

# *Writing on the Wall*

*Daniel 5*

**Daniel 5:1** King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand. **2** Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. **3** Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. **4** They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

**5** Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. **6** Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. **7** The king called loudly to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king declared to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."



*We must not profane  
sacred things.*



*We must not forget  
past lessons.*



*We must not ignore  
God's judgment.*



