

Judgment on Human Impiety

Impiety – the lack of reverence or respect for God or His sacred things.

Daniel 5:22-23

Seventy Years proclaimed against Babylon

Jeremiah 25:12

And it shall come to pass, **when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon...**

612 BC

Nebuchadnezzar

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Watching the Signs of the Heavens

Isaiah 45:1

Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, **to Cyrus**,
whose right hand I have holden...

Belshazzar

- Left in control of Babylon while Nabonidus went to war
- Events of Daniel ch 7 in 1st year of Belshazzar reign
- Events of Daniel ch 8 in 3rd year of Belshazzar reign
- Believed to be a young man & spoiled by the affluence given him

Warning from the Prophets

Jeremiah 51:60-64

Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written against Babylon...

Belshazzar ignored the warnings....

Daniel 5:18-20, 22-23

O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, **though thou knewest all this.... have drunk wine... praised the gods of silver, and gold...**

Revelation 18:2-3, Jeremiah 51:7

The Fall of Babylon

Ch. 5:6

...his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of **his loins were loosed**, and his knees smote one against another

Isaiah 45:1

...and **I will loose the loins of kings**, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

Isaiah 21:1-9

(2)...Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media...

(4)...the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me...

The Elevation of Daniel

Ch. 5:7

...shall be **clothed with scarlet**, and have a **chain of gold** about his neck, and shall be **the third ruler in the kingdom**.

- Scarlet = marginal rendering denotes “Purple”
- Gold = symbol of tried faith (1 Pet. 1:7)
- Ruler = symbol of the royal dignity shared by the saints
(Rev. 3:21)

Gen. 14:22-23, 3 John 1:5-7

Handwriting on the Wall

Ch. 5:25

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN!

NUMBERED, NUMBERED, WEIGHED, DIVIDED!

First words were given twice to show the certainty and completeness....

Genesis 41:32

...the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; **it is because the thing is established by God...**

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MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN!

Ch. 5:28 - **Peres**

a participle of the same verb from whence "Upharsin" is derived.

Upharsin = and they divided it

Persians known to the Chaldeans as *Paros*

Historians on the Fall of Babylon

“But Cyrus, when he heard that there was to be such a feast in Babylon in which all the Babylonians would feast and revel through the whole night, on that night, as soon as it began to grow dark, taking many men, opened the dams into the river and allowed them to again flood the country, so that he could enter Babylon beneath its walls in the channel of the river”

“Now let us go up against them. Many of them are asleep; many of them are intoxicated; and all of them are unfit for battle”

Xenophon (Cyrop. 7:5)

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“...it was a day of festivity among them; and whilst the citizens were engaged in dance and merriment, Babylon was, for the first time, thus taken.”

Herodotus (Book 1:19)

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Hebrew **Coresh**, which is interpreted by some as “**sun**”

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Coresh, a compound word, a proper name:

caph = like,

yoraish = to seize, to take possession of, to occupy,
mostly by force. i.e. signifying one who takes
possession of his inheritance by conquest

Cyrus = Like the Heir

Isaiah 13:1-5, Isaiah 44:27-28, Jeremiah 50:35, 51:35-36

Cyrus

“Cyrus, and the ‘sanctified ones,’ his Medes and Persians, were typical of Christ and his Kings in ‘the way prepared,’ through the drying up of ‘the Great River Euphrates’ as prophesied in **Revelation 16:12.**”

(Eureka, Vol. 5, p.183-4)

“The term ‘kings of the east’ is from the Greek *anatole helios*, ‘kings who are out of a sun's risings.’ The symbol of ‘the Sun of righteousness’ as seen in Mal. 4:2 is applied to the Lord Jesus Christ. The sun is the great illuminator of the earth, and is therefore an apt symbol for the Lord who will enlighten mankind with his glory.” (Revelation Expositor, p.198)