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## **Daniel – Part 5 – Numbering Our Days** **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **Daniel 5 NIV**

#### ***The Writing on the Wall***

5 King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a **thousand of his nobles** and drank wine with them. <sup>2</sup>While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that **Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem**, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. <sup>3</sup>So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. <sup>4</sup>**As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.**

<sup>5</sup>**Suddenly** the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. <sup>6</sup>His face turned pale and **he was so frightened** that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

<sup>7</sup>The king summoned the enchanters, astrologers and diviners. Then he said to these wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.”

<sup>8</sup>Then all the king’s wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant. <sup>9</sup>So King Belshazzar became even more terrified and his face grew more pale. **His nobles were baffled.**

<sup>10</sup>The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. “May the king live forever!” she said. “Don’t be alarmed! Don’t look so pale!” <sup>11</sup>There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners. <sup>12</sup>He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means.”

<sup>13</sup>So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, “Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah?” <sup>14</sup>I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. <sup>15</sup>The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. <sup>16</sup>**Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems.** If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom.”

<sup>17</sup>Then Daniel answered the king, “You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.

<sup>18</sup>“Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor.

<sup>19</sup>Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. <sup>20</sup>**But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride,** he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. <sup>21</sup>He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, **until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes.**

<sup>22</sup>“But you, Belshazzar, his son, **have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this.** <sup>23</sup>Instead, you have set yourself up **against the Lord of heaven.** You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. **You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone,** which cannot see or hear or understand. **But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways.**

<sup>24</sup>Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

<sup>25</sup>“This is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN

<sup>26</sup>“Here is what these words mean:

**Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign** and brought it to an end.

<sup>27</sup>**Tekel: You have been weighed** on the scales and **found wanting.**

<sup>28</sup> *Peres*: Your kingdom is **divided and given** to the Medes and Persians.”

<sup>29</sup> Then at Belshazzar’s command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

<sup>30</sup> That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, <sup>31</sup> and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

### Generation Next

- It is the responsibility of each generation to honour the Lord (**Romans 1**). We are to examine the lives of those who have gone before us, evaluating their righteous deeds, their failures and learn from them.
- The Lord gives great grace to those who don’t “know better”.
- The Lord is often swift to judge those in positions of leadership or authority who are using their position for their own gain, or who are taking advantage of others or who are using their position to teach others to dishonour God.

### Numbering Our Days

- **Psalm 90:12 NIV** Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- Life is short... Live righteously!
- What would you do if someone told you that you have 4 months to live?
  - Would you fulfill your bucket list, or Gods?
  - Death is the Christians promotion. We are looking forward to leaving this world.
- **1 Peter 3-8-12 NIV** <sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their **tongue from evil** and their **lips from deceitful speech**. <sup>11</sup> They must **turn from evil and do good**; they must **seek peace and pursue it**. <sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” (the Apostle Peter quoting from **Psalm 34**)

### Salvation Prayer (to ask God to forgive your sins and adopt you as His child):

“Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You dying on the cross and taking the punishment for my sins. I open the door of my life to you and receive You as my Lord and Saviour. Thank You for forgiving my sin and for giving me eternal life. I ask that You lead me, teach me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. Lord, transform me into a person who represents you well, in Jesus name I ask, amen.”

### Giving \$ to God at Hope CCC: Donations/Tithes/Offerings

1. **Giving Envelopes** (located on the chairs) are to be placed in one of the two **collection boxes on the wall**.
  - A year’s box of giving/tithing envelopes are available from our Envelope Secretary Dr. Paul Corriveau.
2. **Monthly Withdrawal - Pre Authorized Remittance**. Registration forms beside the collection boxes.
3. **Online Giving** can be done on our website through Canada Helps.
4. **Text-2-Give** using your phone by texting **705-910-0962**. You can use Visa-Debit or credit card.
5. Cheques can be **Mailed** to the church.

## Announcements: [www.hopecommunitysite.com](http://www.hopecommunitysite.com) 705-812-2833

**Small Group Bible Studies:** Contact **Craig Basaraba** for current groups or to start a group... 705-323-2628 & basarabac@yahoo.ca

**Morning Prayer** Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

**Woman's Walking/Exercise Group** – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

**Kid's Tuesday Afterschool Program** – 3:30 to 5:00 pm - gym games, snack, encouragement & friendship

**Mom's Hangout** – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

**Upward Soccer (Ages SK to Grade 6) Practice** – Wednesdays 6-8 pm

**God Squad Jr. High:** Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

**Sr. High Youth:** Thursdays: 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Students grades 9-12

**Upward Soccer (Ages SK to Grade 6) Game** – Saturdays 9:30 to 11:30 am

**Good Food Box** – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

**Communion Lunch Service – First Sunday of each month** Service (10:00 am) of each month as part of the morning service. Invite a friend and bring food to share in this pot luck style meal.

**Summer Intercession & Prayer Meeting – Tuesday, June 28th -7 pm**

- 24 hour fast starting Monday at 8:00 pm and ending Tuesday after the gathered prayer meeting
- People can sign up for one hour prayer intervals starting at 8 pm on Monday Night.
- Prayer for families, the church, and opportunities for God to use us in evangelism, discipleship & missions

**Summer Bible Study – Wednesday Nights, 7 pm starting July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**The Power of Hope Golf Tournament - Thursday, July 7th - 11:00 am**

- A charity event to raise funds for the concrete sports pad, providing the community with opportunities to play outdoor basketball, ball & ice hockey.
- Location is the Lake St. George Golf Club. The event includes golf, cart, a presentation of the project and a steak dinner. The cost per person is \$150 with cheques made payable to Hope Community Christian Church
- For more information on how to register yourself or a foursome, **contact Barry Elliott at 705-955-4893**