

God's Warning Labels

Daniel 5, NIV

Ignorant of the Times

*King Belshazzar gave a **great banquet** for a thousand of his nobles (Dan. 5:1)*

Ignorant of God

*While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the **temple in Jerusalem** (Dan. 5:2)*

*⁵Suddenly the fingers of a human **hand appeared and wrote** on the plaster of the wall. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶His face turned pale and he was so frightened that... his knees were knocking (Dan. 5:5-6)*

Ignorant of History

*²¹He [Nebuchadnezzar] was driven away from people and **given the mind of an animal...** until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign... ²²But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though **you knew all this.** (Dan. 5:21-22)*

God's Warning Label to the King

Mene - Your Time Is Up

*This is what these words mean: Mene: God has **numbered** the days of your reign and brought it to an end. (Dan. 5:26)*

Tekel - You Are Found Lacking

*You have been **weighed** on the scales and found wanting. (Dan. 5:27)*

Peres - Your Judgment Is Coming

*²⁸Your **kingdom is divided** and given to the Medes and Persians... ³⁰That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, ³¹and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom. (Dan. 5:28-31)*

What Are God's Warning Labels to Me?

1. WARNING: Quantities Are Limited

*Teach us to **number our days**, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12, NIV)*

Do I live like my days are numbered?

2. WARNING: Contents Weigh Less Than They Appear

*The Lord is a God who knows, and by him **deeds are weighed** (1 Samuel 2:3, NIV)*

*But store up for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (Matthew 6:20, NIV)*

Do I value what God values?

3. WARNING: There Are Side Effects

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man reaps what he sows.** The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. (Galatians 6:7-8, NIV)*

Do I realize there are always consequences?

4. WARNING: Offer Available for a Limited Time Only

***Today**, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts (Hebrews 3:15, NIV)*