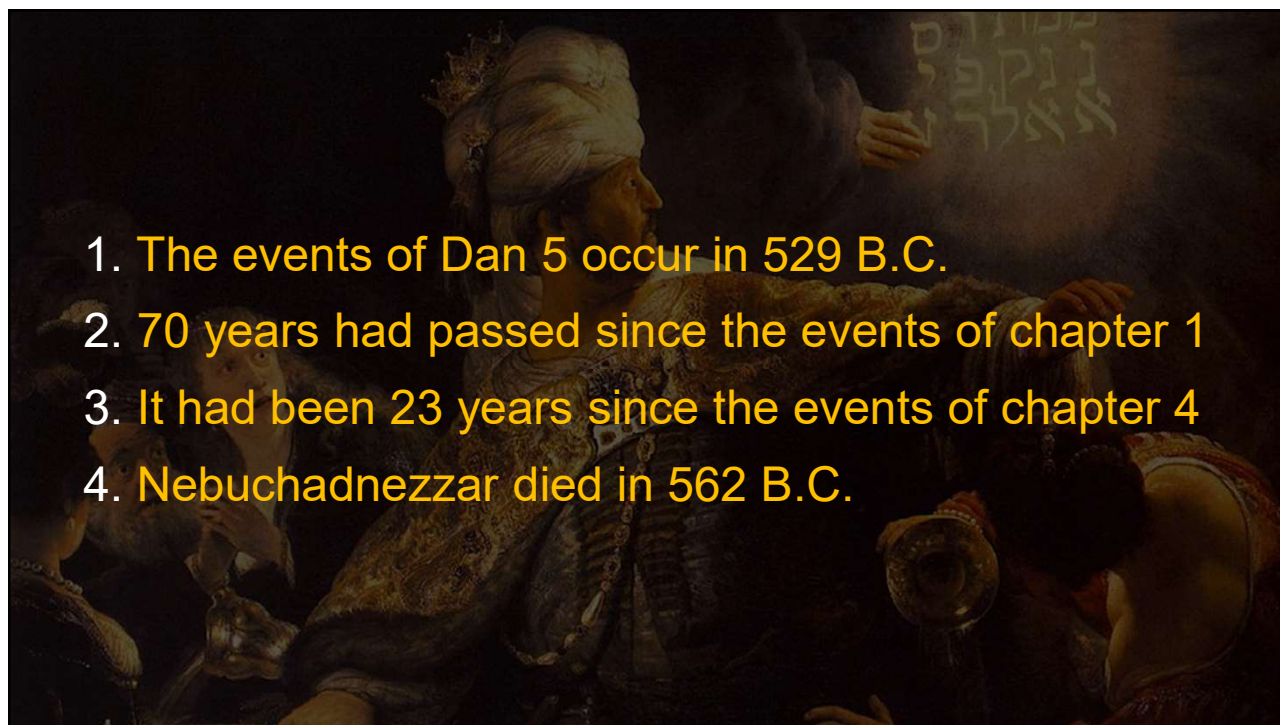


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5. The events of Dan 5 are historical fact

- Isaiah predicted them over 150 years before they occurred (Is 13:17-22, 21:1-10)
- Jeremiah predicted them some 50-100 years before they occurred (Jer 51:33-58)
- Berosus, a Chaldean priest of the Babylonian god, Bel, wrote a three-volume history of the culture of Babylonia in 290 B.C. It was widely used by later Greek compilers, whose versions in turn were quoted by religious historians such as the early church father Eusebius and the Jewish historian Josephus.

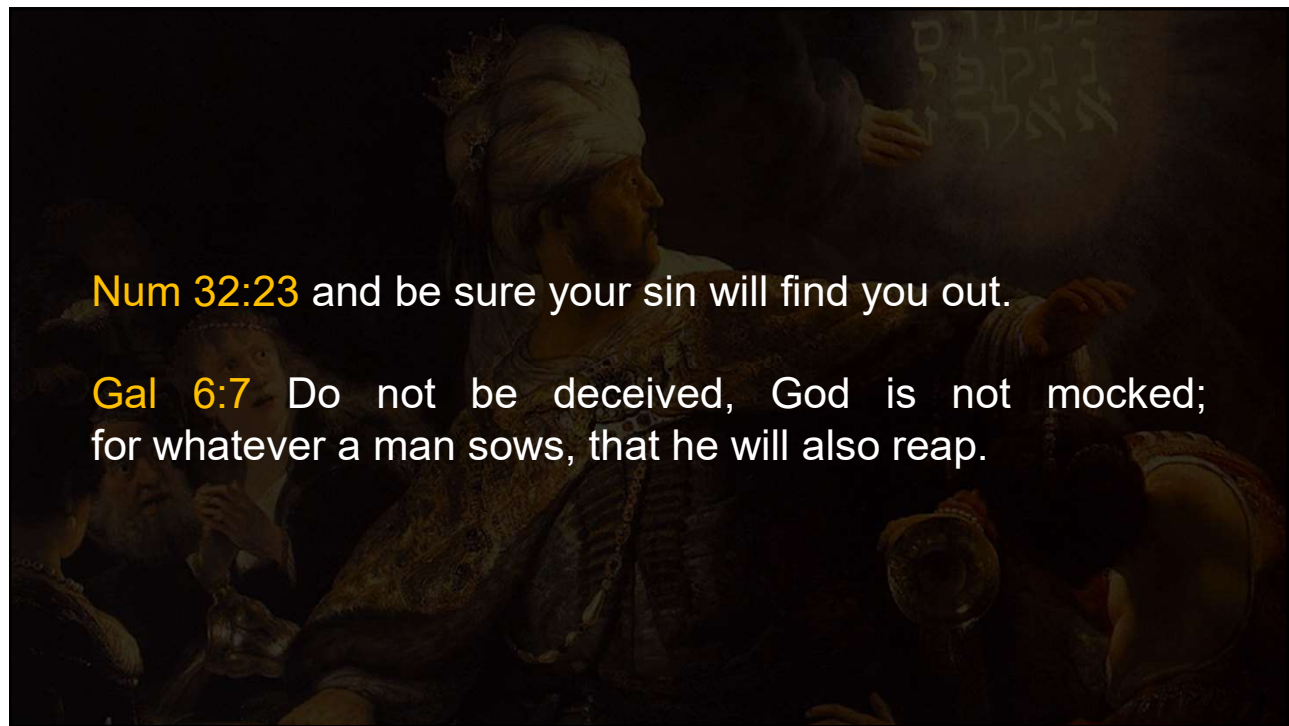
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6. The Lord will balance the books

