



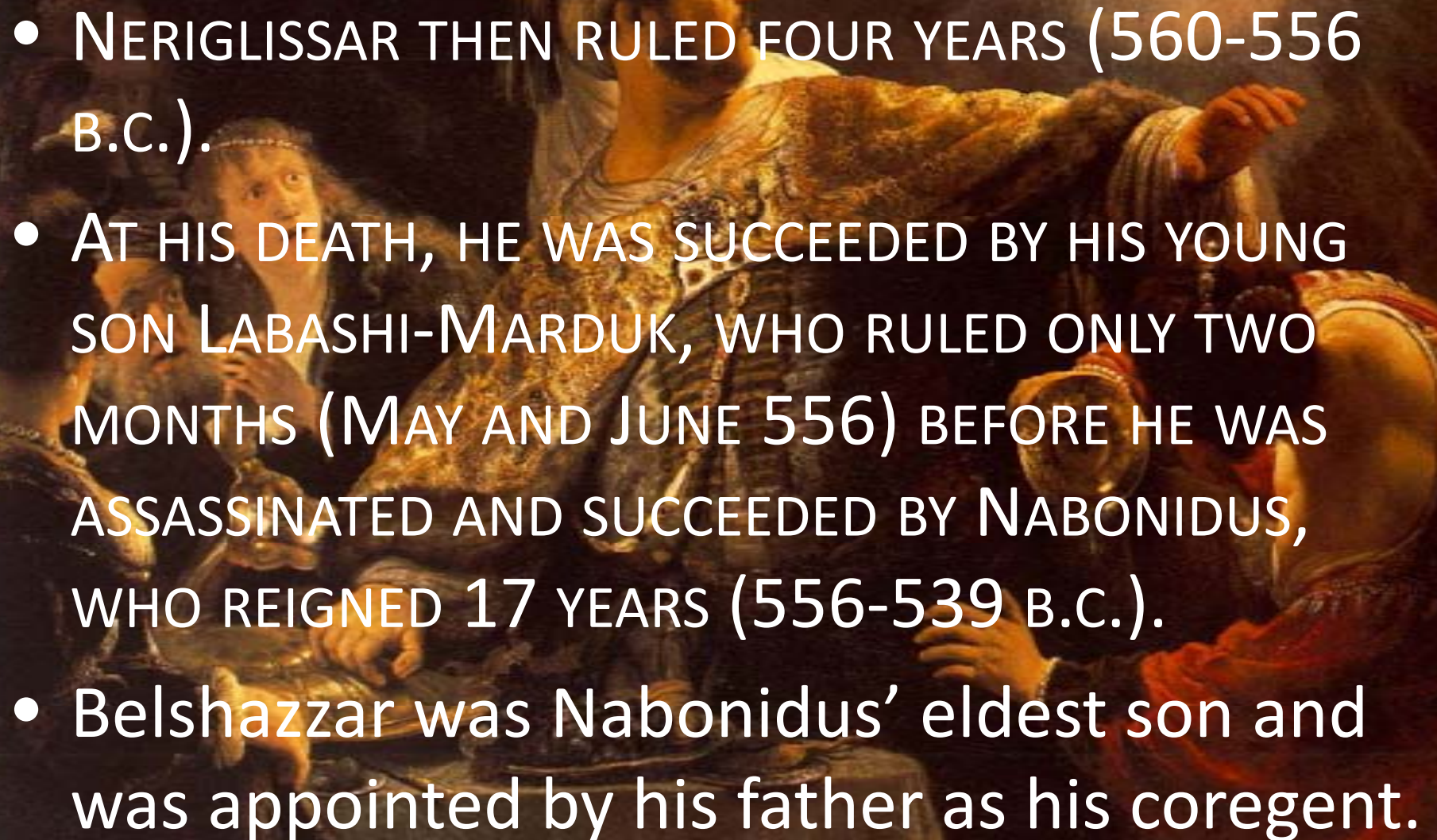
The Sandwriting on the Wall

Daniel 5:1-12

Background Information



- NEBUCHADNEZZAR EXPANDED AND UNITED THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE
- NEBUCHADNEZZAR DIED IN 562 B.C. AFTER RULING 43 YEARS.
- NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS SUCCEEDED BY HIS SON EVIL-MERODACH WHO RULED FOR TWO YEARS (562-560 B.C.)
- EVIL-MERODACH WAS MURDERED IN AUGUST 560 BY NERIGLISSAR, NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S SON-IN-LAW.

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- NERIGLISSAR THEN RULED FOUR YEARS (560-556 B.C.).
 - AT HIS DEATH, HE WAS SUCCEEDED BY HIS YOUNG SON LABASHI-MARDUK, WHO RULED ONLY TWO MONTHS (MAY AND JUNE 556) BEFORE HE WAS ASSASSINATED AND SUCCEEDED BY NABONIDUS, WHO REIGNED 17 YEARS (556-539 B.C.).
 - Belshazzar was Nabonidus' eldest son and was appointed by his father as his coregent.

