

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series  
**Study # 8: Daniel 5 – Sinnerholics, Remember The Wall**  
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**How short is life on this planet? What is life without Christ?**

**James 4:14**

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour [mist], that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

**Psalms 39:5**

5 Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth [HB: “a spread of the hand”]; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity [HB: “emptiness”].

**1 Peter 1:24-25**

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

**You only have ONE lifetime on this earth to get it right. Never forget ONLY what you do for Christ will last, EVERYTHING ELSE is meaningless and worth nothing.**

**1 John 2:17**

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that **doeth** the will of God **abideth for ever**.

**Proverbs 10:25**

25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the **righteous** is an **everlasting foundation**.

**Our probationary trial of life is almost over!**

**Probation** is defined as “the **process or period of testing or observing the character** or abilities of a person in a certain role.” - Google Dictionary

**God is urgently letting you know that period of testing and observing your character is ALMOST over.**

At the end of God’s observation of each one of us, what will be the result? Will our characters be like Christ or like the sin flesh of this world and Satan? **Remember, character is a collection and repetition of your thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and habits.**

**Jesus is judging your character NOT your intentions! Intentions is not enough, it is empty!**

Character is what must be prepared for heaven in order make it to heaven, NOW. Our characters must be in unison and like the character of Jesus Christ. Our character MUST be obedient to the King of kings!

**According to Daniel 2, how much more TIME do we have?**

Remember, Bible prophecy is the timeclock of life to let us know how much time we have left!

**Image dream and interpretation:**

Head of Gold = Babylon (605 to 539 BC)

Arms and Breast of Silver = Medes and Persian (539 to 331 BC)

Belly and Thighs of Brass = Greece (331 to 168 BC)

Leg of Iron = Pagan Rome (168 BC to 476 AD)  
 Feet of part iron and clay = Divided Europe (476 AD to present)  
 Stone = Everlasting Kingdom

Time ALMOST over! We must cease from ALL sin and the things of the flesh promotes sin!

### **Are you a sinnerholic or a former sinnerholic?**

The word “sinnerholic” is used to describe the **addictive nature** and the **intoxicating reality of sin** that leads eternal death. Sin is the disobedience of God’s law (I John 3:4). Sin is addictive, habitual, and will keep you drunk with pride, lust, cares of this world and its Babylonian wine of lies! Sin pleases the flesh with temporary excitement and pleasure then takes you low like an alcoholic going through withdrawals. We must have victory over sinnerholism! We must become former sinnerholics in order to be in the kingdom of righteousness.

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous [**sinnerholics**] shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,  
 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.  
 11 And such **were** some of you [former sinnerholics]: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

### **1 Peter 4:1-3, 7**

1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:** for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath **ceased from sin [former sinnerholic!];**  
 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, **but to the will of God.**  
 3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:  
 7 But the **end of all things is at hand:** be ye therefore **sober,** and **watch** unto prayer.

**Sinnerholics are not only addicted and drunk, but they are also BLIND! Being blind and drunk is a bad combination that will lead to self destruction! If a person is blind and drunk from alcohol he is in great danger to himself, stumbling from side to side unable to see. He will stumble into great danger!**

### **2 Peter 3:9-14**

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.  
 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.  
 11 **Seeing** then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,  
 12 **Looking** for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?  
 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, **wherein dwelleth righteousness.**  
 14 Wherefore, beloved, **seeing** that ye **look** for such things, be diligent that ye **may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless [NO SIN!].**

**Can those who are sinnerholics, drunk and blind, see that time is almost over?** Spiritually God is pleading with His people to NOT only stay awake, but watch and pray! We are at the END OF TIME. We don’t have time to be blinded with the toys and devices of SATAN! STAY WOKE & WATCH!

If you are still a sinnerholic today its time to going through the detox program of Jesus Christ. He will sober you up, thoroughly clean up, and heal your blindness. He will take you from a sinnerholic to a former sinnerholic! He will take you from guilty to not guilty, sinner to saint!

### **SIN keeps sinnerholics drunk and blind spiritually!**

#### **1 John 2:15-16**

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Pride and lust of the flesh and eyes will keep a sinnerholic blind and drunk.

### **3 blinders to TRUTH**

1. Lust of the Flesh
2. Lust of the Eyes
3. Pride of Life

### **King Nebuchadnezzar Pride to Humility – Daniel 4**

**In the book of Daniel what was King Nebuchadnezzar's problem that keep him blind from the truth and spiritually drunk? Pride.**

**Remember, King Nebuchadnezzar wanted to make Babylon great again!** He built a great and magnificent kingdom that was a wonder to the world! He heard and saw for himself the power and greatness of God through the ministry of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, but he held on to his pride. His pride, idol worship, and lust continued to blind him from making a full surrender to the true God of heaven.