Is 21:2,4-5,9 Go up, O Elam! Besiege, O Media! ... My heart wavered, fearfulness frightened me; the night for which I longed He turned into fear for me. ⁵ Prepare the table, set a watchman in the tower, eat and drink. Arise, you princes, anoint the shield! ... "Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the carved images of her gods He has broken to the ground."

Jer 51:24 "And I will repay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all the evil they have done in Zion in your sight," says the Lord.

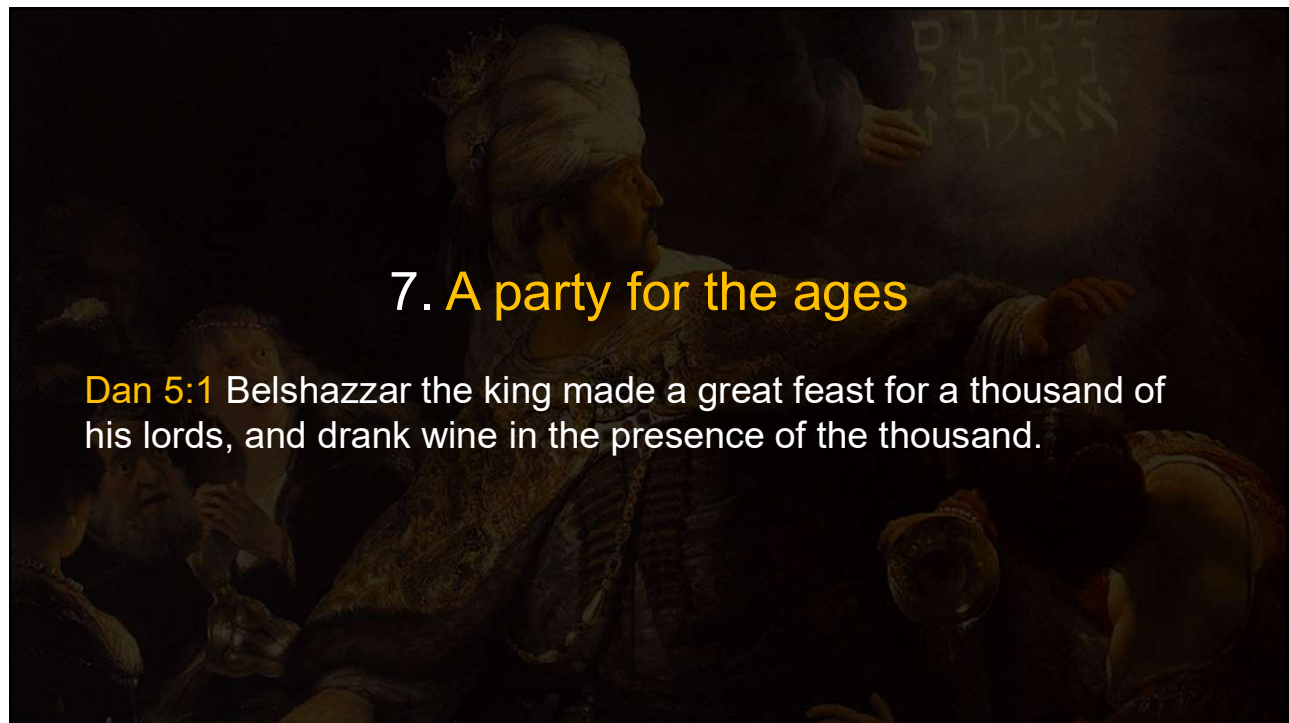
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Num 32:23 and be sure your sin will find you out.

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;
for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

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7. A party for the ages

Dan 5:1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand of
his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand.

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- **Scripture warns about the dangers of alcohol**

Prov 31:4-5 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating drink; ⁵ Lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the justice of all the afflicted.

Is 5:22-24 Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, woe to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, ²³ Who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away justice from the righteous man! ²⁴ Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

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Prov 23:29-35 Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? ³⁰ Those who linger long at the wine, those who go in search of mixed wine. ³¹ Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it swirls around smoothly; ³² At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper. ³³ Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will utter perverse things. ³⁴ Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: ³⁵ "They have struck me, but I was not hurt; they have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?"

Eph 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation

1 Cor 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. ... nor drunkards,

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- Scripture warns about the dangers of keeping bad company

1 Cor 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

2 Cor 6:17 "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

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8. You can only push God so far

Dan 5:2-4 While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. ³ Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which had been in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone.

