

Daniel 5:1-31

BECAUSE GOD IS BIGGER . . .



. . . HE JUDGES THE PROUD

“Because GOD is Bigger...”

Studies in Daniel

Text: (Daniel 5:1-31)

Big Idea: God’s sovereignty involves the destruction of kings.

Outline:

- I. The Party Boy (5:1-4)
- II. The Party Crasher [Uninvited Guest] (5:5-12)
- III. The Party ‘Pooper’ [Invited Guest] (5:13-29)
- IV. The Party’s Over (5:30-31)

Highlights

A. Belshazzar mocks God (5:1-4)

B. God intervenes (5:5-12)

C. Daniel interprets (5:13-29)

D. The Medes invade (5:30-31)

Lessons

- ⬆️ Earthly powers are no match for God's sovereignty (power)
- ⬆️ People can sin in such a way as to bring God's immediate judgment on themselves
- ⬆️ Surround yourself with godly counselors
- ⬆️ Learn from the lessons of the past, both your own and others
- ⬆️ Faithful living produces a faithful testimony to the world
- ⬆️ God's Word is historically accurate and trustworthy



Looking Within

This section contains some questions that might arise from this study to help me personally examine and apply the principles that I have learned from this lesson.

1. Can you remember a time when you failed to learn from your past mistakes, or those of others? Would you care to share it with the group?
2. Has there been a specific time in your life you have refrained from doing something because of a past experience you have had, or someone else had and you learned from their experience?
3. Even though God is sovereign, and we are finite, give some possible reasons for God's differing judgments on Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar?
4. What significance does Galatians 6:7 have in light of today's lesson? Are there more subtle ways we mock God in our own lives?



Digging Deeper



Need to know more about what you've just learned? Below are some verses to help you explore what scripture has to say about these topics, events and people.

“Finger of God”

- Exodus 8:19; 31:18
- Deuteronomy 9:10
- Luke 11:20

Sudden judgments in Scripture

- Genesis 19:23-27; 38:7, 10
- Leviticus 10:1, 2
- Numbers 16:35
- 1 Samuel 6:19
- 2 Samuel 6:7
- 2 Kings 1:10-12
- Acts 5:5, 10; 12:21-23
- 1 Corinthians 11:30
- 1 John 5:16

Pride and calamity

- Proverbs 1:22-26; 16:18; 18:12; 29:1, 23
- Ezekiel 16:49-50

Humility and Grace

- 2 Kings 22:19
- 2 Chronicles 7:14; 12:7, 12; 32:26
- Isaiah 57:15
- Luke 14:11
- James 4:6-7, 10
- 1 Peter 5:5-6



Additional Resources

For those desiring more information below are some optional resources that would be beneficial.

1. Sermons

- This sermon is by elder Douglas Fox of Presbyterian Church of Coventry:
<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=810917272628&logos>
- This sermon is by Billy Brunson, a radio preacher (now deceased) with Thy Rod and Thy Staff radio program out of Deer Park, Texas:
<http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=33109187417>