



THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Part 4 – Handwriting on the Wall

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Handwriting on the Wall

(Daniel 5:25-26) "This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN. This is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end."

✓ We forget that our _____.

(Daniel 5:27) "Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting."

✓ We allow our lives to _____.

(Daniel 5:28) "Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

✓ We ignore the _____.

Turning Points

(Daniel 5:29-31) Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom. That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

1. Live with a sense of _____

and _____.

(Psalm 39:4-5 NLT) LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away. My life is no longer than the width of my hand. An entire lifetime is just a moment to You; human existence is but a breath.

2. Put _____ first.

(Matthew 6:33) But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

3. Do it _____.

(2 Corinthians 6:2) I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

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1. Live with a sense of purpose
and urgency.

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