

Study Notes and Questions for Daniel 5

- What is the setting for this chapter, as presented in verse 1?
- What do you think was the intent of the king's actions as described in verses 2–4?
- God obviously chose a supernatural and very dramatic way to communicate His displeasure with the King as described in verse 5. Imagine yourself as Belshazzar or one of his guests as these events unfolded. How do you think you might have reacted?
- What do the queen's words in verses 10–12 reveal about Daniel's reputation?
- In verse 17, what does Daniel promise, and on what terms?
- In verses 18–21 what lesson is Daniel conveying to the King and what does it have in common with James 4:10?
- What accusations does Daniel bring against Belshazzar in verses 22–23?
- Put in your own words the meaning of the interpretation given by Daniel in verses 24–28?
- How quickly did the Lord carry out the sentence against King Belshazzar?
- What most impresses you in this chapter about Daniel's understanding of God?