

**God Has a Man – God Has a Plan**

***Trusting in the Providence of God in the book of Daniel***

**Daniel’s Message: Walk Humbly Before God**

Daniel 5

Babylonian Rulers

Nebuchadnezzar = 43 years

Evil-Merodach (2 Kgs 25:27-30; Jer 52:31-34) = 2 years

Amel-marduk = murdered

Nergal-sar-ezer (Jer 39:3,13) = 4 years

Labashi-marduk = 1 year

Nabonidus = 17 years

Belshazzar

**The Crisis: Pride Leads to Destruction** (5:1-12)

* Pride blinds you to reality
* Pride reveals cowardice

**The Resolve: Do Not Challenge God by Neglecting Him or Defying Him** (5:13-31)

* Conviction of sin
* Consequences of sin

*Mene Mene* = something numbered

*Tekel* = something weighed

*Parsin* = broken & splitting apart

If God did not spare Israel when their kings defied Him, the rulers of other nations will not stand either when they fail to bow down to him. The true God of Israel, in contrast to other gods, is not limited to the boundaries of the nations that worship them. He moves into the territories of the worldly powers and reduces their monarchs to fearful and cowering men. He enters their dreams, overcomes their fires, removes their reason, and crashes their parties.

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