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## ***Daniel 5 – The Sudden Fall of Governments: Belshazzar's Feast***

**A forerunner lifestyle can prophesy and decree the sudden fall of governments.**

This fifth event occurred while Daniel was in his early eighties. It began with a supernatural event during King Belshazzar's royal feast, in which he was desecrating the vessels once used in Solomon's temple. When Babylon was the most powerful nation on the earth, Daniel prophesied that it would fall suddenly. He warned the national leaders of Babylon that their nation was finished, and that it would soon be divided and given to the Persians.

"And You have lifted yourself up against the Lord... God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it... Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

Daniel 5:23-28

God released sudden judgment on the king and his nation by writing supernaturally on the palace wall. That very night, in October 539 BC, Babylon fell to Persia, and Belshazzar died. Not only were Belshazzar and his nobles profaning the vessels stolen from the temple by using them in a common setting, they were at the same time declaring the superiority of the gods they served (5:4). Yet it was not the strength of their gods that had delivered Jerusalem into their hands; it was God judging His people by giving them into the hands of the Babylonians. Now the Lord will show them that He is the One who "sets up kings and deposes them" (Dan. 2:21) and who "does what he pleases with the people of the earth" (4:35) even as Nebuchadnezzar had experienced. When Daniel came before Belshazzar, Daniel did not merely interpret the writing on the wall. He gave the king a message about how God had humbled Nebuchadnezzar, and reminded Belshazzar that he knew the whole story. So he set the judgment in the context of the mercy of God, who had given Belshazzar more than enough time and information before judging him (5:22-23).

"But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this."

Daniel 5:22

Daniel was a forerunner in excellence. His whole life, while in captivity, was lived in a lifestyle of godliness. He served the Babylonian government without compromising his faith in God. It's truly possible to be working in the secular world and NOT sin. Daniel, you are an inspiration.

### **Prayer:**

Father, we ask, do it again in our days today. Raise us up in the resilience of Daniel. Grace us more and more and let us be an agent of change.