



Response Determines Destiny

Daniel 5

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Chiasm
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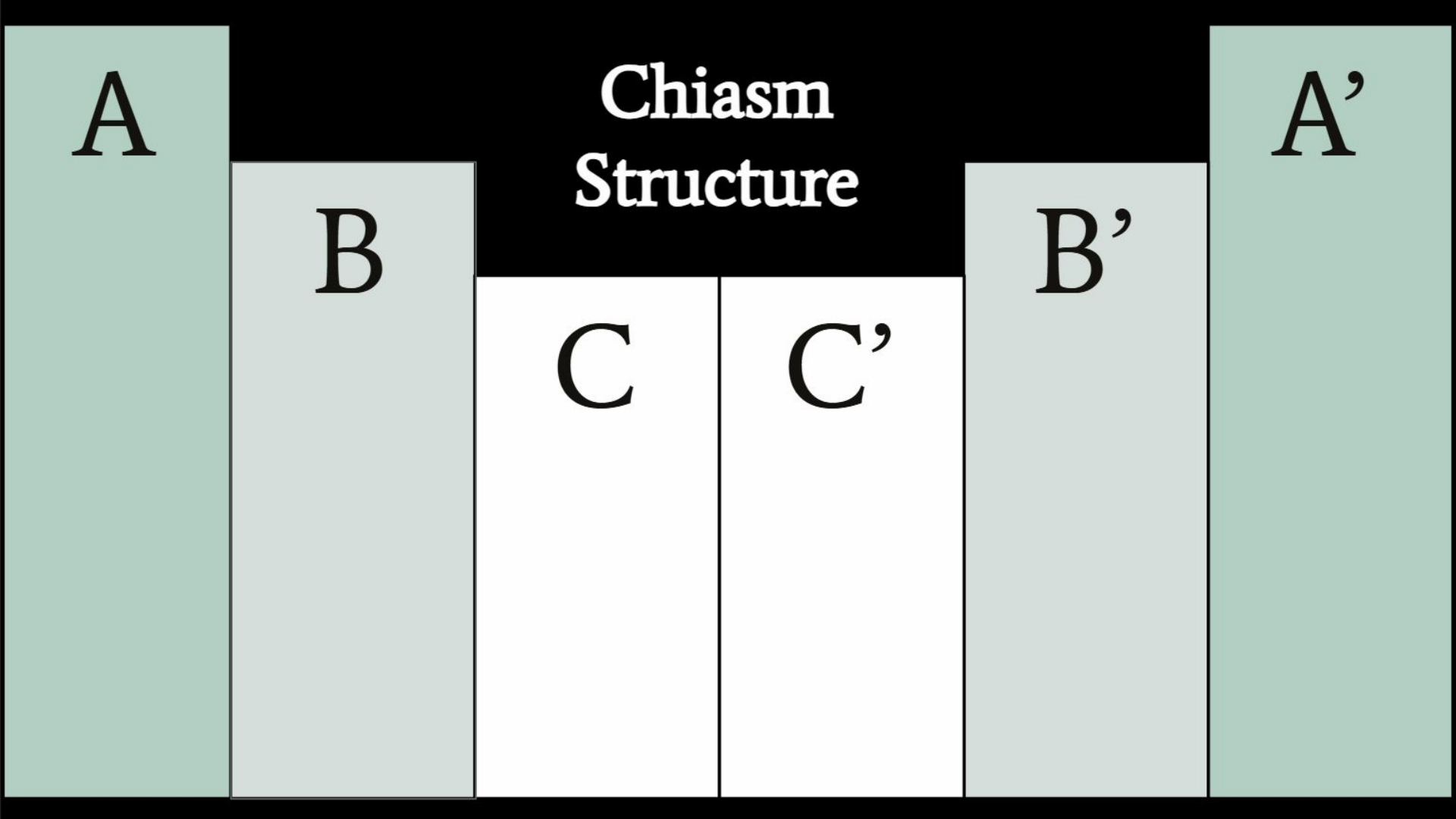
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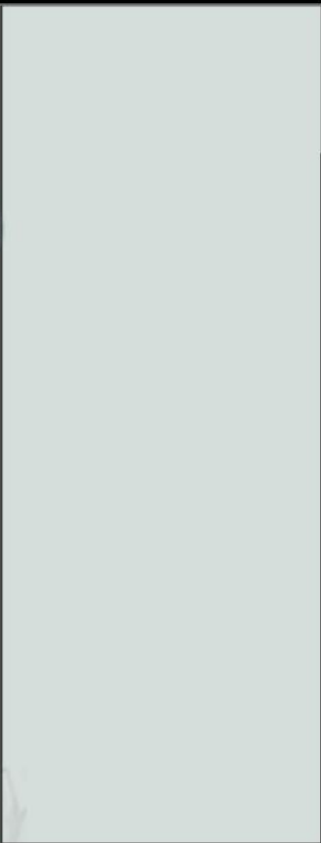


