

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

"Writing on the Wall"

...presented by Pastor David Rawley



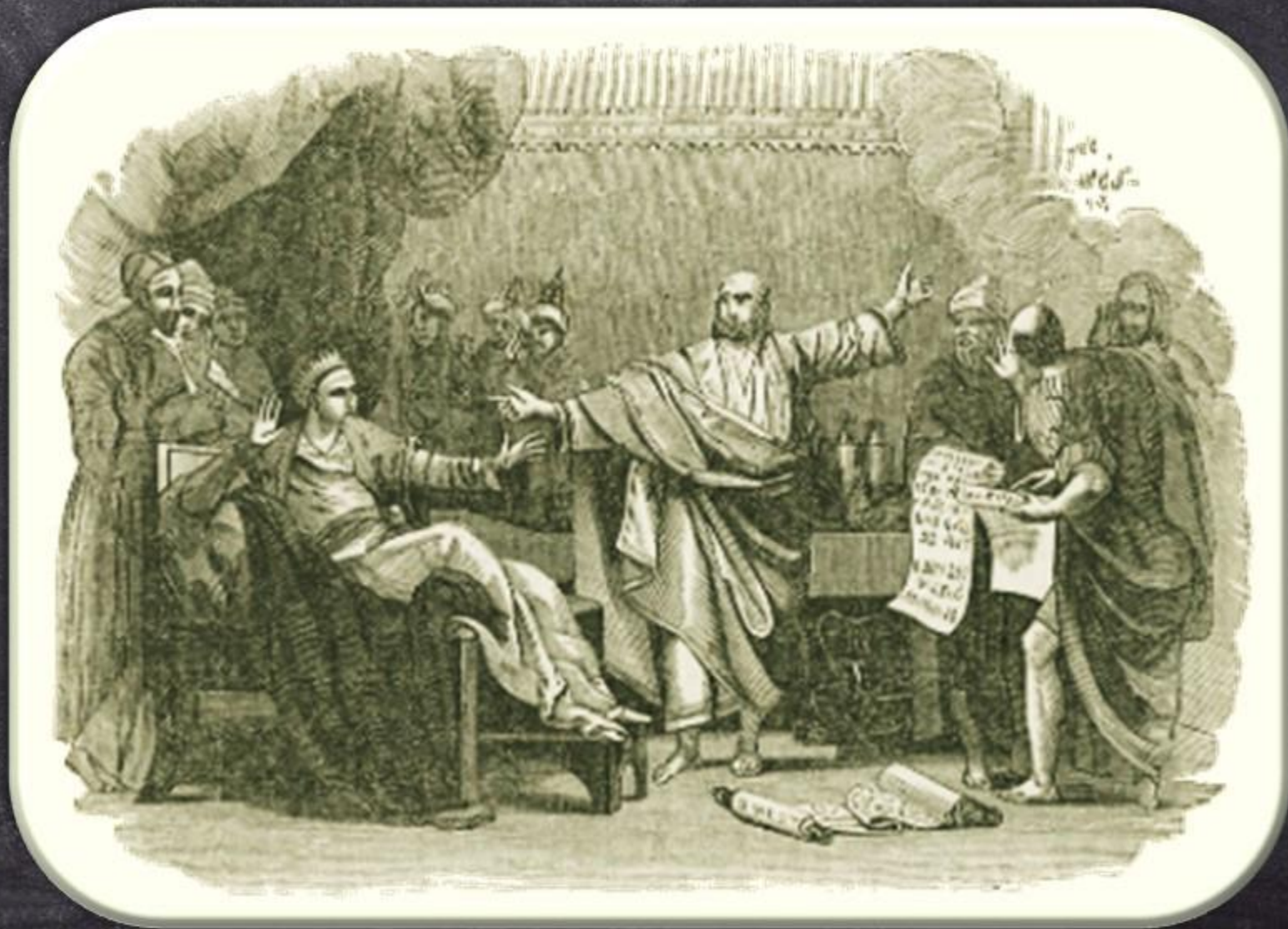
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"Belshazzar's Feast—Daniel Interpreting the Handwriting on the Wall" by Benjamin West

Nebuchadnezzar (Babylonian King,
605-562 B.C.)

During a campaign into Syria and Palestine (605) he attacked Jerusalem. Among the captives brought back to Babylon was DANIEL who later rose to great prominence and prestige among Babylonian officials. (2:48)

Neb's daughter married Nabonitus (ruled as king 556-538). Nab was the final King of Babylon (which was overthrown by the Persians in 538). However, during his final 10 years of rule, Nab set up his son BELSHAZZAR as coregent (because he wanted to travel, spending years in Tayma/Saudia Arabia).

Information on Belshazzar (whose existence was denied by scholars for centuries) has come to life from the Nabonidus cylinders, excavated in the very old city of Ur and housed in the British Museum.









SHALLOW world

- Life is a **party**

REBELLIOUS world

- Life is a game

IGNORANT world

- Life is a **search**

WHO CAN HELP?

- indwelt by **God's Spirit**
- informed by **God's Word**
- infused with **courage**
- instilled with **humility**
- inspired by **love**

It is the **opportunity** and **responsibility** of every Christian to stand out from the shallow, self-centered culture, projecting a wisdom that can give spiritual **answers** to spiritual **questions**. God needs a **person** in every crowd who can be his **mouthpiece** and explain his **truth**.

Colossians 1:28 -2:4 I proclaim him,
admonishing and teaching everyone with all
wisdom, so that I may present everyone
perfect in Christ. To this end I labor,
struggling with all his energy, which so
powerfully works in me.

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding and know the mystery of God (Christ)... So that no one may be deceived by fine sounding arguments.

I **proclaim** him...

I **labor**... (so that they may)

- have the full riches of **understanding**
- know the **mystery** of God
- see past fine sounding **arguments**