

INTRODUCTION

- * The Book of Daniel ... Revealing the Impact of his God, his life, and his writing.
- * Over the past month, we have considered this Impact as it intersected with the life of King Nebuchadnezzar. YHWH was revealing Himself to this man in a mighty way and Nebuchadnezzar began to understand that YHWH was the One True God. However, as we see in the life of David and Solomon, the sinful choices of the father pass down to their sons ... and eventually, bring the fall of the nation.
- * Yet, this fall does not take God by surprise. The rise and fall of nations is within the confines of His sovereignty. He establishes Kings and He removes them!
- * Today we see the final act of the Kingdom of Babylon ... and its King, who so epitomized the mindset of a self-absorbed people.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE S _____ (v. 1-4)****A. The F _____ of the King (v. 1)****B. The B _____ of the King (v. 2-4)**

1. WHILE _____ ...
(cf. Lev 10:9-10; Prov 31:4-5; Mark 6:21-28)
2. THEY BROUGHT _____ ...
(cf. 2 Kings 24:11-13; Dan 1:2)

Nabopolassar**Nebuchadnezzar**

Evil-Merodach (Jer 52:31) ... Orig: **Abu-Shum-Ukin** ... became: **Amel-Marduk** in praise of Marduk; he had been imprisoned for a short time by his father Nebuchadnezzar... released Jehoiachin in his 37 year, 12 month, 25th day

*(Neriglissar/Nergal-Sharezer ... Evil-Merodach's brother-in-law)***Nabonidus** ... acquired the throne via intrigue / assassination**Belshazzar** (co-regent with his father Nabonidus) ... he is believed to be the son of the daughter of Nebuchadnezzar**II. THE J _____ (v. 1-3, 34-37)****A. YHWH's I _____ (v. 5-9)****B. Daniel's I _____ (v. 10-28)**

1. THE R _____ OF DANIEL (v. 10-16)
 - a. The Testimony of the Queen (v. 10-12)
 - b. The Derision of the King (v. 13-16)
2. THE C _____ OF BELSHAZZAR (v. 17-23)
3. THE E _____ OF THE WRITING (v. 24-28)
 - * Mene ... Measured; Appointed (cf. Psalm 62:9-12; Isaiah 40:15,17; Daniel 2:24; 2:49; 3:12)
 - * Tekel ... Lacking; wanting
 - Proverbs 7:7; 9:4,16; **10:13,21**; 11:12; 12:9,11; **15:21**; 17:18; 24:30; **28:16**
 - Psalm 23:1; Proverbs 2:1-16
 - John 3:19-20; Romans 1:28
 - * Peres: double meaning: ... cloven/divided (Lev 11; Dty 14) ... also word for Persia

III. THE F _____ (v. 30-31; cf. Isaiah 13-14; 21:1-10; 43:14; 47:1-15; Jeremiah 25:12-26)**A. The Present F _____****B. The Future F _____ (cf. Revelation 14:6-13; 16:17-17:5; 18:1-24)****INTROSPECTION**

- * ARE YOU TREATING THINGS OF GOD DISDAINFULLY?
- * HAVE YOU BEEN MEASURED AND FOUND WANTING?
- * ARE YOU LIVING A LIFE OF GODLY CHARACTER AND RESPECT, THAT OTHERS TURN TO YOU FOR WISDOM AND ADVICE?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * Read 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 and Matthew 22:8-14. Compare and contrast to Daniel 5, Psalm 62:9-12, and Isaiah 40,15,17.