**In Daniel 4, King Nebuchadnezzar was humiliated, he was humbled by God.** For seven years as God predicted, Nebuchadnezzar lived like an animal. **He temporary lost his throne but was humbled by God through the humiliating experience.** He humble himself before God and allowed God to take away his blinders of pride, lust and idolatry. This was the only way that he can spiritually see. Nebuchadnezzar was truly converted to the TRUTH. He was NO longer a sinnerholic blind and drunk with pride but a saint for the true God of heaven!

Notice in order for Nebuchadnezzar to see TRUTH he had to exchange his pride for the gift of humility. He had to give up his sinful lust in exchange for righteousness.

**Can you have pride and humility, corruption and holiness, guilt and righteousness? Can you play with the Devil's toys in his TOY BOX and drink from the pure fountain of truth and be saved?**

#### **1 Corinthians 10:20-21**

20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles [heathens] sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

21 Ye **CANNOT drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils:** ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

Many professed Christians today are still sinnerholics trying to mix the holy with the profane, the truth with lies, righteousness and worldliness. They are still blind and drunk.

**Do you think you can drink the wine of Babylon mixed with pure water and NOT get DRUNK! Mixing truth and lie equal DECEPTION! NO ONE can hold on to pride and also have humility. They cannot indulge in the sinful lust of the world and also be righteous.**

Toy box of Satan OR Fountain of TRUTH... they don't mix!!!

### **James 3:11-15**

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

### **Matthew 6:24**

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

**Even though there are many professed Christian who know that the Bible says that they cannot mix the holy with the profane -many try it ANYWAY! This is extremely foolish!**

**(Blind fold demonstration) Let's make it very clear. Remember,** Pride and lust of the flesh and eyes will keep a sinnerholic blind and drunk. They are also three blinders to the TRUTH.

### **Romans 13:14**

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not **provision [supply]** for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Provision of the flesh are blinders. Those who continue to mix the things of the world and make provision of the flesh are putting more blinders on top of pride, the lust of the eyes, and the lust of the flesh. [Blinders demo: Hollywood, Netflix, Video games, unhealthy eating, etc...ask audience]. The provisions of the flesh feeds pride, the lust of the eyes and the lust of the flesh.

### **What is God's explicit instructions for those who are still trying to mix it?**

### **2 Corinthians 6:15-17**

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

### **Pastor Bartender**

How dangerous is it to be in a church that promotes mixing the cup of the devil and the cup of Jesus, promoting idolatry but at the same time say they worship Jesus? VERY DANGEROUS. Your soul salvation will be in jeopardy. Example – churches promoting “Black Panther” movie and the gospel; LGBT and the gospel; worldliness and the gospel! These are a great offense to Jesus. (show of pastor at Black Panther movie promoted by the church). The pastor of these churches are spiritual bartender mixing truth and lies, causing the member to

get drunk on the wine of Babylon! All the true believers in Christ need to flee these churches and find a local church that is preaching and teaching the Bible truth without mixing!

### **2 Corinthians 7:1**

1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us **cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh** and spirit, **perfecting holiness** in the fear of God.

### **Isaiah 52:11**

11 **Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out** of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

### **Jeremiah 51:6**

6 **Flee** out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance; he will render unto her a recompence.

### **Revelation 18:4**

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

### **How are you cleansed from sin and a doubled mind? (trying to mix the devil toys with God's truth)**

### **James 4:7-8**

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

### **John 15:3**

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

### **John 17:17**

17 Sanctify [make holy] them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

### **Ephesians 5:26-27**

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

### **1 Peter 1:22-23**

22 Seeing ye have **purified your souls in obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 **Being born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

### **Judgment Hour**

We are living at the end of God's judgment hour. Your probationary time of building your character in the image of Christ or Satan is almost over. **When your probationary time is over what will the Judge, Jesus, say about your case in the end? Sinnerholic or righteous.**

## **Daniel 5 - King Belshazzar**

**In Daniel 5 there is a young king of Babylon by the name of Belshazzar.** King Belshazzar was the grandson of King Nebuchadnezzar. Growing up as a young child Belshazzar witnessed the character of his grandfather's conversion to the true God of heaven. He probably witnessed or was personally told by his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar of how he lived like an animal for seven years and was humbled by the God of heaven. He probably said, "Belsy, the God of heaven is the true God and there is not another God. All of the idols of Babylon are false and we must not have anything to do with them." He continues, "Remember I told you many times Belsy, God is going to set up His everlasting kingdom. Also remember, Babylon will NOT last forever." There were many times that Nebuchadnezzar reminded his grandson about his dream of the statue in Daniel 2. "Belsy, Babylon will fall to another kingdom." In a voice of love and deep concern, Nebuchadnezzar continues, "Belsy, walk humbly before the God of heaven, repent and be converted to His truth. This is real living! All the splendor, riches, and glory of Babylon will not save you from eternal death."

