



Life Lessons from the Book of Daniel Chapters 1-6

Chapter 5 – The Writing On The Wall

Ezekiel 18:30-31; *"I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit."*

As the Babylonians did then, people still do today. Civilizations for centuries have chosen to live in blatant disregard of God. And every now and then, God makes the sin of nations and people public by literally using His finger to write on the wall, man's sins. When these sin warnings are ignored and there is willful rejection of God, God will bring His judgement and wrath. The only way to avoid God's punishment is to repent. Believe God is sovereign, follow His ways, and obey His commands.

At least seven devastating sins are mentioned in chapter five of Daniel that lead to Babylon's fall. Just so we are clear on them I'm going to list their sins for us. Ponder these are sins. Do you see them as blatant in our own country and culture? Are these sins leading to our country's inevitable doom? We might even ask "is it too late? Have we passed the point of no return like Babylon?"

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- 6) Sin of willful rejection of the Word of God. Sin against the of knowledge of God.
- 7) The sin of humanism. The sin of putting confidence in human security over placing your trust in God.

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