God Rules the Kingdoms of this world



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Nebuchadnezzar's Dream



Daniel's Vision



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God Delivers the Faithful

Deliverance from Fire

Deliverance from Lions

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The Middle of the Chiasm is the Main Point Your Response Determines Your Future

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King Belshazzar hosts a great feast

He uses the sacred vessels from the temple in Jerusalem

He praises false gods instead of the true God

Dan 5:3–4

A mysterious hand
writes on the wall

The king is terrified

No one can interpret the
message

Dan 5:5–9



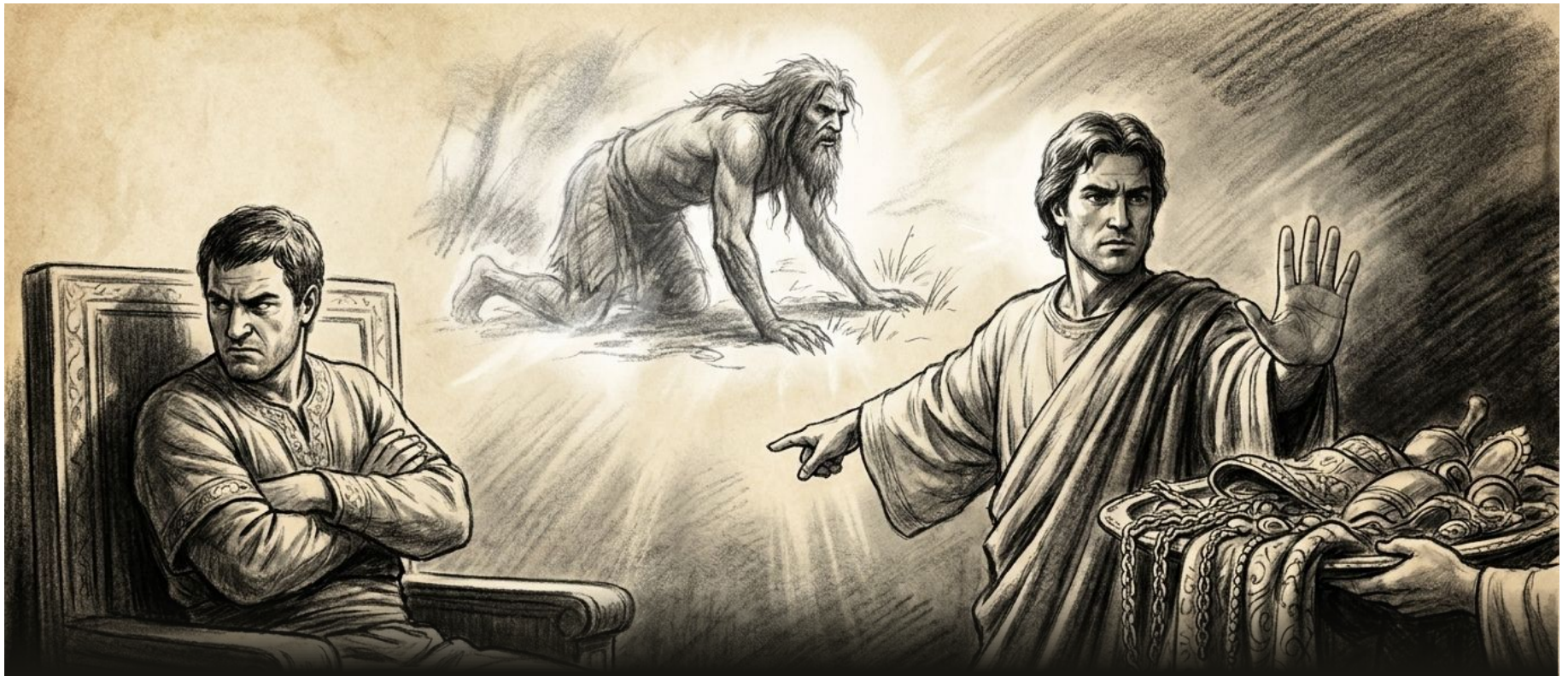
The queen remembers
Daniel

Known for wisdom and
ability to interpret

The king offers rewards

Dan 5:10–16





Belshazzar knew the history of Nebuchadnezzar
Yet he refused to humble himself - Dan 5:21-23

