



Dedicated by Brenda and Moshe Bessin and family

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1. Talmud, Megilah 12b

ויקצף המלך מאד אמאי דליקה ביה כולי האי אמר רבא שלחה ליה בר אהוריריה דאבא! אבא לקבל אלפא חמרא שתי ולא רוי וההוא גברא אשתטי בחמריה

"And the king was very angry." Why was he so upset? Rava said: She sent to him, "Son of my father's stable boy! My father drank the equal of one thousand men and was not intoxicated, and this man becomes foolish in his wine."

Story

2. Daniel, Chapter 5 (1789-1791)

3. Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews X 11:2 (William Whiston translation)

[The throne] came to Baltasar, who by the Babylonians was called Naboandelus; against him did Cyrus, the king of Persia, and Darius, the king of Media, make war; and when he was besieged in Babylon, there happened a wonderful and prodigious vision. He was sat down at supper in a large room, and there were a great many vessels of silver, such as were made for royal entertainments, and he had with him his concubines and his friends; whereupon he came to a resolution, and commanded that those vessels of Gd which Nebuchadnezzar had plundered out of Jerusalem, and had not made use of, but had put them into his own temple, should be brought out of that temple. He also grew so haughty as to proceed to use them in the midst of his cups, drinking out of them, and blaspheming against Gd.

4. Talmud, Megilah 11b

וכתיב +ירמיהו נ"ב+ "ויהי בשלשים ושבע שנה לגלות יהויכן מלך יהודה [אשר היה בשנה ח' דנבוכדנאצר] בשנים עשר חדש בעשרים וחמשה לחדש נשא אויל מרדך מלך בבל [בשנת מלכתו] את ראש יהויכין מלך יהודה ויצא אתו מבית הכלוא, "תמני ותלתין ושבע הרי ארבעין וחמש דנבוכדנצר, ועשרין ותלת דאויל מרודך גמרא, ותרתי דידיה הא שבעין. אמר השתא ודאי תו לא מיפרקי אפיק מאני דבי מקדשא ואשתמש בהו היינו דקאמר ליה דניאל +דניאל ה'+ ועל מרא שמיא התרוממת ולמאניא די ביתה הייתיו קדמך

"And it was, after 37 years from the exile of Yehoyachin, king of Yehudah [which had happened in the eighth year of Nevuchadnezzar], on the twenty-fifth day of the twelfth month, Evil Merodach, king of Babylon, raised the head of Yehoyachin, king of Yehudah, and took him out of prison." 8 and 37 is 45 years of Nevuchadnezzar, and tradition teaches that Evil Merodach reigned for 23 years, and 2 years of Belshazzar total 70.

Belshazzar said, "Now, certainly, they will not be redeemed! I will take out the implements of the Temple and use them." Thus Daniel said, "You elevated yourself over the Master of Heaven, and the implements of His house were brought before you."

5. Recognizing Divine might Jeremiah 40:1-3 (1169)

6. Talmud, Sanhedrin 22a

אמר רב בגימטריא איכתיב להון יטת יטת אידך פוגחמט... ושמואל אמר ממתוס נקפי אאלרן ורבי יוחנן אמר אנם אנם לקת ניסרפן רב אשי אמר נמא נמא קתל פורסין

7. At Bash

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8. Shemuel's approach

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Lessons

9. Keep them in the temple Daniel 1:1-4 (1775)

10. Abarbanel, Maayanei haYeshuah 7:1

שבזולת מתנותיו היה מוכן לעבדו ולעשות רצונו. וגם אמר זה לפי שהיה רוצה להוכיחו תוכחת מגולה

Without his gifts, Daniel was ready to serve him and perform his will. Also, Daniel said this because he wished to rebuke him openly.