



## THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL? By: David W. Lankford

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Today we want to take our scripture text from **Daniel 5:1-6**, "**Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the kings palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another**". Needless to say, this is one of the greatest sobering and mind-boggling events ever witnessed by mortal man. This event took place because the 70 years of Babylonian captivity concerning Israel had come full circle. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles chapter 36 in the closing verses, we witnessed how the Lord put into Nebuchadnezzar's heart to go into the sanctuary of God and to gather both great and small vessels and the treasures of His house and bring them back to Babylon. No one at that time probably fully understood

why God put it in Nebuchadnezzar's heart to bring those sacred vessels back to Babylon: but nearly 70 years later God would use those same sacred vessels to bring judgment upon the people who had brought His people into captivity. The old cliché "**can't you see the writing on the wall**", is so apropos for today. This is truly a newsletter that I really did not want to write, but I must write in obedience to God's word. It was in September of 1998 when God began to reveal to me what I then termed, "**The Coming Fall Events**". Before anyone publicly began to say there will be judgment upon America in the fall of the year, God had revealed to me from the book of Revelation this would be His divine plan and scenario for America in the fall of the year. Since then, many have come on board to preach this revelation that I received 17 years ago. I remember the scoffing, the ridicule, and criticism of letters and e-mails telling me I was a buffoon and that I could not be serious. Well, needless to say, no one is laughing at me now. Other men such as Jonathan Cahan, the author of the *Harbinger* have received this revelation from a different perspective and for him personally a Jewish one. Regretfully, America's not prepared for what will soon transpire over the coming years. My Bible says in **Jeremiah 8:20**, "**The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved**". As you read this letter, the natural harvest of this year has already passed, and we have failed to witness a Holy Ghost revival. Ministers adamantly and blatantly refuse to preach the message of repentance to this nation. Repentance initiates forgiveness,

and it is the office of the Holy Ghost to lead men to repentance. We read in **Romans 2:4**, "**Not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance**"? This nation has been compromised in every sense of the word. Our governmental leaders, our military, church denominations, and even to the smallest and most insignificant have compromised their lives concerning God's Word. It was king Darius the Median that came and seized the Babylonian kingdom and slew Belshazzar. If you don't already understand it by now, God has raised up the spirit of the Medo-Persian empire to confront this nation. We read in **Jeremiah 51:11**, "**Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord the vengeance of his temple**". Let me attempt a short exegesis on this passage. The Lord God of Abraham is plainly stating He has raised up the Medo Persian empire for this hour. The word **device** here in the Hebrew means a plan, a purpose, and a thought against a nation which I believe to be America. He is very clear in that His device or Godly plan is against Babylon. His intent is to judge America because it is the vengeance of the Lord manifested from His most holy place, the Temple which we see in heaven: **Revelation 11:19**, "**And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there were seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thundering, and an earthquake, and great hail**". Our Lord God is nothing to be toyed with, yet men play games with God. Let me give you a short synopsis as to what took

place the night king Darius seized Babylon. History records it was on October 12, 539 BC, when king Darius took control of Babylon, which was in the fall of the year. It was thought that Babylon was impervious and that their walls could not be breached. So king Darius ordered his troops to dig a trench to divert the Euphrates River, and then he awaited the appropriate time to come under what was known as the sluice gate and come up into Babylon and overtake the city. History says that the resistance was minor but it was God who brought this plan to fruition. History says that king Darius then disarmed the citizens, but left the buildings intact. Babylon under-went martial law until king Darius entered in and reorganized the government. There is nothing new under the sun: thus I believe this is the road and the path America has chosen for her destiny due to our sin and rebellion. The Lord will not continue to tolerate the rebellion and the blatant violation of His authoritative Word and Lordship. Man has redefined marriage along with other aspects of our Lord's most holy Word. No doubt we are going to witness profuse civil unrest in this nation because there are those who will not capitulate nor surrender to the tyranny that has now pervaded this land. Everyone reading this newsletter will have to determine their threshold relative to their physical and spiritual resistance concerning civil disobedience in the coming days. As a man of God, I want to be like Paul the apostle and never cease night and day in preaching an uncompromising message from the Word of our Lord. I want my hands to be pure from the blood of all men, thus, I have not shunned to declare unto you the entire counsel of Christ our Lord. Regretfully, the flock will be scattered abroad and many will backslide because they will feel that

God has let them down, because they were not pre-trib. raptured before all these events took place. In the last little while I have received e-mails and letters from people who are becoming bitter as they can see the handwriting on the wall. God has not failed you, and God will never fail you! We have failed God; we have compromised; we have polluted as well as diluted the Word of our Lord; we have called evil good and good evil; we have put light for darkness and darkness for light, bitter for sweetness, and sweetness for bitter. Truly the way is straight and narrow and few there be that find it. It is my heart's desire that you will endure unto the end and find the straight and narrow path and abide therein. My heart's desire was that the Supreme Court justices of these United States would adjudicate correctly and return the issue of marriage back to the states and rightfully so. Needless to say, five vile and wicked justices redefined marriage, when in retro spec there were no laws on the books to adjudicate concerning their decision. The majority of Americans still believe marriage is between a man and a woman. The prophet Daniel was fully aware that the judges of his time were the cause of their destruction: we read in **Daniel 9:12, "And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our (judges that judged us,) by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem"**. Daniel firmly placed Israel's destruction upon the judges that judged them. When the judgment of God does fall upon this nation, the power of God is able to keep you and protect you though we are living in such an evil and perverted climate. The bible tells us that the darkness became so dark in Egypt prior to Israel's exodus that the darkness could be felt, but in all the dwellings of Israel there was light. My friend, that light today is Jesus the Lord's Christ, the Son of the living God. May the light of Christ pervade and permeate

your heart as never before. I pray you will seek to abide in His Word and be led by the Holy Ghost in the days ahead. We have been warned in **Proverbs 27:1, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth"**. We have also been forewarned in **Proverbs 29:1-2, "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy"**. **When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn"**. This nation has been warned time and time again, and thus our necks have become hardened. Now that these vile justices having been placed over this nation and having abused their authority, there will now be untold mourning and weeping in our nation. But I have good news for you from **Psalm 30:5, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning"**. Jesus gave us an exceeding word of encouragement found in **John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"**. The greatest news of all is that Jesus Christ our Savior will come again in power and in great glory! That is truly the blessed hope of the saints of the Most High God. Throughout the entire history of the scriptures, we have witnessed the patriarchs as they all suffered some type of tribulation; we today are no better than our forefathers: I just pray that the grace of God will abound in your life so that you too may endure unto the very end of all things. I trust that His goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life. As always, thank you for your gracious love and support for this ministry, my wife, and myself.

Serving With You All,

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