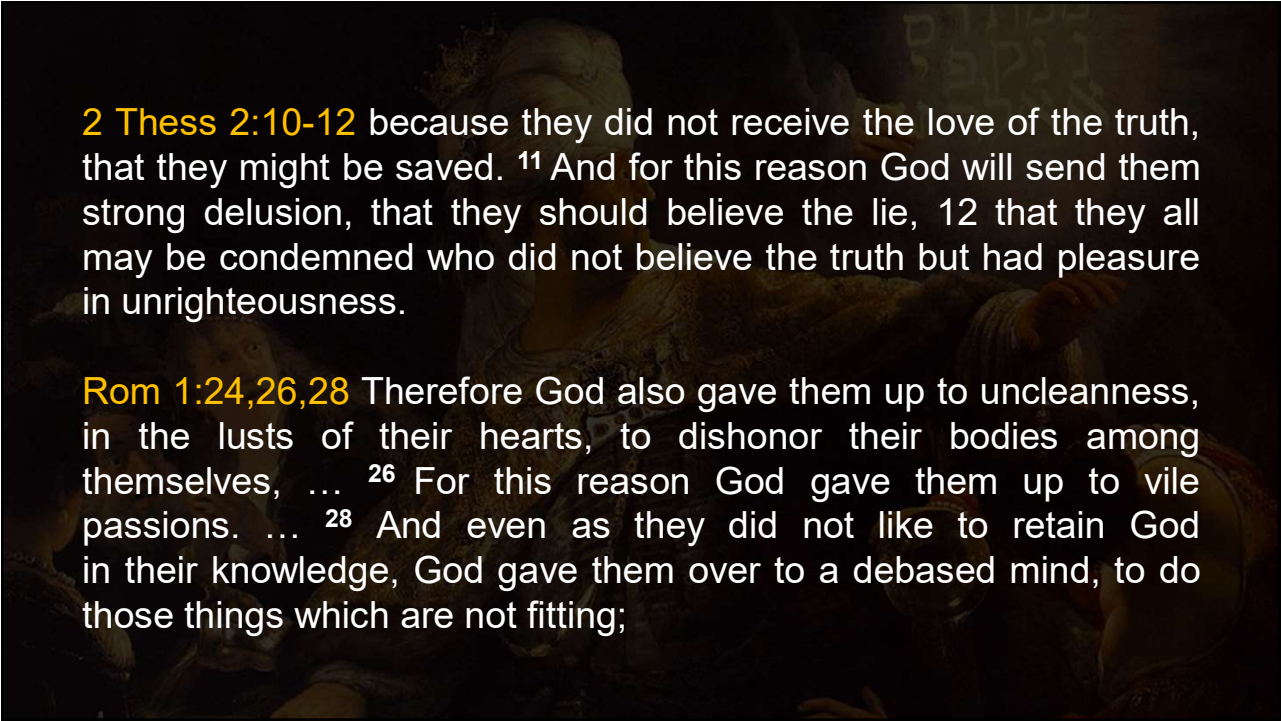
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The world does not value the things of God

1 Cor 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

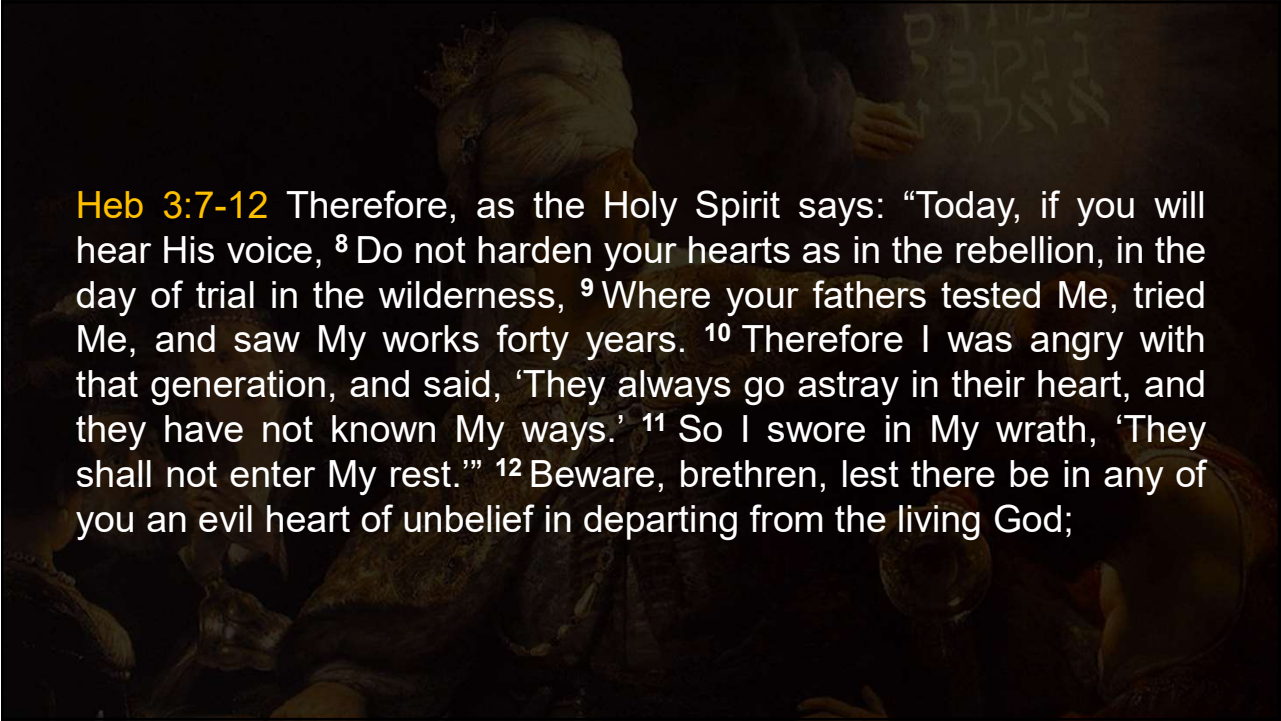
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2 Thess 2:10-12 because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