**Belshazzar means "Bel [Baal, a Babylon god], protect the king."** His grandfather probably reminded Belshazzar many times that Bel is fake and does not exist. "Only the God of Heaven can truly protect you, stay faithful to Him, Belsy," says Nebuchadnezzar.

Not only did Belshazzar have the example of his grandfather, but he also had to know Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. These were very prominent men in Babylon. I am sure Nebuchadnezzar told his grandson bedtime stories of how God used these men, captives from Judah, to witness about the God of heaven.

**According to Babylonian history, Nabonidus, the son of Nebuchadnezzar, was the father of Belshazzar. Even though Nebuchadnezzar was converted to the true God of heaven, what about his son Nabonidus? In the British Museum they have an excavated ancient stone carving of Nabonidus when he was king of Babylon showing him praying the gods of the moon, sun and Venus. (show picture)**

Belshazzar had a major decision as a young person growing up, believe his grandfather about the true God of heaven or worship the false gods of Babylon that was demonstrated by his father. **Sinnerholic or Righteousness**, this was his great controversy. The reality is that Belshazzar had no excuse for knowing God's truth and having it demonstrated to him. We will see this reality in Daniel 5.

According to the historical records of Babylon, in the setting of Daniel 5 King Belshazzar was co-reigning with his father, Nabonidus. Even though, Belshazzar was king, he was second in charge. At the time Babylon was a wealthy and well fortified! They had a superpower military!

**When King Belshazzar look over the capital city of the kingdom of Babylon he saw:**

- The brick wall was 56 miles long, 300 feet high, 25 feet thick with another wall 75 feet behind the first wall, and the wall extended 35 feet below the ground
- 250 towers that were 450 feet high
- A wide and deep moat that encircled the city
- The Euphrates River also flowed through the middle of the city. Ferry boats and a 1/2 mi. long bridge with drawbridges closed at night
- "Hanging Gardens"(one of the wonders of the ancient world) and water was raised from the river by hydraulic pumps
- Eight massive gates that led to the inner city and 100 brass gates
- Streets were paved with stone slabs 3 feet square
- The great Tower (Ziggurat) and 53 temples including the "Great Temple of Marduk." 180 altars to Ishtar
- Golden image of Baal and the Golden Table (both weighing over 50,000 lbs of solid gold.)

It appeared that Babylon would never fall! Belshazzar, instead of trusting the reality of God's truth demonstrated to him, he fed and held on to his pride, lust of the eye, and the lust of the flesh. He continued to be a sinnerholic!

### **What is the historical setting of Daniel 5 in Babylon?**

**During the time period in Daniel 5, the kingdoms of the Medes and Persians conspired to overthrow the kingdom of Babylon. Darius was king of the Medes but the Persian king, Cyrus lead out in the campaign.** Darius was Cyrus' uncle. In the past he and his army tried to overthrow Babylon, but he was not able. Babylon was too powerful and the city was well fortified.

**When Cyrus surrounded Babylon and unsuccessfully conquered it in the past it was God's warning to Belshazzar. "Repent and be converted, Babylon will soon FALL."** But Belshazzar ignored the warning! **About forty years before the destruction of Jerusalem,** Jesus warned them that would be destroy. Like King Belshazzar many rejected the sign and message to flee Jerusalem when they saw the Roman army surround the city the first time in 66 AD. When the Roman army retreated in 66 AD the faithful Christians who believed and heeded God's warning got out and fled to the mountains as instructed. In 70 AD the Roman army came back and destroyed Jerusalem! They fell as prophesied by Jesus in Matthew 24.

Cyrus did not give up. He and his army came back with even greater determination to defeat Babylon. They brought a greater army around the city of Babylon hoping to find a weakness. **Belshazzar knew they were back. But he felt secure!** He thought there was no way Cyrus' army was going to get through the well fortified walls of Babylon. Plus the city have food and water to last a long time!

