

The Book of Daniel  
Chapter 5

Verse 1

1. Belshazzar was Nebuchadnezzar's **GRANDSON**, through his mother, the queen.
2. Belshazzar's father, King Nabonidus, was still alive during his reign. Belshazzar was put in charge of the kingdom while his father left for a place named Tema in obedience to the **MOON** god.
3. There would only be **THREE** kings in the history of the Babylonian kingdom. (Jeremiah 27:6,7)

Verses 2-7

4. Why was the reward to be the "third ruler in the kingdom"?
5. What were they drinking wine out of?

Verses 8-24

6. How was the queen related to King Belshazzar?

Verses 25-31

7. "Upharsin" and "Peres" are the same word. Upharsin simply has an added "and" and is plural.
8. Just as Belshazzar desecrated vessels from the temple, the **ANTICHRIST** will desecrate the temple itself.
9. Just as Babylon fell in one night, so will Babylon, the world capital during the tribulation fall in **ONE** day. (Revelation 18:2,8)
10. Just as the people of Babylon were celebrating at the very time that the city fell, so will the world be eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage during the coming of the **SON** of Man. (Matthew 24:36-39)

History shows us that the Persian King, King Cyrus redirected the water from the Euphrates into a lake, until the river was low enough that the army could walk in under the canal gates leading into the city. He found the whole town taken up in a drunken festival. The invading army protected themselves by shouting and reveling like they, too, were partying. There was little loss of life, overall. When the Persians entered into the throne room, they found Belshazzar standing, dagger in hand, ready to fight, but they quickly overpowered and killed him. This happened on October 12, 539 BC.