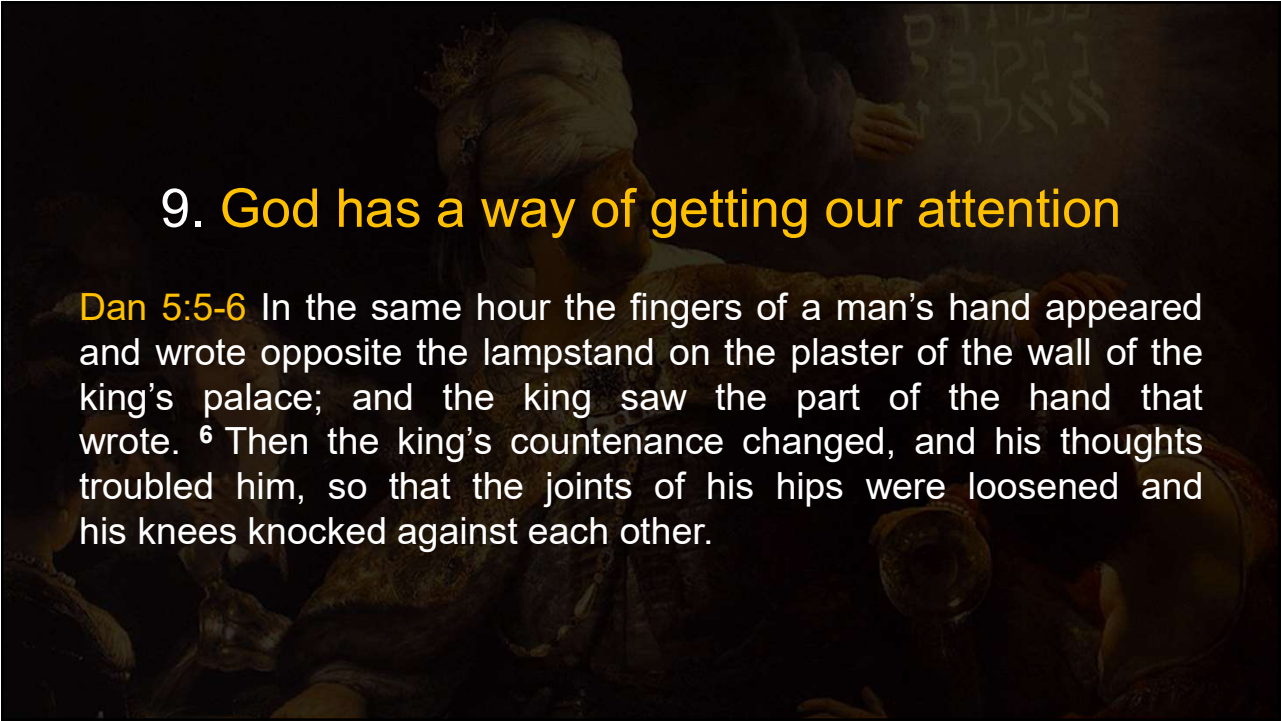
Rom 1:24,26,28 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ... ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. ... ²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

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Heb 3:7-12 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you will hear His voice, ⁸ Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, ⁹ Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. ¹⁰ Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.’ ¹¹ So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’” ¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

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9. God has a way of getting our attention

Dan 5:5-6 In the same hour the fingers of a man’s hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. ⁶ Then the king’s countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other.

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10. Mankind is hopelessly trapped in his sinful patterns

Dan 5:7-9 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." ⁸ Now all the king's wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation. ⁹ Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished.

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Ecc1 1:9-11 That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us. ¹¹ There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come by those who will come after.

If we do not learn from history, we are destined to repeat it – especially its mistakes

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11. God remembers the faithful

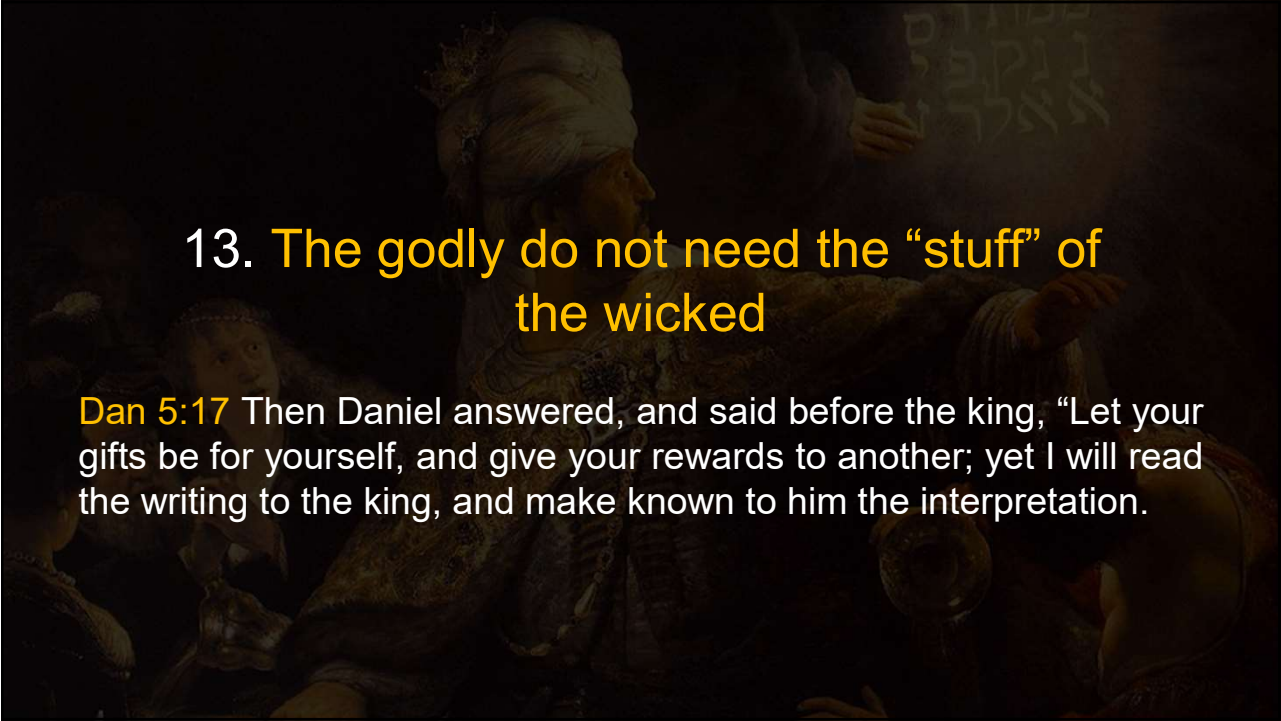
Dan 5:10-12 The queen, because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change. ¹¹ There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers. ¹² Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation."

