

The death of a blasphemer



God is not mocked. The last sentence of this chapter draws a line under Belshazzar’s life, which will certainly continue eternally in hell. Before that, God had warned him once again. Once again - because the experiences of his predecessor Nebuchadnezzar should already have been a warning to him: He should have taken God seriously and should not have given himself to illusions of his power. But already then, Belshazzar did not listen. He doesn’t even listen to Daniel’s clear statement that he is guilty before God. He is judged. Shortly after, as Daniel predicts here, his empire falls into the hands of the Medes and Persians (539BC, see info text of 12 November.



- 23. Every person is weighed in God’s just balances. On the one side are God’s demands – His holiness. What do you now have to do not be found wanting (too light) in God’s balances?
- 24. What does Daniel’s statement at the end of verse 23 tell you?



God’s demands are high, but just and righteous. You can only fulfil them through Jesus Christ.



23. You may put the death of the Lord Jesus on the other side of the balance. He has fulfilled God’s righteous demands – instead of you. 24. What is true for Belshazzar is also true for you. God gives and keeps your life, you are dependent on Him in your existence (1 Timothy 4:10). God is also Lord over your life and wants you to act according to His will in every situation and concerning any decision (Ephesians 2:10).