

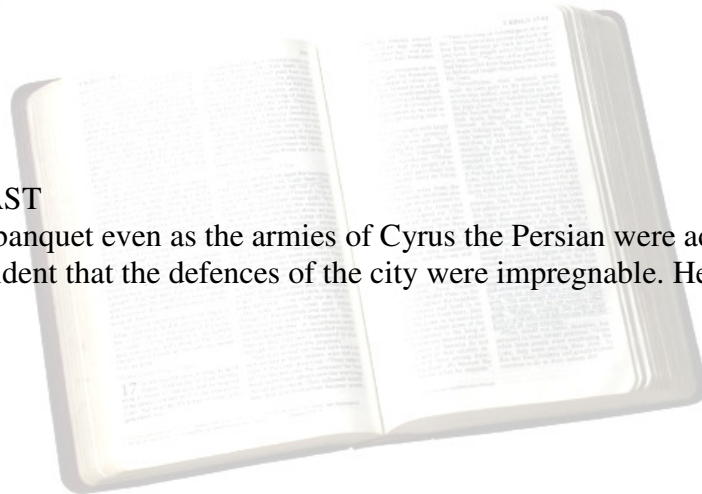
## DANIEL 5 THE WRITING ON THE WALL

### INTRODUCTION

Chapters 1 to 4 are set in the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar. Chapter 5 jumps over three kings, who reigned for a total of seven years, to the time of King Belshazzar.

The Last Rulers of Babylon	
Nebuchadnezzar	(605-562)
Amel-Marduk *	(562-560)
Neriglissar	(560-556)
Labashi-Marduk	(556)
Nabonidus }	(555-539)
Belshazzar }	( ? -539)
* The Evil-Merodach of 2 Kings 25:27	

Was Belshazzar king? He was never *monarch* (monos = "sole," archus = "ruler."), but he was co-regent with his father, and therefore is correctly described as *king*.



### THE DRUNKEN FEAST

Belshazzar staged his banquet even as the armies of Cyrus the Persian were advancing on the city of Babylon. He was confident that the defences of the city were impregnable. He had no fear of God.

### THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Mene (a noun) = *mina*.

Tekel (a noun) = *shekel*.

Parsin ( a plural noun)

Peres ( a singular noun) = *a half*.

In verb form = *numbered* or *appointed*.

In verb form = *weighed*.

In verb form = *divided* or *shared*.

It is never *too late* to get right with God.

*"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."* - 2 Cor. 6:2b.