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Everyday phrases that people say that come from the Bible

"An eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth!" Exodus 21:24

By the skin of my teeth – Job 19 By the sweat of my brow – Gen 3

Going the extra mile – Matt 5

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Out of the mouths of babes – Psalm 8 Rise and shine – Isaiah 60 Scapegoat – Lev 16 In a twinkling of an eye -1 Cor 15 United we stand, divided we fall – Matt 12 the handwriting is on the wall.-Daniel 5 Information without appropriate action can lead to devastation

#### **The Nabonidus Cyclinder**



# I. A <u>Wild</u> Party

Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.<sup>2</sup> When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which *was* in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.

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<sup>3</sup> Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which *was* in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. <sup>4</sup> They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

#### Facts about Alcohol

Alcohol contributes to <u>50</u> percent of all <u>suicides</u> in this country,

Over <u>50</u> percent of violent <u>crimes</u>

50 percent of all <u>traffic</u> accidents involve alcohol,

<u>60 percent or more of all emergency room</u> admissions are related to alcohol.

What does the Bible say about alcohol Proverbs 31 "It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor princes intoxicating drink."

Proverbs 20

"Wine produces mockers."

Proverbs 5

Liquor leads to brawls. Whoever is led astray by drink cannot be wise."



## II. A Weird Picture

5 Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing. <sup>6</sup> Then the king's face grew pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and his hip joints went slack and his knees began knocking together. <sup>7</sup>The king called aloud to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners.

### II. A <u>Weird</u> Picture

The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Any man who can read this inscription and explain its interpretation to me shall be clothed with purple and *have* a necklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as third *ruler* in the kingdom."

#### II. A Weird Picture

<sup>8</sup> Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the inscription or make known its interpretation to the king. <sup>9</sup> Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, his face grew *even* paler, and his nobles were perplexed.



#### II. A Weird Picture

This is a picture of the natural man-unbelievers are called the natural man, the natural woman I Corinthians 2:

The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, they are spiritually discerned.

# III. Daniel a wise prophet <u>interprets</u> the dream

1.You have disregarded knowledge

2.You have defied the true God.

3.you have defied <u>false</u> gods

<sup>24</sup> Then the hand was sent from Him and this inscription was written out.

<sup>25</sup> Now this is the inscription that was written out: MENĒ, MENĒ, TEKĒL, UPHARSIN.

# IV. A <u>weighty</u> pronouncement MENE MENE –You days are <u>numbered</u> Psalm 90

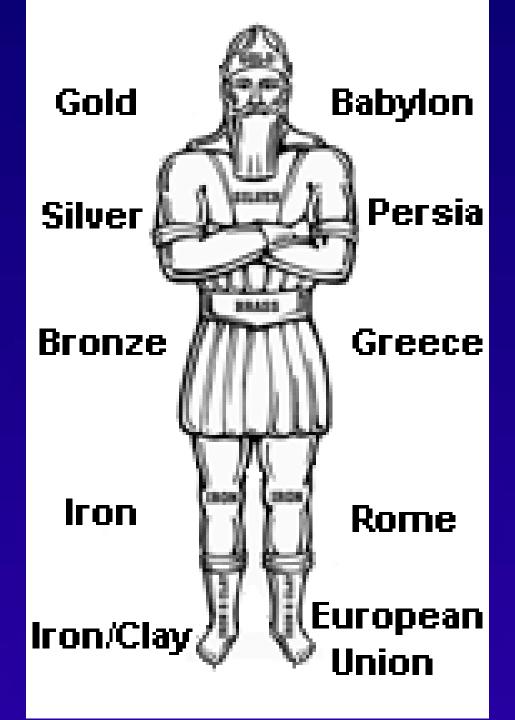
Teach us to number our days that we might gain a heart of wisdom.

#### James

Our life is but a vapor." Its here for a moment, vanishes away. "It is appointed unto every man once to die and after this the judgment."

#### TEKEL -weighed

Peres, Upharsin- U is the word for and <u>divided</u>
"Your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians
A fulfillment of the Statue mentioned in chapter 2



Your life is being <u>weighed</u> in God's balances on God's scale.

Revelation 20

The books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

#### Colossians 2

Jesus Christ has taken the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, and he took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.