

Group

Discussion Guide



Title: The Scales of Judgement

Text: Daniel 5

CONTEXT I

As we begin the journey into Daniel 5, we here echoes of the previous narrative in this chapter. In dealing with chapter 4 we noted that chapters 4 and 5 form a pair – both narratives relating God’s punishment of a Babylonian king for pride and insolence. This close connection is confirmed when this chapter (5:18-21) briefly retells the story of chapter 4. Both kings are frightened and terrified (4:5; 5:6,10). In both narratives the wise men of Babylon fail to come up with an interpretation while Daniel is successful. The mighty Babylonian kings are still not as mighty as the Most High King, God Almighty!

MAIN IDEA I

God is mighty and just, and no one will escape His Judgement.

MEMORY VERSE I

“27 TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting;”

Daniel 5:27

EXPLANATION I

The Omniscient and Almighty God will execute His will on this earth and no one can escape is Sovereign judgement.

- I. God will not be mocked by man (v.1-6)
- II. God sends a message (v.7-12)
- III. God’s message is revealed (v.13-29)
- IV. God fulfills His Just Judgement (v.34-37)

DISCUSSION QUESTION IDEAS I

- What are ways in which we can mock God’s glory?
- How are God’s acts of discipline also acts of grace?
- How does Belshazzar’s response to God differ from Nebuchadnezzar?
- Why do you think God continues to allow evil and wick leaders to have authority in this world?