.
6. Daniel rebukes Belshazzar because he knew of Nebuchadnezzar's pride and how he was brought to repentance through God's mercy and conviction. His blasphemy is inexcusable and is direct defiance of God.
7. Daniel understood the message in Aramaic as meaning, "numbered, weighted, divided." His interpretation is a divine evaluation, proclamation, and imminent judgment.
8. This account demonstrates God's faithfulness and the trustworthiness of His Word, and also that we are accountable to God for what we know.

## GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

**Qbel** (keb-ale´); (Aramaic) – to receive, in front of

**Shabach** (shaw-bakh´); to address in a loud tone, (specifically) loud; –commend, glory, praise, triumph.

## QUOTES

*“...the walls of the throne room were washed over with white gypsum.”*  
- Robert Koldewey [Archeologist] - March 1899

*“...the city was invaded while the Babylonians were feasting in a time of drunken revelry.”*  
- Xenophon - 340 B.C.

*“...avenged themselves upon the wicked king.”*  
- Xenophon

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

You Are Good  
Lord I Lift Your Name On High  
Here I Am To Worship  
Draw Me Close

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Romans 1:19–20 and Psalm 19:1 both teach that God has made himself known through creation, leaving humanity “without excuse.” Where have you personally seen the clearest evidence of God in the world around you – and how does that awareness shape the way you live day to day?
2. Belshazzar knew exactly what had happened to Nebuchadnezzar, yet he deliberately defied God anyway. Daniel confronted him with the words, “You knew all this.” Can you think of an area of your own life where you’ve been aware of what God requires but chose a different path? What helped you – or what is helping you – turn back toward obedience?
3. Pastor Mark described Belshazzar’s use of the temple vessels as a deliberate act of blasphemy – not carelessness, but a calculated shaking of his fist at God. What does it look like in our culture today when people knowingly defy God rather than simply ignoring him? How should that distinction shape the way we pray for and engage with unbelievers?
4. Hebrews 10:24–25 calls believers to encourage one another and keep gathering together, “all the more as you see the day drawing near.” In what practical ways does your participation in this group or in Sunday worship strengthen your ability to persevere and not drift toward willful sin?
5. Pastor Mark ended with a call to pray that “scales will fall from darkened minds” and that the Holy Spirit will lead the unsaved to Christ. Think of one or two specific people in your life who are living as though they are accountable to no one. How can this group pray for them this week – and what might a faithful, loving witness to them look like in the coming weeks?