



Whose hand made the writing on the wall?



It was a miracle of God, performed to announce judgment on the king of Babylon for his pride. Belshazzar was holding a great feast and serving a lot of wine. During the eating and drinking, he sent for the gold and silver cups that had been taken from the temple in Jerusalem many years before by a king who ruled before him, King Nebuchadnezzar. As he was using these cups to drink a toast to idols of wood and stone, fingers of a man's hand appeared and began writing on the wall. The King was shocked and frightened, and he called for Daniel (one of God's prophets) to interpret the writing. It contained a message for the king: He had been evil and proud, and soon his enemies would defeat him (which they did). God used the hand and the writing to get the king's attention, and it certainly worked!



At that very moment they saw the finger of a human handwriting on the plaster wall of the King's palace, near the lampstand. The king himself saw the hand as it wrote, and his face turned pale with fear such terror gripped him that his knees knocked together, and his legs gave way beneath him. (Daniel 5:5-6)

Parent Note: If you'd like, search for the YouTube Video "[Primary Year D Quarter 4 Episode 9: "Handwriting on the Wall"](#)" it is less than 6 minutes long and can help as a visual aid to this week's devotional.

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