**What did Belshazzar do in response to Cyrus and the Persian army outside the city? Did he plan a counterattack to fight off Cyrus' army?**

### **Daniel 5:1**

1 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.

Instead of setting up a counterattack against Cyrus, King Belshazzar has a big Babylonian party instead. This is to show how much a sinnerholic Belshazzar was spiritually, blind and DRUNK. He trusted that it was no way his kingdom was going to fall. This party was in rebellion against the true God of heaven and a worship party to the false gods.

**In verses 2 – 4** he commands the party revelers to take gold and silver vessels that his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Judah, years ago. These vessels were used for the temple services in Judah before their captivity. They were set aside for only a holy purpose unto the God of heaven. For years they were stored away in Babylon. Out of rebellion Belshazzar along with is others drunk alcoholic wine from the holy cups praising the false gods of gold, silver, brass, iron, wood, and stone! He mixed the holy with the profane!

**What does God do as a result of King Belshazzar's open rebellion against Him?**

### **Daniel 5:5-6**

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister 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 was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

**In verses 7 – 9** Belshazzar did not know what the crypt message meant. He had NO idea. He promised whoever can interpret the handwritten on the wall would be third ruler in the kingdom of Babylon. His soothsayers, sorcerers and wise men of Babylon was also clueless. The party was over! It was in a frenzy!

**In the meantime, Cyrus is making his move against Babylon. He found a weak spot in Babylon's defense and was about to pounce with great wrath!**

**In verses 10 – 12** the queen of Babylon [name unknown] came to the banqueting hall and told King Belshazzar about Daniel who can show him the meaning of the handwriting on the wall.

**In verses 13 – 17** A much older Daniel is brought in before King Belshazzar to interpret the meaning of the handwriting on the wall like he did for King Nebuchadnezzar's dream around fifty years before. Daniel told Belshazzar that he did not want his offer of gifts and the third ruler of Babylon. Daniel knew exactly what the handwriting said!

**What message of warning was given to King Belshazzar before Daniel interpreted the handwriting on the wall?**

#### **Daniel 5:18-23**

18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour:

19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him; whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:

21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: 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 ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

22 And thou his son, **O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;**

23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

**In the meantime, history reveals that Cyrus and his army exploited Babylon's weakness in their defense.**

Cyrus Persian and Median army diverted the Euphrates river that went through city of Babylon ready to send a great army through its river bed. The iron bars at the entry point of the river into the city were left unlocked. The city also had walls and iron gates that lined the Euphrates as it went through the city to stop an enemy from getting in even if they were able to come through the river's entry points into Babylon. Those gates were also unlocked. The Babylonian army was careless, drunk, and partied hard. The main buzz was not about Cyrus outside the city but the cryptic message on the wall!

**Belshazzar does not fall down in repentance to God's warning from Daniel. He rejected it. He still remained a sinnerholic, drunk and blind!**

**What was the interpretation of the handwriting on the wall that Daniel give King Belshazzar?**

#### **Daniel 5:25-28**

25 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

- 26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.  
 27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances [scale], and art found wanting [**deficient or lacking**].  
 28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

The sinnerholic Belshazzar, didn't get it. Did he get the message? NO! God weighed Belshazzar's character to the righteousness of God. He was found "wanting", meaning deficient or lacking. In other words, his character was weighed on God's spiritual scale and was not equal with God's, it was lacking. Belshazzar rejected repentance and held on to sin, pride, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes. He remained a sinnerholic! He was told that his was lost and that his kingdom will be overthrown by the Medes and Persians.

### **What happen to Babylon the same night as the handwriting on the wall?**

#### **Daniel 5:30-31**

- 30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.  
 31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

Babylon was overthrown as God prophesied!

**Did you know even before Cyrus was born God revealed that he would conquer Babylonian?** It reveals how he would conquer. It also reveals Cyrus would later allow God people to leave and restore the temple of Jerusalem.

#### **Isaiah 45:1-2**

- 1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;  
 2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron.

Remember that God is in control. God means what He says! Jesus is coming extremely soon. Are you ready? When your character is weighed on the spiritual scale of Christ will it be found "Sinnerholic" or "Righteous?" Will your character equal to the character of Jesus?

Repent no more mixing! Are you still struggling with sin? Are you still a sinnerholic? Jesus says remember the wall? Remember the wall? What is your response?

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Never forget: "Riches, worldly honor, and human greatness can never save a soul from death..." only Jesus can!  
 - Ellen White, Desire of Ages p. 43