

Daniel explains the handwriting on the wall.

Daniel 5

Belshazzar was the new king of Babylon. He liked to have parties. At one party, King Belshazzar used some beautiful gold cups. These cups had been stolen from God's Temple in Jerusalem. But the king did not care that these cups belonged to God. He didn't love or obey God.

During this party a huge hand suddenly appeared. The finger of the hand began writing words on the wall. The king was very afraid as he watched the hand. None of the king's helpers could tell what the words meant.

> Then the queen remembered a wise man named Daniel. The king told his servants to bring Daniel to him. The king asked Daniel to tell him what the writing meant. Daniel said the words meant that God had seen how the king had disobeyed. Soon his time as king would be over. Someone else would take his place.

That very night, another man came and took over the city. He became the new king of Babylon. God's warning came true!