

WEIGHED AND FOUND WANTING. Daniel 5:27.

INTRODUCTION: James Lowell said,

"I am saddened  
our success as a nation measured by the number of acres under tillage, or of bushels of wheat exported, for the real value of a country must be weighed in scales more delicate than the balance of trade."

1. The circumstance of the declaration of judgment.
  1. It was public, the message was not given to the king privately. The guards may keep off the human intruder but the guard cannot shut out the <sup>D</sup>ivine messenger.
  2. Judgment may find a man in his own home.
    1. Belshazzar in the palace. Dan. 5:5.
    2. Nebuchadnezzar's palace. Dan 4:28-33.
    3. Sennacherib. Isaiah 37:37,38.
    4. The Rich Fool. Luke 12:16-21.
  3. It was public, on the wall of the king's palace, before his courtiers. Sin may be secret, but judgment will be public.
    1. Luke 12:2, 3; Rev. 20:11-15.
  4. The judgment was decisive.
    1. Written words are more decisive than spoken words.
    2. Written words are generally more weighed and considered than spoken words.
    3. Written words are more enduring than spoken words; therefore admit of more study.

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