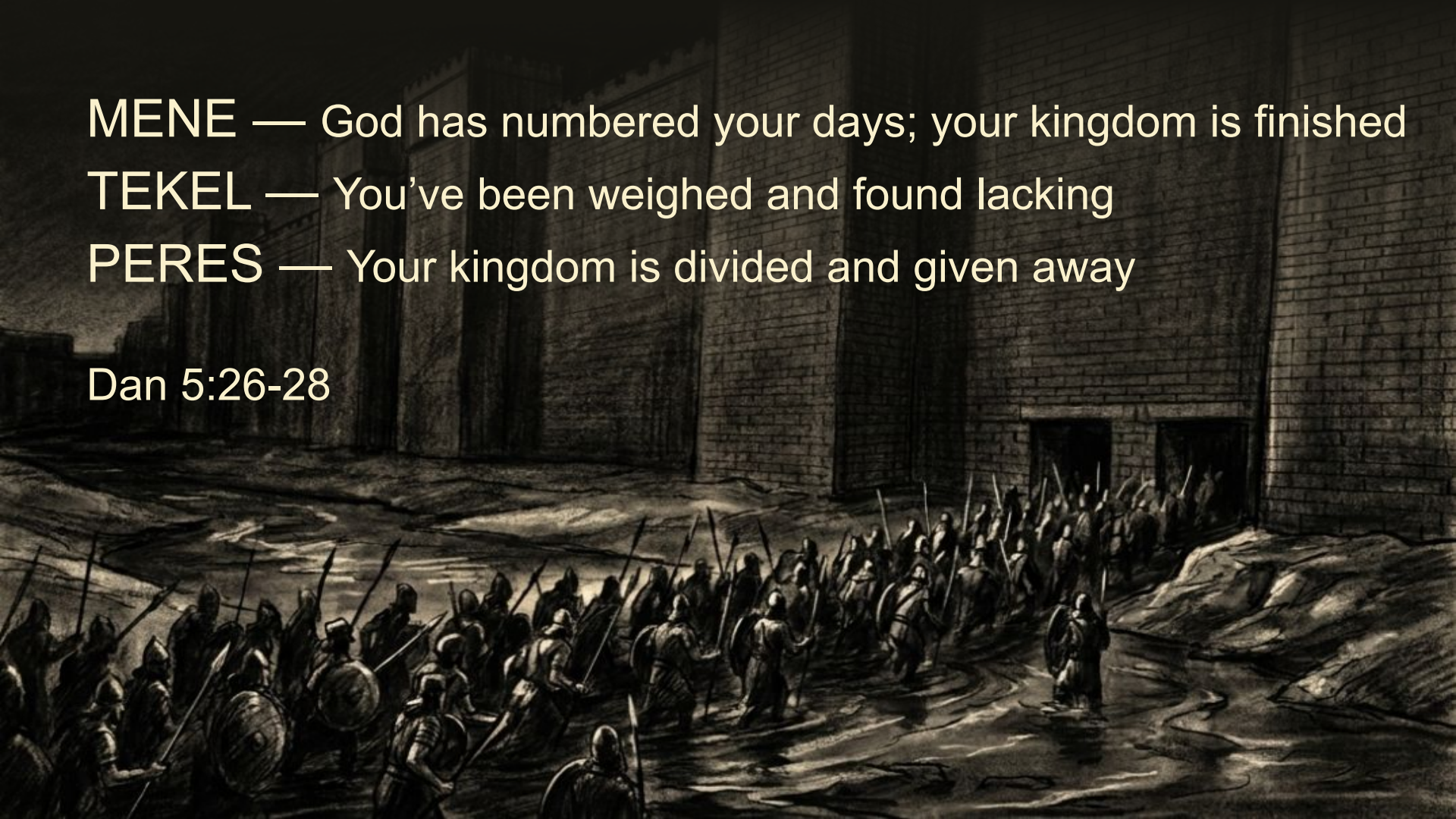
Dan 5:21-22 Nebuchadnezzar was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, **until he knew** that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he will. And **you** his son, Belshazzar, **have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this**

MENE — God has numbered your days; your kingdom is finished

TEKEL — You've been weighed and found lacking

PERES — Your kingdom is divided and given away

Dan 5:26-28



Pride like Belshazzar

Dan 5:22 "...you have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this"

Procrastination or hardness of heart

Heb 3:15 "...Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..."

Spiritually dull

Mat 13:15 “For this people’s heart has grown dull...they can barely hear...”

Substitute for obedience

1Sa 15:22 - to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams

Deut 6:4-7 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. (5) You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. (6) And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. (7) You shall teach them diligently to your children...

*If you love Me,
keep My commandments.*

JOHN 14:15

