

~BELTESHAZZAR (63)

(Bel-te-shaz'zar) [from Akkadian, meaning Protect the Life of the King]

- The Babylonian name given to **Daniel** after he was taken into exile in **617 B.C.E.**, not to be confused with Belshazzar.
- And to them the principal court official went assigning names. So he assigned to **Daniel** the name of **Belteshazzar**, and to Hananiah, Shadrach, and to Mishael, Meshach, and to Azariah, Abednego. (**Daniel 1:7**)
- The name is evidently a shortened form of an invocation to Bel and hence was selected, as Nebuchadnezzar said; **According to the name of my god.**
- And at last there came in before me **Daniel**, whose name is **Belteshazzar** according to the name of my god and in whom there is the spirit of the holy gods, and before him I said what the dream was. (**Daniel 4:8**)
- Forasmuch as an extraordinary spirit and knowledge and insight to interpret dreams and the explanation of riddles and the untying of knots had been found in him, in Daniel, whom the king himself named **Belteshazzar**. Now let **Daniel** himself be called, that he may show the very interpretation. (**Daniel 5:12**)
- The purpose was evidently to effect **Daniel's** naturalization and alienate him from the worship of Yehowah. However, the Babylonians continued to speak of him also by his name **Daniel**.
- This was the dream that I myself, King Nebuchadnezzar, beheld, and you yourself, O **Belteshazzar**, say what the interpretation is, forasmuch as all the other wise men of my kingdom are unable to make known to me the interpretation itself. But you are competent, because the spirit of holy gods is in you. (**Daniel 4:18**)
- At that time **Daniel** himself, whose name is **Belteshazzar**, was astonished for a moment, and his very thoughts began to frighten him. The king was answering and saying; O Belteshazzar, do not let the dream and the interpretation

themselves frighten you. **Belteshazzar** was answering and saying; O my lord, may the dream apply to those hating you, and its interpretation to your adversaries. ([Daniel 4:19](#))

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- Accordingly **Daniel** himself was brought in before the king. The king was speaking up and saying to **Daniel**; Are you the Daniel that is of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? ([Daniel 5:13](#))

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