

**#627 The Boston Stump – The Babylon Stump, part 1, Like Grandfather, Like Son: Belshazzar was prideful like Nebuchadnezzar**

Soon after Nebuchadnezzar's death in 562 B.C. came the reign of the last king of Babylon, Nabonidus, from 556-539 B.C. Nabonidus is not mentioned in the Bible. His wife Nitocris was the daughter of Nebuchadnezzar. However, their son Belshazzar is mentioned in Daniel chapter 5, as the king who saw the handwriting on the wall (Daniel 5:1-31). Belshazzar was co-regent with Nabonidus from the third year of Nabonidus's reign until the empire fell to Cyrus the Great and the Media-Persians in 539 B.C. Before we read all of Daniel 5 . . .

**Key Understanding: *Like grandfather, like son.* What is important to note at this time is that Belshazzar, though he knew that the Lord had dealt with his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar for having a prideful heart and mind, had likewise not humbled his heart, drinking from the vessels which his grandfather had taken from Solomon's temple.**

***Daniel 5:18-23 (KJV) O thou king [Belshazzar], the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father [grandfather] 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 [Nebuchadnezzar's] son [descendant, actually grandson], 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:*



Belshazzar defiles the temple vessels

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