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12. The godless know more than they let on

Dan 5:13-16 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke, and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? ¹⁴ I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. ¹⁵ Now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing. ¹⁶ And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas. Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

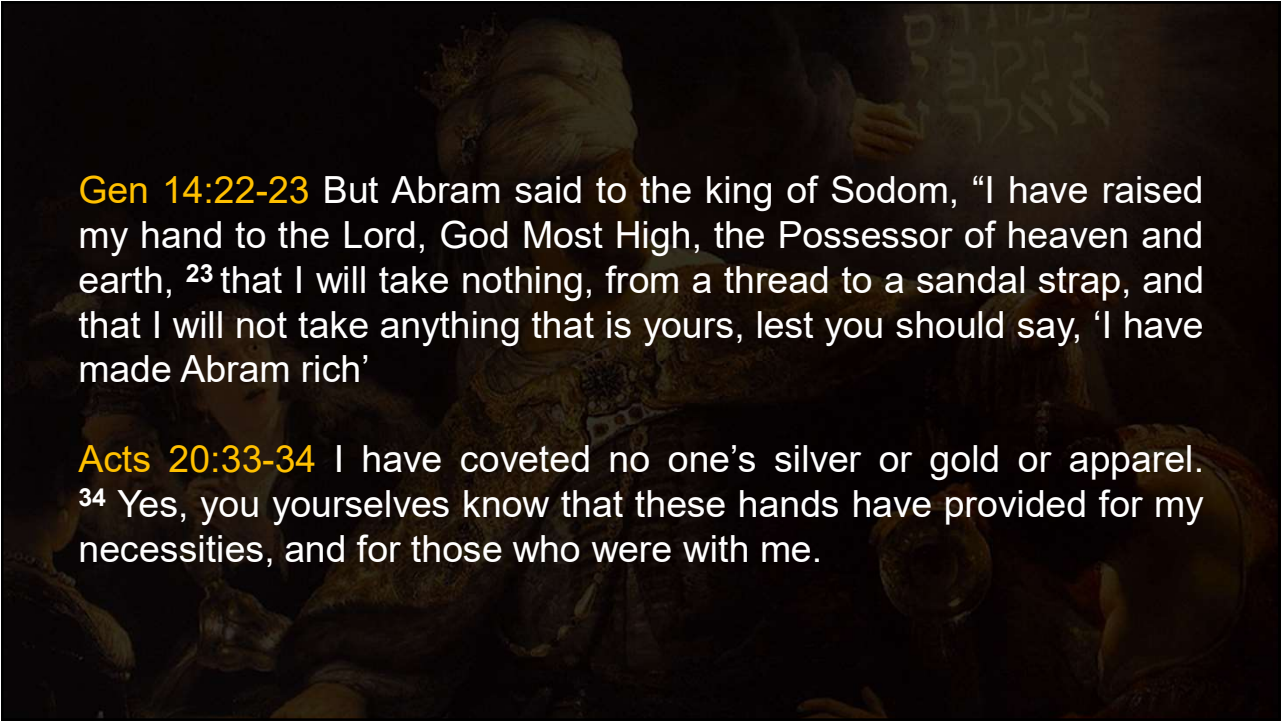
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13. The godly do not need the “stuff” of the wicked

Dan 5:17 Then Daniel answered, and said before the king, “Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation.

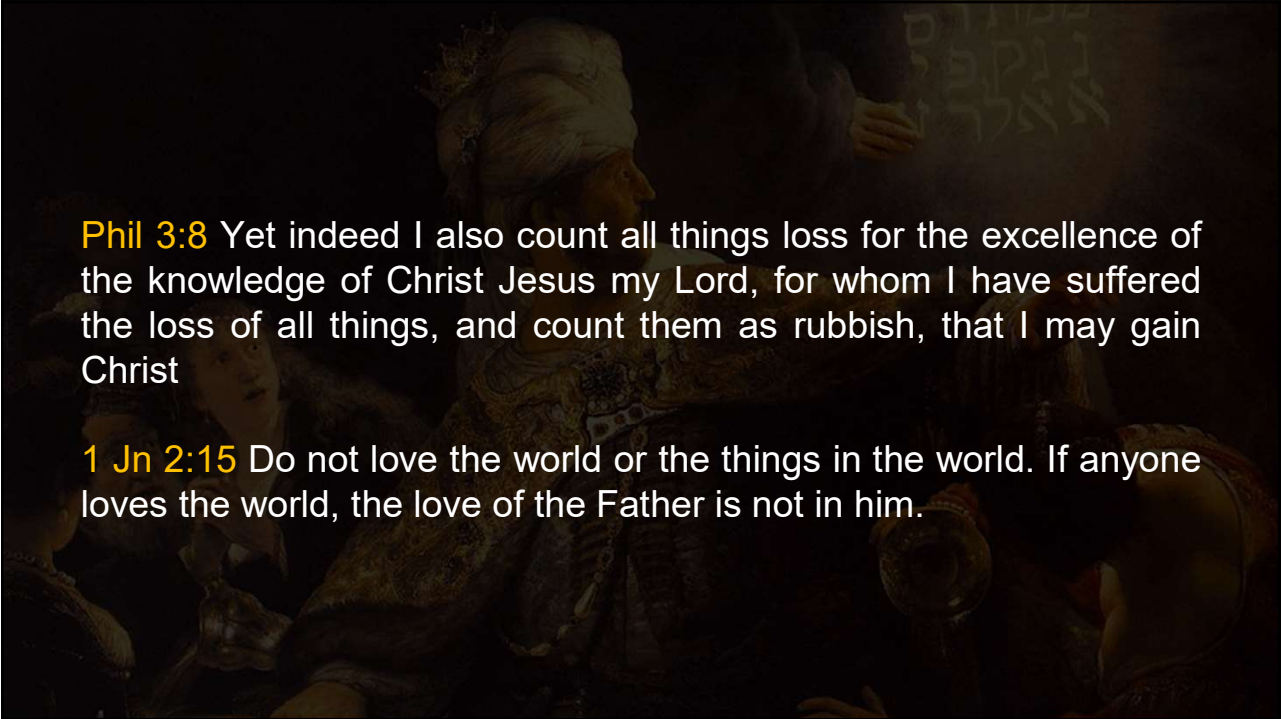
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Gen 14:22-23 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to the Lord, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich’

