

Series: The Stand
Message: The Wages Of Sin
Scripture: Daniel 5
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Daniel 5:1-2

¹ *Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.*

² *When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.*

Daniel 5:5

⁵ *Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing.*

Daniel 5:22-24

²² *"Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this,*

²³ *but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or understand. But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and all your ways, you have not glorified.*

²⁴ *"Then the hand was sent from Him and this inscription was written out.*

Daniel 5:25-28

²⁵ *"Now this is the inscription that was written out: 'MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.'*

²⁶ *"This is the interpretation of the message: 'MENE'—God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it.*

²⁷ *"'TEKEL'—you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient.*

²⁸ *"'PERES'—your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians."*

Daniel 5:30-31

³⁰ *That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.*

³¹ *So Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.*

1. Sin Has A Degenerative Nature.

2. Sin Makes Us Impervious To Danger.

3. Sin Will Not Be Overlooked By God. **Revelation 17:4-6**

⁴ *The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality,*

⁵ *and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."*

⁶ *And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.*

Revelation 18:10b

^{10b} *... 'Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.'*

Revelation 18:19

¹⁹ *"And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, 'Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!'"*

Revelation 19:1-4

¹ After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;

² BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER."

³ And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER."

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

Matthew 25:46

⁴⁶ "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."