

Series: [Archaeology and the Bible](#)

Time Frame: 7 weeks (week 5 of 7)

July 1, 2020

Lesson: [The Nabonidus Cylinder](#)

[Zoom](#) Instructions:

- Our meeting is set to 40 minutes. If we run over, use the same login info to come right back in.

Quick Game:

- 1-2-3-4-5

Opening Question:

- What characteristics are most admirable to you?

Daniel 1:1-7

- Read Scripture
- Big Points
 - King Belshazzar
 - Really co-reign/regent of Babylon | [some argue he wasn't a king](#)
 - [Nabonidus Cylinder](#)
 - [Late 1800s](#)
 - Banquet in the midst of the Mede/Persian army
 - Brought out the vessels of the Temple of YHWH – Nebuchadnezzar would never have done this
 - Downfall of Babylon
 - Cyrus Cylinder
 - Babylonian Chronicle
 - Dynastic Prophecy
 - Berossus
 - Herodotus
 - Xenophon
 - Confident in the walls
 - Toasted the gods/idols
 - Cloaked their sin as an act of worship; veiled their blasphemy in the name of “religion”
 - Mysterious writing on the wall
 - Lifeless, detached hand
 - Casualty counts were made by cutting off the right hands of the dead
 - Plaster
 - Study of Babylonian throne room: wall space covered with blue enameled brick, while other was plaster
 - Belshazzar couldn't stand/overwhelmed
 - Wise men called; interpreter promised to be third ruler in kingdom
 - Knew Nabonidus was really king

Still some push back

- Nabonidus vs Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 4
- Timeline of Persian battle and Belshazzar's death
- Belshazzar's "father, Nebuchadnezzar"
- Skepticism toward Belshazzar referenced in Nabonidus Cylinder –not be the one in the Bible?

So what:

- Belshazzar is real and was mentioned in the Bible long before history and archaeology recognized him.
- Pride goes before the fall
 - Daniel humbly served for 70 years!

Other thoughts/questions??

Prayer time

Next Week: Ossuaries