Acts 20:33-34 I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

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Phil 3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

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14. We do well to learn from the past

Dan 5:18-21 O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor. ¹⁹ And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down. ²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. ²¹ Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

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15. Believers should be bold

Dan 5:22-23 “But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this. ²³ And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.

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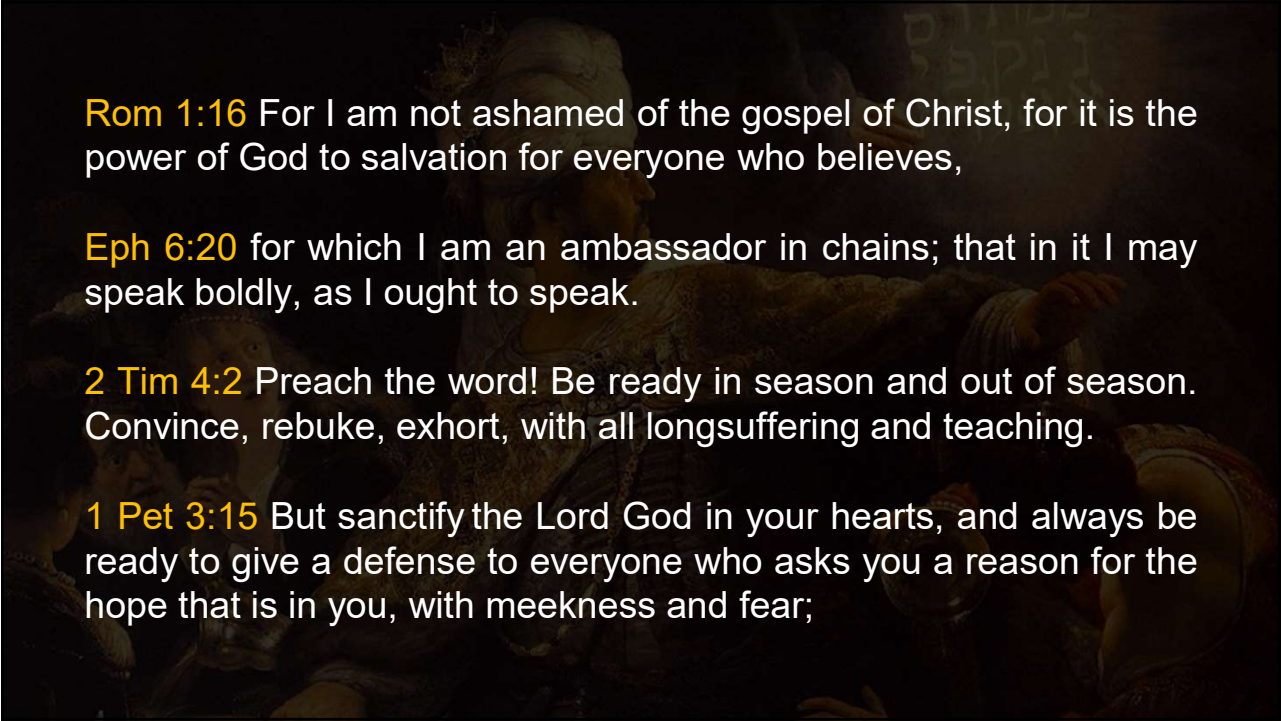
Prov 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Mk 6:18 Because John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

Job 12:10 In whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?

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Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,

Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

1 Pet 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

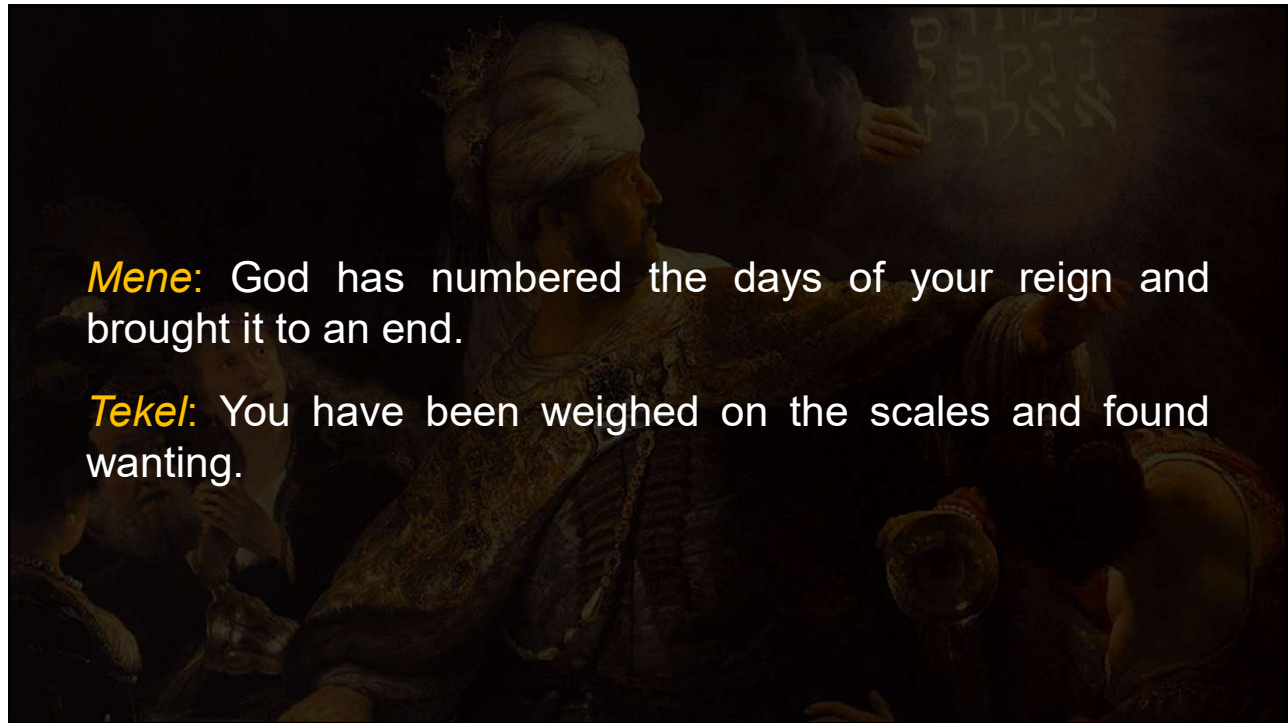
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16. God has our number

Dan 5:24-28 Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written. ²⁵ “And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. ²⁶ This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; ²⁷ TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; ²⁸ PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”

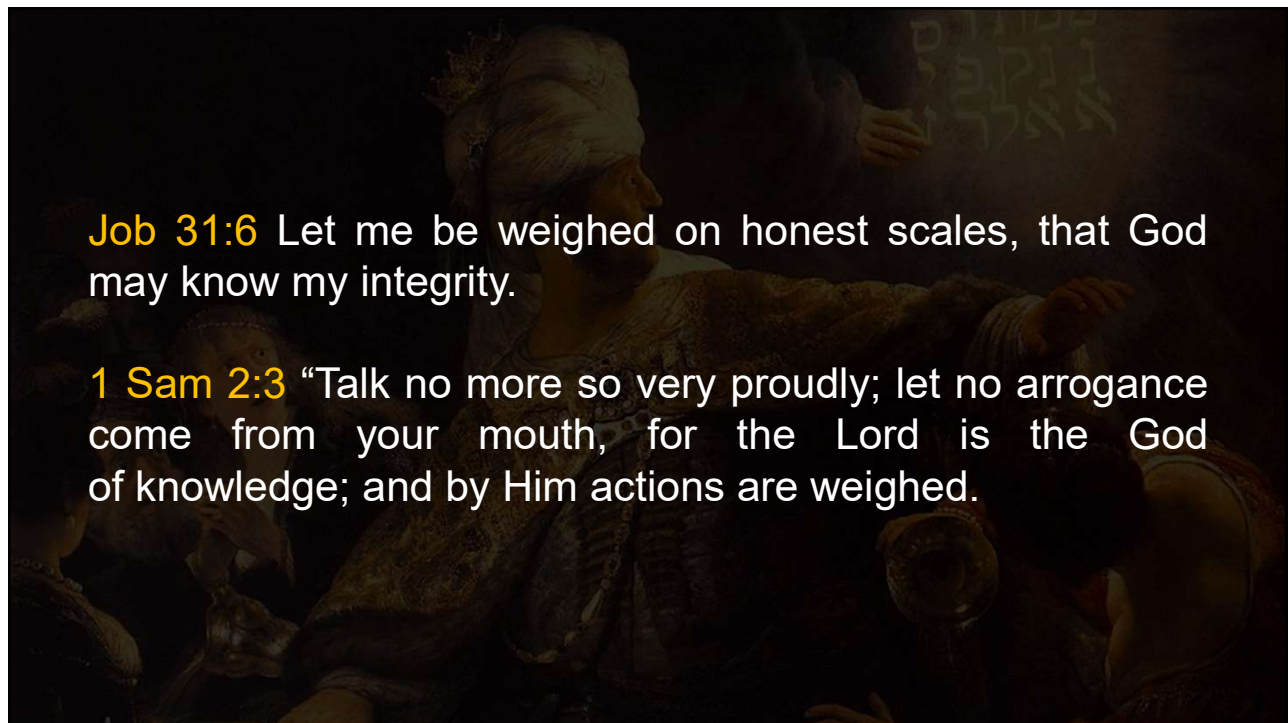
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Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

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Job 31:6 Let me be weighed on honest scales, that God may know my integrity.

1 Sam 2:3 “Talk no more so very proudly; let no arrogance come from your mouth, for the Lord is the God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed.

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Is 49:1 The Lord has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name.

