

~PERES (31) (Pe'res)

- Daniel used this Aramaic word when **interpreting** the handwriting on the wall, **Mene, Mene, Tekel and Parsin**.
- And this is the writing that was inscribed, **Mene, Mene, Tekel and Parsin**. (**Daniel 5:25**)
- **Peres**, your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians. (**Daniel 5:28**)
- Dr. Judah Slotki points out that the handwriting means **a maneh, a maneh, a shekel and half shekels**. [Soncino Books of the Bible, edited by A. Cohen, London, 1951]
- Peake's Commentary on the Bible, edited by M. Black and H. H. Rowley, London, 1964, p. 596). Since **Peres** is the singular number of **Parsin**, it would mean, **a half shekel**.
- In the prophets interpretation of **Peres**, he employed two other Aramaic words spelled with the same three consonants but vocalized differently. **Peres**, **Peres'**, your kingdom has been divided, **peri-sath'** and given to the Medes and the Persians, **u-Pha-ras'**. Thus the inspired explanation included a double play on the word **Peres** and the root meaning, **divide**, or **split**. The subsequent events of that night proved the accuracy of the interpretation.

See Also PARSIN