

Handwriting on the Wall (Daniel 5)

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INTRODUCTION

WHERE DOES DANIEL FIT WITHIN DANIEL? DATE-STAMPS AND DANIEL 4

Daniel 1:1	The third year of Jehoiakim	605 BC	1
Daniel 2:1	Nebuchadnezzar's second (accession) year	603-602 BC	2
Nebuchadnezzar's Conquest of Jerusalem		586 BC	
Daniel 4		570-563 BC	
Nebuchadnezzar's Death		562 BC	
Daniel 5:31	Darius conquered Babylon	early 539 BC	<u>5</u>
Daniel 7:1	First year of Belshazzar	553 BC	3
Daniel 8:1	Third year of Belshazzar	551 BC	4
Daniel 9:1	First year of Darius	late 539 BC	6
Daniel 10:1	Third year of Cyrus	536 BC	<u>8</u>
Daniel 11:1	First year of Darius	late 539 BC	7

CHIASM IN DANIEL 2–7: A REASON FOR A NON-CHRONOLOGICAL ARRANGEMENT

DANIEL 2:	Neb's vision: A sketch of prophetic history
DANIEL 3:	Punishment for worshipping the Lord: The fiery furnace
DANIEL 4:	Humiliation of Nebuchadnezzar
DANIEL 5:	Humiliation of Belshazzar
DANIEL 6:	Punishment for worshipping the Lord: The lions' den
DANIEL 7:	Daniel's vision: A sketch of prophetic history

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Nabonidus Cylinder from Ur: Proof that Belshazzar was _____

Nabonidus left Babylon from *ca.* 553–543 BC, living in Tayma (Teima) in Saudi Arabia

After returning to Babylon, the Persians captured Nabonidus at Borsippa, Iraq (539 BC)

Thus, Belshazzar _____

BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST TO HONOR BABYLON's gods (5:1-4)

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL (5:5-9)

DANIEL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE INTERPRETATION (5:10-12)

DANIEL IS SUMMONED (5:13-16)

DANIEL'S REBUKE OF BELSHAZZAR (5:17-23)

DANIEL'S INTERPRETATION (5:24-28)

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TEKEL

U-PHARSIN

DANIEL'S REWARD AND THE FULFILMENT OF THE PROPHECY (5:29-31)

CONCLUSION