Is 139:1,13,16 O Lord, You have searched me and known me. ... ¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ... ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Jer 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

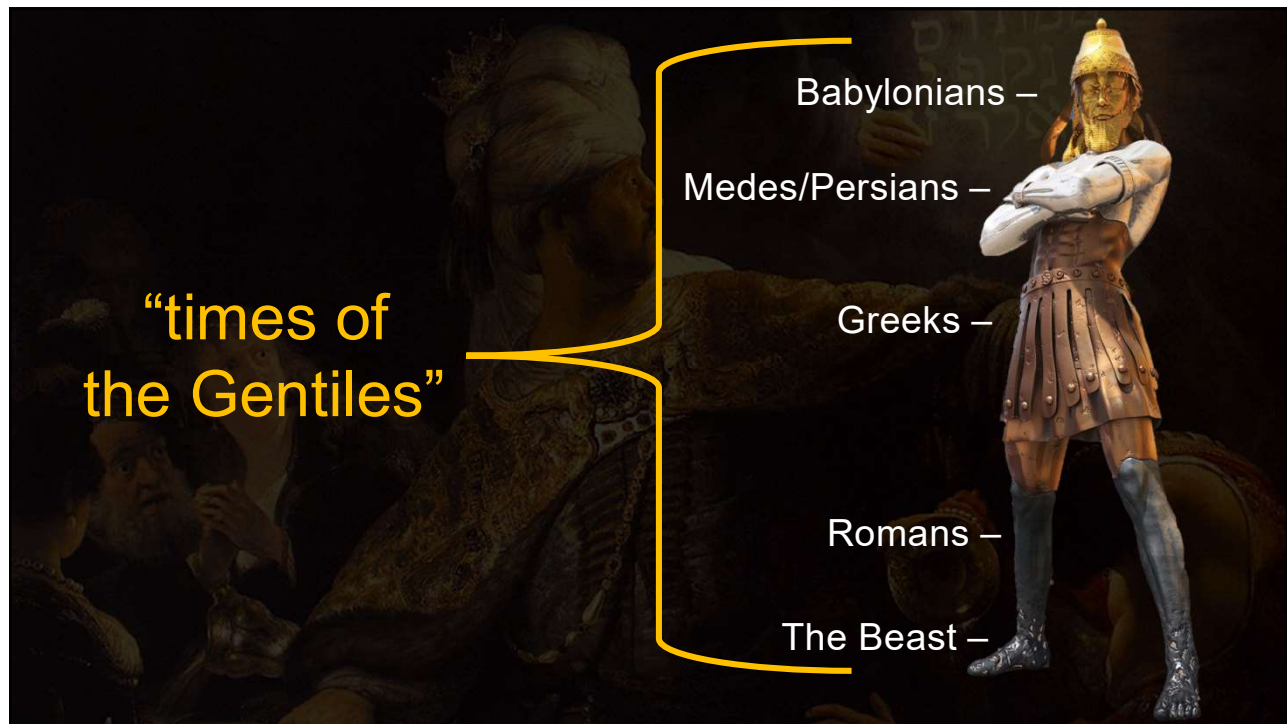
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17. God is always right

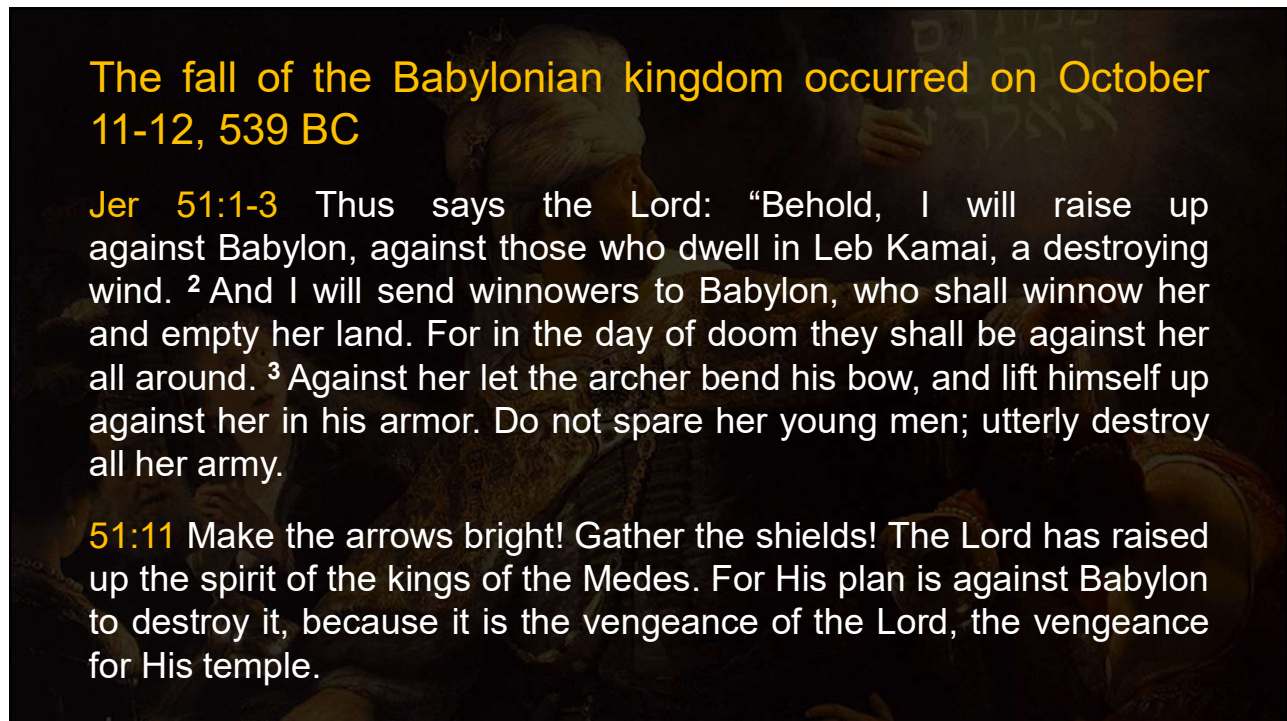
Dan 5:29-30 Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. ³⁰ That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. ³¹ And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians

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28-29 Prepare against her the nations, with the kings of the Medes, its governors and all its rulers, all the land of his dominion. ²⁹ And the land will tremble and sorrow; for every purpose of the Lord shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without inhabitant.

36-37 Therefore thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will plead your case and take vengeance for you. I will dry up her sea and make her springs dry. ³⁷ Babylon shall become a heap, a dwelling place for jackals, an astonishment and a hissing, without an inhabitant.

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