TITLE: **The Handwriting is on the Wall**

TEXT: **Daniel 5:26-31**

Da 5:26-31—*This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. 27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. 29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. 30 ¶ In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. 31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.*

**INTRODUCTION**

Am 3:7 *Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.*

**I.MENE, MENE**

1. Meaning: *to number*
2. *“God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it”*

**II. TEKEL**

1. Meaning: *to weigh; or, be weighed*
2. *“Thou are weighed in the balances and art found wanting”*
3. Jehovah’s estimate of the worthlessness of Nebuchanezzar’s character.
4. This warning makes a connection between his sins and his punishment. (v.23)

3. It was a warning in which no hope or mercy was given.

4. v.18-22 “Though thou knewest all this”

**III. PERES**

**CONCLUSION: In *that Night was Belshazzar the king…Slain***