The Festivities of the King

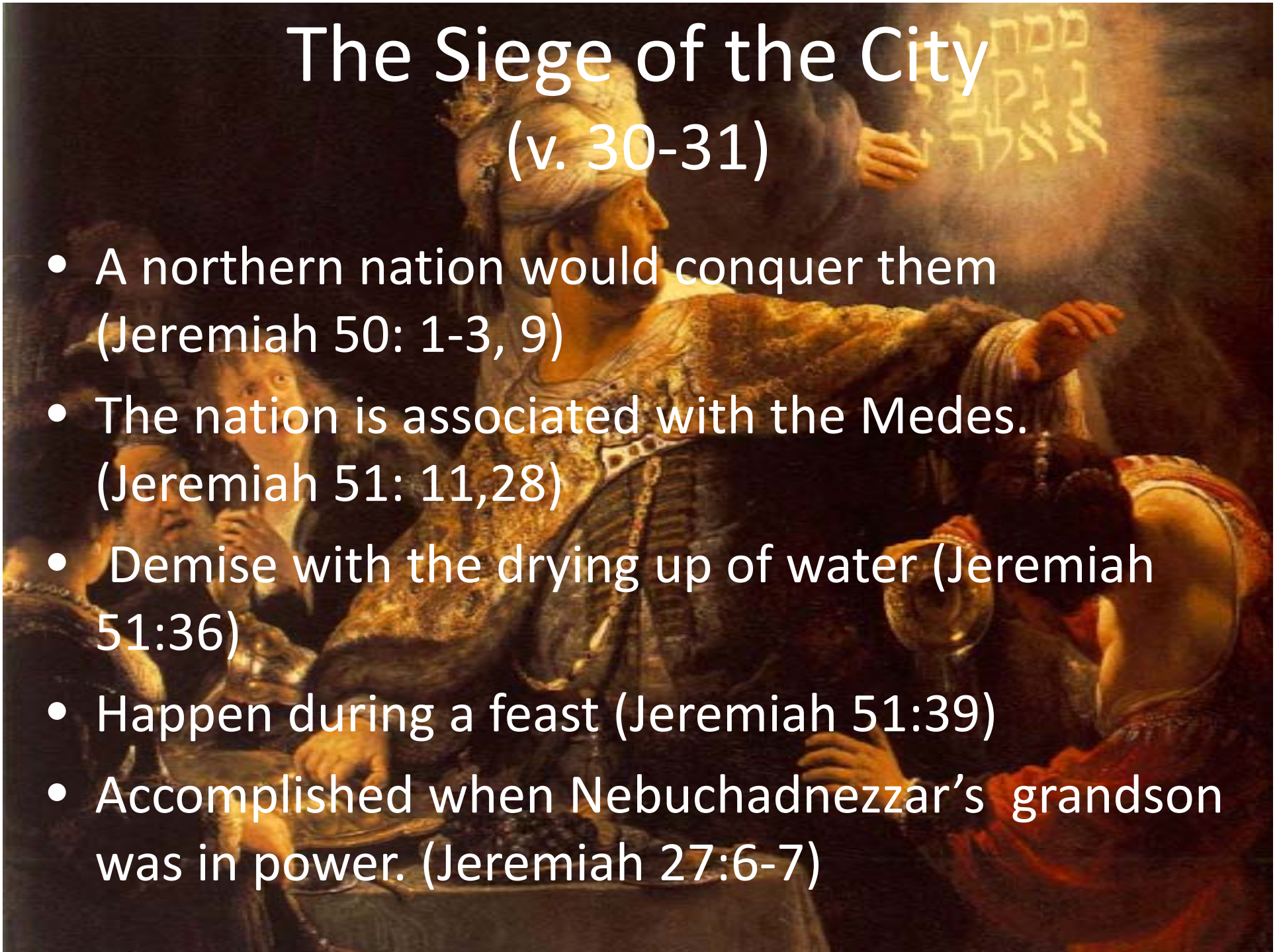
(5:1-4)

- The Sensuality of the feast (v. 1-2)
- The Sacrilege of the feast (v. 2)
- The Siege of the City (v. 30-31)



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- A northern nation would conquer them (Jeremiah 50: 1-3, 9)
- The nation is associated with the Medes. (Jeremiah 51: 11,28)
- Demise with the drying up of water (Jeremiah 51:36)
- Happen during a feast (Jeremiah 51:39)
- Accomplished when Nebuchadnezzar's grandson was in power. (Jeremiah 27:6-7)



The Finger of God

(vs. 5-6)

- The hand from nowhere (v. 5)
- The face of the King (v. 6)



The Foolishness of the Wise

(v. 7-8)

- Another generation, seeking the same counsel (v. 7)
- Same counsel, Same result. (v. 8-9)

