

- I. Belshazzar's Drunken Feast
 - A. Historical Context and Date: 539 B.C.
 - B. Idolatry and the Desecration of the Holy Vessels (5:1-4; Isa 22:13)
 - C. The Writing on the Wall (5:5-9)
 - D. The Queen Mother's Intervention (5:10-12)
- II. Daniel's Speech and Interpretation (5:13-31)
 - A. Daniel Rebukes Belshazzar (17-23)
 - B. Daniel's Interpretation of the Writing on the Wall (5:24-28)
 - C. The Prophecy Fulfilled (5:29-31)
- III. Application
 - A. God's Judgment Today (John 9:2-3, Rom 11:33)
 - B. Are You Ignoring Previous Warnings? (5:22-23; Luke 16:19-31)

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. Compare and contrast Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar. How are they similar and different?
2. Does God still bring judgment on people and nations today? How are we to interpret events with no new special revelation?
3. How can you learn from the testimonies of others? What is the value of reading Christian biographies?